

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Fernhurst Village Hall
on Wednesday 14 October 2015 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllrs: Mrs. H. Bicknell (Chair)
Mrs. M. Timms (Vice Chair)
Mr. C. Tedd
Mr. J. Buchanan
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. G. Inns
Mr. J. Smith
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs Emma Black

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
District Cllr, Mrs. N. Graves
Mrs. N. Braithwaite
County Cllr, Mr. M. Brown
Mrs Danielle Dunfield

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mrs. R. Knifton (Clerk)
District Cllr, Mrs. P. Hardwick

Members signed the attendance register and apologies were received from Cllr Braithwaite and from District Cllr Graves and County Cllr Brown.

66/15 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Peter Hudson wished to thank the Parish Council for their kind agreement to pay for the adverts for the community football.

67/15 INTERESTS

None

68/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 September 2015 were **AGREED** as being a true record. Proposed by Cllr Timms and seconded by Cllr Smith. **RESOLVED**

69/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 59/15, 44/15 (d) and 49/15 ACTION: Veolia/Crossfield toilets. **NOTED** that there had been reports of ‘cottaging’. The Clerk, the Police and CDC are dealing with the issue.

NOTED: That if the toilets were being regularly cleaned and monitored by Veolia, they could have alerted FPC which they hadn’t.

Minute 59/15 and 44/15 (d) – NOTED that the Camper Van is still parked in the lay-by in front of the entrance to the Park.

It had been **AGREED** that Cllr Black would informally place a note on the windscreen of the Camper Van on behalf of FPC requesting that they move the vehicle to enable disabled access. Cllr Black confirmed that she had not yet carried this out.

AGREED that the Clerk will place an official note on the vehicle.

Minute 62/15 - Crossfields – Defer; Training – NOTED that Cllrs Bicknell, Inns, Buchanan, Chapman, Dunfield, Timms and the Clerk will be attending the Legal and Finance training day on Tuesday the 20th of October; War Memorial – **NOTED** that the contractor has completed the work. **ACTION:** The Clerk to contact the War Memorial Trust; Vann Common – **NOTED** that the Clerk is yet to hear back from Mr

Cotton; Website – **AGREED** that the working group consisting of Cllrs Tedd and Bicknell and the Clerk will find a suitable date and time to look at how to move forward; Broadband and Telephone: **NOTED** that after waiting for BT to connect the broadband for 10 weeks, the office is finally back up and running.
ACTION: The Clerk to submit a formal complaint to BT.

70/15 COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

None

71/15 DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

District Cllrs Philippa Hardwick reported that the commemorative tree outside Arnolds Garage had been assessed as diseased and was felled. Discussions regarding replacing it had taken place at CDC. Cllr Black highlighted that the site is an accident black spot and asked whether a new tree might block sightlines.

Devolution – CDC is part of an embryonic bid.

West Sussex Care Month – CDC is supporting people in their home and helping residents to access information and advice whether they receive care, are caring for someone else, want to plan for the future or would like a career in care.

Green Waste – as of the 9th of November there will be different days for collection.

SDNP Local Plan – CDC has sent their response to the consultation.

Westgate Leisure are currently undertaking lifeguard training.

Car Parks – Cllr Hardwick had worked hard to keep the Fernhurst Car Park free. **NOTED** that FPC gives formal thanks to Cllr Hardwick for all her support with this issue.

72/15 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS

- New Homes Bonus – **NOTED** that the grant has been approved.
- Christmas – **NOTED** that the Crossfield Christmas Lights switch on will take place on Tuesday the 1st of December. **ACTION:** The Clerk to contact Rev Haigh, the bell ringers and the choral society. Cllr Timms to contact the May Queen. **NOTED** that the FPC Christmas Party will be held on the 11th of December.
- Bank signatories – All signatories signed the form. The Clerk will hand deliver it to NatWest.
- Crossfield toilets – **ACTION:** The Clerk to contact AquaCert to discuss their a legionella testing kit for £44.50. The Clerk to contact Wallgate for a quote to do the testing. **NOTED** that the opening times have improved. **AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Veolia and request a cleaning chart and explain that there have been a number of complaints regarding uncleanliness.
- Clerk's announcements – The Clerk will contact Commander Keith Evans to collect the Chairman's wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

73/15 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

A1) Finance and Administration:

Approval of the bank reconciliation:

Proposed by Cllr Inns and seconded by Cllr Smith.

RESOLVED

list of payments and signing of cheques: **NOTED** that there had been a grant application received from the Fernhurst Centre for new equipment. The grant can be made under specific powers for community centres under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19. **AGREED** that a Grant of £354.07 be made to the Fernhurst Centre.

The list of payments and the grant to the Centre were proposed by Cllr Timms and seconded by Cllr Bicknell.

RESOLVED

A2) Current Financial Position.

NOTED

B) Planning Applications Committee, including approval and signing of the minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Inns and seconded by Cllr Buchanan.

RESOLVED

C) Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group – **Nothing to report**

D) Property, Highways and Environment Committee, **AGREED** that a meeting will be called for Monday the 26th of October.

74/15 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- a) Services and facilities for Young People – **NOTED** that Cllr Inns is working with Piers Taylor at CDC and Fernhurst School regarding the safety signs for the Midhurst Road.
A meeting of the Fernhurst and Lynchmere Community Project is due to take place on Friday the 16th of October.
NOTED that there have been a number of teenagers loitering at Crossfields late at night but that there had been no criminal damage or antisocial behaviour to date.
NOTED that Youth Club membership has dropped but that the Youth Club are actively trying new strategies to gain members.
- b) Fernhurst Village Hall – **NOTED** that a new cooker had been purchased with assistance from the Big Society Fund. The installation is due on the 23rd of October.
NOTED that long-standing Treasurer, Mr Rob Walker, will be leaving at the end of the financial year. There is currently no replacement.
- c) Policing – **Nothing to report**
- d) Fernhurst Primary School– **NOTED** that it was Liz Codd, the School Manager’s last day in her post. There are two new School Governors since Cllr Timms had resigned as a Governor but she is still happy to act as a liaison between the school and the Parish Council.

75/15 QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

NOTED that the Parish Council used to award the Jim West Award to people who had given up their spare time to make a valued contribution to the community.

Cllr Inns wished to propose that FPC makes the award annually which should be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Dunfield and seconded by Cllr Black.

RESOLVED

Cllr Harding wished to address Council and announced that he was resigning as he was soon due to undertake hospital treatment and would no longer be able attend meetings. All members of FPC thanked Cllr Harding for his service to FPC and the community.

Cllr Buchanan informed members that his wife had purchased the bulbs for Crossfield at a cost of £50 and requested that she be reimbursed. As this would be within the remit of the Clerk under the Financial Regulations, Cllr Chapman proposed and Cllr Dunfield seconded the payment. **AGREED**

There had been a number of reports of dog fouling and not enough dog poo bins around the Parish.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact the Dog Warden.

ACTION: Cllr Buchanan to organise advertising around the Village to provoke residents to look after their environment.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to CDC's EHD regarding 'dumping' at Nappers Wood.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to 'The Bottom' at Ropes Lane and the last house on the Midhurst Road regarding their hedges.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

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