



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 12 October 2016

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 6.30pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr G Inns, Mrs M. Jenkins, Mr A. Moncreiff, Mr J Smith, Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

Apologies For Absence: Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr N Rawlings, Mr C Tedd

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk), District Councillor Philippa Hardwick

85/16 Public Representations: Iain Brown representing the Fernhurst Centre informed the meeting that the refurbishment of the Fernhurst Centre was complete and the Centre re-opened. Councillors were invited to visit on the 22 October. Mr Brown also advised the meeting that the Fernhurst Archives were holding a "Community Archives" day on the 25 October.

Peter Hudson addressed the meeting on "Football in the Community". He hoped that the Council would back a grant application to reduce the cost of the two day course run over various dates in 2017 by £10 for up to fifty children resident in the parish.

86/16 Declarations of Interests: None.

87/16 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of the **14 September 2016** were agreed and signed. Proposed: Cllr Inns, seconded: Cllr Jenkins

88/16 Matters Arising From The Minutes:

- The play area safety surface requires maintenance. **Action: (Clerk)**

89/16 County Councillor Commentary: None.

90/16 District Council Commentary: District Councillor Philippa Hardwick advised the meeting on the following points:

- **District Council Boundary Review:** The public consultation ended on the 10 October. The inclusion of the parish of Lurgashall in an enlarged Fernhurst Ward was supported by the district council.
- **Recycling Week:** Regarded as a success with the aim to recycle 50% of waste by 2020. The promotion of garden waste recycling is regarded as very successful with over 1,100 new customers signed up.
- **Planning Enforcement:** A new on-line service has been introduced to those alleging a breach of planning regulations.

91/16 Council Pension Arrangements – the clerk has signed his contract of employment which defines his pension entitlement.

92/16 Farnborough Airport – Airspace Consultation – This will be considered at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on Monday 24 October. This will allow for the attendance of Cllr's Buchanan and Tedd at the "all parishes" meeting called for the 18 October 2016 at Elsted village hall.

93/16 Councillor Training – A list of scheduled training seminars arranged by SSALC Ltd in 2017 has been circulated to councillors. The council has a number of relatively new councillors and it may be beneficial to arrange specific local training via SSALC Ltd.

Action: (Clerk)

94/16 Correspondence & Other Matters

Bank Signatories & Internet Banking: To be progressed. **Action (Clerk)**

Clerk's Contract: Now signed.

Grant Application Form 2017/18: The clerk presented a draft grant application form for use in the 2017/18 financial year. The form was approved by the council.

Cemetery – Lych Gate Maintenance – A contractor has been engaged to remove the four conifers adjacent to the lych gate which are damaging it and the cemetery wall.

Cemetery – Gravediggers – An unsatisfactory interment has now been tidied.

Councillors' Announcements:

Christmas Party Invitations: Cllrs Bicknell & Timms to review – invitations to be printed and despatched.

Death of Mr Richard Chapman – with regret the chairman announced the death of former member of Fernhurst Parish Council, Mr Richard Chapman. The council agreed to donate £50 in his memory at his funeral to be held Tuesday 18 October. Proposed: Cllr Moncreiff, seconded Cllr Timms.

Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed to schedule the **Annual Parish Meeting for Wednesday 26 April 2017**. The Clerk was instructed to book Fernhurst Village Hall for the event. **Action: (Clerk)**

Clerk's Announcements:

Christmas Lights: These have been ordered as agreed from Dudman & Ward Ltd. The power supply in the Crossfield Green is to be disconnected. **Action: (Clerk)**

New Homes Bonus: The council's application for the 2016/17 financial year has been successful.

Operation Watershed: Church Road drainage improvement was considered a suitable project if money is available for the 2017/18 financial year. **Action: (Clerk)**

Bus Shelter Repair: Quotations still required. **Action: (Clerk)**

Vann Road Speeding: A temporary 30mph sign has been erected by WSCC Highways. Any traffic survey is likely to be at the expense of the Parish Council. Vann Road is not considered by WSCC Highways Dept. to be a high safety risk.

95/16 Monthly Executive & Committee Reports

- **September Bank Reconciliation:** was reviewed and agreed.
- **List of Payments and signing of cheques.** Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques including successful grant applications for 2016/17. Approval of the above proposed by Cllr Moncreiff, seconded by Cllr Inns, carried unanimously.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the Property, Highways and Environment Committee meeting of the 25 July and 19 September 2016. **Noted.** For recommendation by the committee.

96/16 Update on Local Issues

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns reported that Youth Club numbers had increased following a dip. Hyde Housing could be a source of grant money to fund outdoor gym equipment which had been requested by club members themselves. However, securing the grant and gym equipment would still require a considerable local fund raising effort.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** Cllr Inns had attended the Petworth Crime Reduction Meeting and reported that local crime statistic figures had increased in the fields of violent and sexual crime, vandalism of motor vehicles and “social nuisance” activity.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** The chairman of governors is to resign. The school is due to receive an Ofsted inspection.
- **Fernhurst Centre:** Has re-opened following refurbishment.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 9 November 2016

Chairman Signed:.....

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