



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Property Committee Meeting
Minutes
Monday 17 April 2023**

A meeting of the **Property, Highways and Environment Committee** was held at Fernhurst Village Hall on

Monday 17 April 2023 at 6.00pm

Councillors Present: Mr W Black (Chairman), Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr J Smith.

In Attendance: K. Jones (Clerk)

PHE/13/23 Apologies For Absence: Mrs H Bicknell, Mr M Giffin, Mr C Lloyd, Mr G Williamson.

PHE/14/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PHE/15/23 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None.

PHE/16/23 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on **6 February 2023** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Flatt.

PHE/17/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Cllr Black reminded the clerk of the requirement to obtain a list of the council's land title deeds held by Macdonald Oates (solicitors).

PHE/18/23 HIGHWAYS / WINTER RESILIENCE / BUS SHELTERS

Traffic Consultant & CCTV: Cllr Buchanan to progress. **Action (Cllr Buchanan)**

Speed Indication Devices: Despite assurances from West Sussex Highways the VAS outside the Fernhurst Club remains non-operational. **(Action: Clerk)**
With the resignation of Nigel Barker there has been no progress on Speed Indicator Devices.

Fernden Lane Bus Shelter: Quotation from Mike Fordham to be pursued. **Action: (Clerk)**

Highways Maintenance: Patching repairs to Vann Road have been postponed multiple times because of some very wet weather.

Highways Signage: Signs to indicate the location of the Car Park, WC's and Doctors Surgery are still required. **Action: (Clerk)**

Copyhold Footpath: Councillors had inspected the footpath and considered the current draft proposals for a minor diversion to be acceptable.

Church Road: Drainage issues are to be investigated with the possible assistance of John Jordan. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/19/23 – VAN COMMON / VILLAGE GREEN

Van Common: Completion and return of Operation Watershed certificate required. **Action: (Clerk)**

Tree Inspection: Following the Tree Inspection Report the clerk had accepted the lowest quotation from Adam Gibson.

PHE/20/23 - PUBLIC TOILETS: The following requirements remain outstanding:

Repairs to disabled access railings

Sanitary bins

Action: (Clerk)

PHE/21/23 PLAYGROUND

The following requirements remain identified:

Replacements are needed for:

Older Children Swing seats & Chains

Additionally, it was decided to install a Picnic Table. **Action: (Clerk)**

Prices are required to replace the three spring rocker installations and replacement of safety surfaces in several areas. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/22/23 PUBLIC SEATS

Routine maintenance only required, which is weather dependent.

PHE/23/24 CEMETERY

Memorials that have been removed for safety reasons are to be identified and reinstalled, if suitable. The quotation received to date is regarded as expensive. Further options to be explored.

The current maintenance contractor has agreed to remove the ivy on the eastern boundary at a hourly rate.

The Cemetery Regulations are to be reviewed.

A Commonwealth War Graves plaque has been installed.

Action: (Clerk)

PHE/24/23 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Possible opportunities to install publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points in the Crossfield car park are being pursued. Unfortunately, owing to the low density of local population these are likely to be a low priority at County and District level.

Date of next meeting: TBC

Signed..... Chairman

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