

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 8th
June 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cottam (Chairman)
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. S. Ogilvy
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mr. J. Self
Mrs. M. Timms

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. H. Bicknell
Mrs. N. Braithwaite

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

It was proposed by Mr. Self and seconded by Mrs. Ogilvy that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2011 be signed as correct. Carried.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Crossfield

The Clerk had received an estimate from the Highways Manager of the likely cost of improvements to the paths etc. in the sum of approximately £42k. Members agreed that the Parish Council could not possibly meet that cost and would therefore proceed no further with the scheme.

b) Fernhurst Public Toilets

No further progress had been made with this matter, especially as there was little prospect of any financial assistance from the South Downs National Park Authority.

c) Allotments

Mr. Harding was asked to consider how the Parish Council should proceed on this matter.

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d) Parish Boundary Review

Nothing further had yet been heard.

e) Snack Wagon/Youth Facilities

Mr. Seibert had informed the Chairman that the facility is quite popular with between four and ten young people attending each week. There is still a lack of volunteers as at present there are only two. Mr. Harding will visit the snack wagon to see who is using it and to see if any parents would help.

f) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls

The Clerk reported that he received the sign warning of the danger of cricket balls landing in the play area and would get it erected as soon as possible. The Clerk would speak to the Braithwaite partnership with a view to making a planning application for the erection of the safety fencing.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

In the absence of Mr. Brown, there was no report.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Graves reported that the next North West Forum would be held on 15th June.

Football in the Community is to take place again at Fernhurst on 4th and 5th August.

The Grants and Concessions scheme is now open for applications.

There are some 5,000 people on the housing waiting list, which is being reviewed.

Some HeartSmart walks are to take place in the north of the district.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
Open Spaces Society	Seeking funding. Passed to Mr. Chapman.
MADHURST Festival 2011	Seeking funding. Agreed not to support.
Sussex Police	Rogue Traders. Noted.
Barry Wood (Fernhurst Rec.)	Bottle banks. Noted.
WSCC	Potential changes to supported bus services. Noted. There would be no direct effect on Fernhurst, apart for those wishing to make journeys beyond Midhurst.
Chichester District Council	New Cabinet and Chairman announced. Noted.

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WSSC	Minerals and Waste Development Framework update. Noted.
SALC	New Councillor Course. Those members who attended considered the course to be not well structured and some of the topics too long. The Clerk would pass these comments on to SALC.
WSSC	Closure of Footpath No.1247. Noted.
WSSC	Estimate for improvements to Crossfield. See item 2 a) above. Mr. Michael Brown to be shown the state of the drainage and surfacing.
Chichester District Council	Community Fora meetings. Noted.
Mr. J. Self	Henley Hill speed limit. Noted.
Mr. D. Clark	Bus services, urbanisation, public toilets, transport and access. The Clerk would speak to Mr. Clark about the issues he had raised.
Mrs. A. Notley	Resignation from Parish Council. Noted.
Mr. J. Cottam	Draft letter to SDNPA re: King Edward VII site planning application. Members agreed that the letter should be sent.
Fernhurst Tennis Club	Request for funding for junior tennis sessions. Proposed by Mr. Cottam and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the Parish Council makes a grant of £250.00 under S.137 of the Local Gov. Act 1974. Carried.
University of Surrey	Invitation to participate in project 'University of the Village'. Noted. Mrs. Ogilvy to make further enquiries.
Home-Start Chichester	Offer to talk to the Parish Council about their work. The Clerk would speak to Home-Start to enquire whether there are any users of the services in Fernhurst and to enquire whether the Parish Council is a suitable body to be speaking to rather than, say, the school.
Chichester District Council	Digital Television Switchover. Noted.
Items Available for Reading	
WSSC	Forward Plan of Key Decisions.
SLCC	'The Clerk' magazine – May 2011.
Sussex Area Ramblers	Newsletter – June 2011.
Chichester District Council	Standards Committee Agenda – 6 th June 2011.

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6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cottam advised that he had received an invitation to attend the Haslemere Civic Service at Hindhead, but was not able to attend. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers to take his place.

7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

a) Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May 2011

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the minutes be signed as correct. Carried.

b) Annual Accounts and Audit Return 2010/2011

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Self that these be approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Carried. Copies are appended to these minutes at Annex 'A'

c) Payments

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the list of payments and cheques shown at Annex 'B' be approved and signed. Carried.

Receipts

See schedule attached at Annex 'B'.

d) Bank Reconciliation

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

e) Monthly Budget Report

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. Cottam and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2011 be signed as correct. Carried.

The Clerk was asked to obtain further quotations for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs. Graves advised that she had raised a question about the infrastructure in the area.

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Self reported that Mr. Bicknell had removed the empty salt bags from around the parish.

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FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

Nothing to report.

8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

Nothing further to report.

b) Fernhurst Village Hall

There had been complaints about the smelly water that drained from the fish stall that had recently opened on Monday afternoons. 6.

c) Policing

Nothing to report.

d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School

Mrs. Timms agreed to attend future meetings of the school's Parents Forum.

9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

Mr. Hudson suggested that a sign is provided by the Parish Council to advertise the Snack Wagon.