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## **FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cottam (Chairman)  
Mrs. H. Bicknell  
Mrs. N. Braithwaite  
Mr. K. Harding  
Mrs. S. Ogilvy  
Mr. J. Self  
Mr. J. Smith  
Mrs. M. Timms

### APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. R. Chapman  
Mrs. H. Pezier  
Mr. G. Walls  
Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor)  
Mrs. H. Caird (District Councillor)

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)  
Mrs. N. Graves (District Councillor)  
1 member of the public

## **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Mrs. Ogilvy and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 be signed as correct. Carried.

## **2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **a) Fernhurst Public Toilets**

Nothing to report.

### **b) Allotments**

Nothing to report.

### **c) Parish Boundary Review**

The District Council had decided that the residential properties on Marley Common should be transferred to Lynchmere parish but no decision had been made in relation to Rosemary Park/St. Magnus who have made no decision as to whether or not they wish their premises to be transferred to Lynchmere. The Chairman had

written to the District Council expressing the view that Fernhurst Parish Council would not support a change that would not include Rosemary Park/St. Magnus. The Chairman had spoken to Ms Diane Shepherd of the District Council and she had agreed to look into the Rosemary Park/St. Magnus situation and also the question of the possible transfer of Vann Road properties from Lynchmere to Fernhurst, as originally requested by Fernhurst Parish Council.

**d) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls**

The planning application had been withdrawn due to comments received from the District Council. The cricket club had suggested protective netting which they would erect and remove before and after each match. The Clerk would contact the insurance company to enquire whether they had any safety requirements.

**e) University of the Village**

Nothing to report.

**f) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Mrs. Ogilvy reported that the working group had decided against having a beacon, but would like to provide commemorative bookmarks for the schoolchildren at an approximate cost of £275.00. These would have the Diamond Jubilee emblem, together with 'Fernhurst Parish Council' printed on them.

It was proposed by Mrs. Bicknell and seconded by Mr. Harding that the Parish Council purchases bookmarks for the children as outlined above. Carried.

It was also mentioned that the Woodland Trust are planting trees to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and Mrs. Ogilvy would establish the cost of and Oak tree for The Green.

**g) Christmas Party**

This had been most enjoyable. The presentation coaster for Mr. Brown is still on order.

**h) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Localism Bill had now been enacted. Copies of the Plain English guide were distributed.

**3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY**

No report.

**4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY**

Mrs. Graves reported that the Local Development Framework had been renamed The Local Plan and work is in progress.

Development Control is being re-organised into Development Management and special conditions attached to planning permissions granted by the District Council on behalf of the SDNPA will be monitored.

Surrey County Council had attended a session at Haslemere asking people's views on the No. 70 service from Haslemere to Midhurst.

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The Licensing Team had made unannounced visits to two local hire firms to check they are operating correctly.

Football in the Community will be run at Easebourne on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Group) Disability Awareness UK ) 4Sight )	Letters of thanks for 2011/12 grants. <b>Noted.</b>
City and Country Group	<b>KEVII site Community Liaison Group. Mrs. Braithwaite to represent Fernhurst Parish Council. The planning application had been approved subject to some negotiation. Preservation Orders are to be placed on some trees on the site.</b>
Ms Holly Woodward	<b>Request for funding. The Parish Council is unable to provide funding as the applicant lives outside the parish. The Clerk was asked to distribute copies of Ms Woodward's letter in case any of them wished to make a personal donation.</b>
WSCC	<b>Potential changes to supported bus services. The Clerk was asked to write to WSCC expressing its views on the need to retain the No. 70 bus service between Midhurst and Haslemere.</b>
SDNPA	<b>Fernhurst Settlement Heirarchy. Members added some local facilities to those quotes by the SDNPA.</b>
Mr. R. Woodward) Mr. & Mrs. J. Turner) Mr. & Mrs. P. Hudson)	Letters of thanks for party. <b>Noted.</b>
Mrs. C. Barnes	Letter of thanks for party and presentation. <b>Noted.</b>
Mr. I. Brown	-do- <b>Noted.</b>
Clerk	<b>Draft letter to Navigus Planning. The content of the letter, appointing Navigus Planning as the Parish Council's consultant in relation to the preparation of a neighbourhood Plan was approved.</b>
Mr. R. Barnes	<b>Quotation for Drainage Work at Van Common. It was proposed by Mrs. Bicknell and seconded by Mrs. Timms that Mr. Barnes' quotation in the sum of £450.00 be accepted. Carried.</b>

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Clerk	Pedestrian Refuge at Village Hall. <b>The Clerk had met with County Highways to discuss the problem of vehicles overtaking the bus on the wrong side of the 'keep left' signs whilst it is picking up and setting down passengers. They agreed to consult with their engineering team to see if a solution could be found.</b>
CIA Alarms	Quotation. <b>It was agreed not to proceed with this work.</b>
Chichester District Council	Changes to Scheme of Delegation (Planning). <b>Noted.</b>
Chichester District Council	WSCC funding schemes. <b>Passed to Mts. Timms.</b>
WSCC	Changes to WSCC Financial Support for the Non Commercial Bus Network. <b>Noted.</b>
South East Water	Kingsley Green Water Main Replacement. <b>Noted that work is now complete.</b>

### **Items Available for Reading**

Local Council Review Winter 2011 issue.

## **6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

#### **a) Payments**

It was proposed by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Ogilvy that the list of payments and cheques shown at Annex 'A' be approved and signed. Carried. (Mr. Cottam and Mrs. Bicknell declared personal interests in this item.)

#### **Receipts**

See schedule attached at Annex 'A'.

#### **b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation report, attached at Annex 'B', which was accepted.

#### **c) Monthly Budget Report**

The Clerk presented the report, shown at Annex 'C', which was accepted.

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Mr. Self and seconded by Mr. Harding that the minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 be signed as correct. Carried.

## **PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report.

## **FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND**

Nothing to report.

## **8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

### **a) Services for young people and the Youth Club**

Mr. Smith had followed up the BMX track proposal and had spoken to the Clerk of Lynchmere Parish Council regarding the facility at Camelsdale, which is aimed mainly at younger children. The site is checked regularly by RoSPA. Mr. Smith would talk to Lynchmere P. C.'s contactor and check the feasibility of the site suggested in Fernhurst. It would be necessary to find a way of consulting with young people to get their views on the idea for a BMX track or other facilities for them.

### **b) Fernhurst Village Hall**

Nothing to report.

### **c) Policing**

Nothing to report.

### **d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School**

Nothing to report.

## **9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS**

### **Community Volunteers**

Following a session of attempting to clear rubbish from around the Youth Club, Mr. Hudson asked whether the Parish Council would support a scheme of Community Volunteers who can do various jobs around the village during the daytime. He asked also if any insurance problems could be overcome.

Mr. Cottam commented that the lack of volunteers for the Youth Club event was due to it not being well advertised.

### **Dog Fouling at the Recreation Ground**

Mr. Harding asked what is being done about the above problem and was advised by Mr. Cottam that the Recreation Ground is going to put up some warning signs.

### **Broadband**

Mrs. Ogilvy asked what is happening about BT broadband improvements. Mr. Cottam had e-mailed BT about this but had received no reply. Equipment has been installed in the Haslemere exchange and fibre optic cable installed to Fernhurst but it is unknown whether this is connected to the new green equipment cabinets that have been installed. The Clerk is in contact with BT regarding the equipment cabinet on The Green.

### **Fernhurst Social Club**

Mrs. Bicknell reminded members that youths may join the club from the age of 16.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

Mrs. Bicknell informed members that £127.00 had been received by way of donations at the above event. It was agreed that this should be divided equally between the Scouts and the Youth Club.