



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 12 October 2022

Minutes of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on **Wednesday 12 October 2022** at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mr J Smith, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: Cllr Tom Richardson (West Sussex County Council), Cllr Peter Wilding (Chichester District Council), K Jones (Clerk)

128/22 Apologies for Absence: Mr N Barker, Mr M Giffin, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd.

129/22 Declarations of Interests: Cllr Bicknell declared an interest in the grant application from the Fernhurst Recreational Ground Trust as an ex-officio trustee of the trust.

130/22 Public Representations: None.

131/22 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **20 July 2022** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded, Cllr Black.

132/22 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

133/22 County Council Commentary: West Sussex County Councillor Tom Richardson updated the meeting on the progress of the countywide Road Safety Review covering traffic management and speed limits. It is likely that a 40mph blanket limit will be imposed on what are effectively country lanes (currently 60mph) and 20mph zones will become more widespread in towns and villages. Cllr Richardson advised that road drainage issues were being made more of a priority.

134/22 District Council Commentary: The Chichester District Council report from District Councillor Peter Wilding was received. The "Chichester – Supporting You" campaign has been funded for two years. The council has applied for £13 million of Levelling-Up Funding from central government mainly covering projects in and around Chichester. Connected Kerb have been chosen as the council's preferred contractor to provide commercial kerbside Electric Vehicle charging facilities in the district.

135/22 Councillor Vacancy: The clerk advised the vacancy was to be advertised in the November issue of Fernhurst News.

136/22 Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & HR Meeting: The revised 2022 Standing Orders had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Fernhurst Parish Council to adopt the 2022 Standing Orders.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Buchanan

Financial Regulations remain to be revised and HR meeting arranged. **(Action: Clerk)**

137/22 S.106 & CIL Money: Investigation into possible schemes to improve road safety continues. **Action: (Cllrs Buchanan & Barker)**

138/22 E-Mail & Website Facilities: The clerk has continued to evaluate new website hosting and email facilities. **Action: (Clerk)**

139/22 Fernhurst Club & Fernhurst Youth Club: There was no new information in respect of either the Fernhurst Club or the Fernhurst Youth Club.

140/22 Grant Applications: The council had received grant applications in respect of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust in the sum of £5,000 to aid the fitting out of the bar and restaurant facilities and the Fernhurst Lunch Club in the sum of £500 to support its work funding.

Resolved: To award a grant of £5,000 to Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trustees (

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, Seconded, Cllr Black

Resolved: To award a grant of £500 to the Fernhurst Lunch Club (

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, Seconded, Cllr Inns

141/22 Neighbourhood Plan: Navigus Planning is to be asked to quote to review the Neighbourhood Plan to identify any possible threats or weaknesses as it currently stands and in the context of the ongoing South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan review.

142/22 Fernhurst Christmas Tree: The clerk was instructed to engage with contractors for the installation/dismantling of the Christmas tree and of the Christmas lights. **(Action: Clerk)**

143/22 The Late Iain Brown Legacy: Iain Brown was very involved with the Fernhurst Archives and Cllr Black indicated it was a possible area to explore for the spending of the legacy. **Action: (Cllr Black)**

144/22 4 May 2023 Elections: Cllr Bicknell reminded all present of the pending elections (4 May 2023) which will more quickly than usually perceived. The council will advertise for candidates in the Fernhurst News. **(Action: Clerk)**

145/22 Correspondence & Other Matters: Cllr Buchanan advised the meeting that he was continuing to explore the options for CCTV to improve road safety at the Fernhurst crossroads and the views of professional traffic consultants for other possible road safety initiatives. **Action: (Cllr Buchanan)**

The clerk was instructed to cancel the council's subscription to the ZOOM service. **Action: (Clerk)**

146/22 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for July, August & September were approved.
Proposed Cllr Bicknell, seconded, Cllr Buchanan
- List of payments for August, September & October were approved.
Proposed Cllr Bicknell, Seconded Cllr Buchanan
- A Finance Committee meeting to discuss the first draft budget for the 2023/2024 financial year to be arranged. **Action: (Clerk)**

Planning Committee

- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **20 July, 8 & 18 August, 14 & 26 September 2022** received and noted.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Cllr Black updated the meeting on the various project and maintenance initiatives in progress with reference to the Public Toilets, Cemetery and Playground. The Annual Inspection of council assets was completed on the 15 September. Cemetery Regulations are to be reviewed. **Action: (Clerk)**

147/22 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** It has been reported that young people are congregating in Crossfield. The Haslemere Youth Hub is available to the young from Fernhurst seeking mental health support.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** Officers were called to a business premises on Midhurst Road around 6pm on Friday 9 September after a man was attacked by two unknown suspects. The victim suffered facial injuries and later attended hospital for treatment.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** It was reported that the Headmistress was attempting to establish a “Community Committee” to support the school.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** An “Opening Dinner” to thank supporters of the rebuilding project has been planned for early November.

Date of Next Meeting: 9 November 2022

Chairman Signed:

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