



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 12 July 2017

**Minutes** of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on  
**Wednesday 12 July 2017** at 6.30pm

**104/17 Councillors Present:** Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr J. Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mrs M. Jenkins, Mr A. Moncreiff, Mr J Smith, Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

**105/17 Apologies For Absence:** Mr C Tedd, Mr N. Rawlings.

**In Attendance:** K Jones (Clerk).

**106/17 Public Representations:** Mr Peter Hudson addressed the Council with regard to the latest "Football in the Community" initiatives in Fernhurst. Hyde Housing Association had kindly provided subsidies for residents of housing managed by Hyde. New courses would be available on the 2/3 and 30/31 August.

**107/17 Declarations of Interests:** See 109/17 below.

**108/17 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the **14 June 2017** were agreed and signed. Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded: Cllr Inns.

**109/17 Matters Arising From The Minutes:** The council discussed supporting the Air Crash Memorial exhibition scheduled for November 2017 and agreed to fund, by way of grant, the £512 cost of renting the village hall. Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Inns. Cllr Black, being a member of the Air Crash Memorial organising committee did not partake of this item.

Cllr Inns informed the council that a decision on grant funding for outdoor gym equipment had been deferred.

**110/17 County Councillor Commentary:** None.

**111/17 District Council Commentary:** None.

**112/17 Cemetery Lych-Gate:** The lych-gate has been stabilised and made safe. The process to secure an agreed scheme of works is ongoing. **Action: (Cllr Buchanan/Clerk)**

**113/17 Office Refurbishment:** The initial re-decoration of the office has been actioned for week commencing 31 July. **Action: (Clerk)**

**114/17 Tree Audit & Inspection –** A tree audit and inspection is required for Van Common. A suitably qualified and insured arborculturalist is to be instructed. **Action: (Clerk)**

**115/17 Approval and Adoption of Updated Financial Regulations** This item was deferred to the September meeting. Confirmation that variable direct debits were permissible was required. **Action: (Clerk)**

**116/17 Insurance** – Insurance cover for councillors acting in “ex-officio” roles was still required. A proposal had been received from the current insurer but it was decided to consult SSALC Ltd on possible alternatives. **Action: (Clerk)**

**117/17 Village Post Office** – The proposal to relocate the post office to the Dudman-Ward Ltd shop in Crossfield has been submitted for public consultation.

**118/17 Council Notice-Board** – It was decided that the notice-board should be wall mounted and this had now been implemented. The village-map was still awaited. **Action: (Cllr Buchanan)**

**119/17 Fencing of Village Green** – The application for a New Homes Bonus payment has been submitted. Chichester District Council raised several questions on the application which have been responded to.

#### **120/17 Correspondence & Other Matters:**

##### **Councillors’ Announcements:**

- The search for a contractor to maintain the village green was ongoing.
- An agreement to install five additional grit bins had been signed with West Sussex County Council.
- A date for the Emergency Plan working party to meet in August was to be agreed.
- A meeting with Chichester District Council to explore the possibilities around Community Land Trusts had been arranged for Monday 17 July.

**Clerk’s Announcements:** None.

#### **121/17 Monthly Executive & Committee Reports**

- **June Bank Reconciliations:** were reviewed and agreed.
- **List of Payments and signing of cheques.** Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques.  
Approval of the above proposed by Cllr Moncreiff, seconded by Cllr Timms, carried unanimously.
- **Finance Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **5 December 2016** were noted and received.
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **30 May 2017** and **19 June 2017**. Noted. Received and accepted.

#### **122/17 Update on Local Issues**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** The outdoor gym fundraising day had attracted twenty people. Some residents had voiced objections to the siting of the gym equipment on the grounds of possible noise nuisance. Comments had also been made that the poor state of the existing play area did not engender confidence that new gym equipment would be properly maintained by Hyde.  
The senior youth club was still looking for a leader. The pavilion had been broken into but nothing stolen
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** It was reported that grounds maintenance equipment was being targeted by thieves in the area.

- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** This continues to be very actively utilised.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: 13 September 2017**

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

**Date:**.....