



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 16 March 2022

Minutes of the Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell, (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd, Mr J Smith, Mr G Williamson.

37/22 Apologies for Absence: Mr N Barker, Mr G Inns.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk)

38/22 Declarations of Interests: None.

39/22 Public Representations: None

40/22 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings of the **13 January & 10 February 2022** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded, Cllr Lloyd

41/22 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

42/22 County Council Commentary: No report had been received from County Cllr Tom Richardson.

43/22 District Council Commentary: No report had been received from Cllrs Graves or Wilding.

44/22 Annual Parish Meeting 2022: Members were reminded that the meeting is arranged for 20 April and that the Chairman of each subcommittee needed to prepare reports of council activities during the 2021/2022 year. **Action: (Cllrs Bicknell, Black, Buchanan, Lloyd)** The clerk was instructed to invite representatives from Fernhurst Primary School, The Fernhurst Society, Fernhurst Scouts Group, Fernhurst Hub, Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trustees to address the meeting. **Action: (Clerk)**

45/22 S.106 & CIL Money: Cllr Black reported the initial responses from South Downs National Park Authority and West Sussex C.C. to the traffic calming proposals had been supportive. More detailed work on the proposals is required from the parish council.

46/22 Fernhurst Open Day: The chairman thanked all councillors who attended the Open Day. Three parishioners had expressed some interest in being appointed a councillor.

47/22 E-Mail & Website Facilities: The clerk reported that he had very recently been advised that the current host for the council's www.fernhurst-pc.gov.uk domain had given notice that they were no longer willing to commit to Joint Information Standards Committee

(JISC) levels of cyber security deemed essential for .gov.uk internet domains. The clerk has started a search for a new suitable host site.

48/22 Councillor Vacancy: Following the recent resignation of Cllr Bloomfield the council now has two vacancies.

49/22 Fernhurst Club: A planning application to separate the residential accommodation from the social club has been received by South Downs National Park Planning Authority from the potential purchaser. The gated entry to the club garden is now locked.

50/22 Cemetery Fees: The meeting discussed the income received and the costs incurred in maintaining the cemetery and noted the fees had not increased since August 2019. Following discussion, it was agreed to increase the level of fees by 20% with effect from 1 May 2022 and by an additional 20% in May 2023. The immediate sale of Exclusive Rights of Burial is also to be curtailed to exceptional circumstances. **Action: (Clerk)**

51/22 Correspondence & Other Matters: It was agreed to purchase Gardening Centre gift vouchers for Colin East as his leaving present. **Action: (Clerk)**
The Christmas Party date is to be moved to the 18 December if the Village Hall is available on that day. **Action: (Clerk)**

52/22 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliation for February was approved.
Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Black
- List of payments for March was approved.
Proposed Cllr Lloyd, Seconded Cllr Black

Planning Committee

- No chairman's comments to note.
- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **13 January 2022** had been received and noted at the February council meeting.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Following the resignation from the council of Sally Bloomfield it was agreed to form a working party to examine what could and should be done with the children's playground. **Action: (Cllr Black)**

53/22 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** The future viability of Fernhurst Youth Club appears to be under threat owing to three apparently intractable problems:
 - a.) Inadequate managing committee
 - b.) Lack of active youth leaders
 - c.) Poor quality facilities at the dilapidated youth club building
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Work continues apace.

Date of Next Meeting: 13 April 2022

Chairman Signed: **Date:**