



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 20 March 2024

**Minutes** of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on **Wednesday 20 March 2024** at 7.00pm

**Councillors Present:** Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd, Ms S Strongman, Mr G Williamson.

**In Attendance:** Chichester District Councillor Eleanora Newbery, K Jones (Clerk).

**36/24 Apologies For Absence:** None.

**37/24 Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Bicknell declared an interest in item 28/24 as Chairman of the Fernhurst Revels.

**38/24 Public Representations:** None.

**39/24 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of the **21 February 2024** were approved with an amendment.

**Proposed:** Cllr Flatt, seconded, Cllr Jenkins.

**40/24 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**41/24 County Council Commentary:** None.

**4224 District Council Commentary:** Chichester District Councillor Eleanora Newbery had provided a written report on CDC activity at the District level on a range of issues.

**43/24 Review of Council Standing Orders:** The existing Council Standing Orders were readopted.

**Resolved:** To adopt the current Council Standing Orders.

**Proposed:** Cllr Williamson, seconded, Cllr Strongman

**44/24 E-Mail & Website Facilities:**

Development of the new website <https://fernhurst-pc.org/> continues to enable the council to comply with its statutory obligations. There is a longer term scheme to revert to the <https://fernhurst-pc.gov.uk/> web address.

The clerk was instructed to assist a councillor set up a new computer. **Action: (Clerk)**

**45/24 Christmas Arrangements:** A licence remains to be obtained from Chichester District Council for the Christmas Lights event on Tuesday 3 December. The licence should also include permission to install a defibrillator at the Crossfield precinct. **Action: (Clerk)**

**46/24 Annual Parish Meeting:** The date has been fixed as the 8 May with invitations to be sent to local organisations. **Action: (Clerk)**

**47/24 Bank Deposit Accounts:** The council's National Savings & Investments Account (which had originally been opened on 26 January 1989) was closed on 13 March and the balance transferred to the NatWest 35 day Notice Account in search of better returns.

**48/24 Bus Shelter – Kingsley Green:** The on-line application form to establish if planning permission is required, the Village Ranger having provided technical input. **Action: (Clerk)**

**49/24 Playground Refurbishment:** The contractor has finished the new safety surface installation which was carried out in far from ideal weather conditions. An initial appraisal of the installation considers it to be satisfactory.

Installation of new spring rockers, swing seats and chains to follow. **Action: (Clerk)**

**50/24 Fernhurst Park Development:** Cllr Bicknell advised the meeting of the advice she had received on the quantity of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding that would be available to the council on the progression of development at the Fernhurst Park (Syngenta) housing site.

The developer has permission to split the project into multiple phases. Phase 1 is apparently progressing at the plan and design stage but no CIL funding is payable on this initial phase.

**51/24 Correspondence & Other Matters:** Cllr Jenkins advised the meeting that Property, Highways & Environment Committee meetings would now be held at the Fernhurst Hub.

## **52/24 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **Finance and Administration**

- Chairman's Comments: Meeting reminded next Finance Committee meeting is 17 April.

March Payments & February Bank Reconciliations approval.

**Resolved: To approve March Payments & February Bank Reconciliations**

**Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded Cllr Jenkins**

### **Planning Committee**

- Chairman's Comments: No comment.

### **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:**

- Chairman's Comments: Cllr Jenkins advised that speeding traffic in the village and inconsiderate parking around Fernhurst School at drop-off and pick-up times was unnecessarily adding risk to all road users; particularly pedestrians.

## **53/24 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** No report to note.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report to note.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report to note.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** None to note.

**Date of Next Meeting: 17 April 2024**

**Chairman Signed:** ..... **Date:**