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FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 12th
December 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

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

APLOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. N. Braithwaite
Mr. G. Walls
Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor)
Mrs. N. Graves (District Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)
1 Member of the public
1 Member of the press

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

It was proposed by Mrs. Bicknell and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2012 be signed as correct. Carried.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fernhurst Public Toilets

See correspondence...

b) Allotments

Mr. Harding expressed his concern that any allotments could be situated at Hurst fold rather than the centre of the village. Mr. Cottam advised him to seek other sites.

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c) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls

The Clerk had been informed that due to the height of the netting it would not be possible for the members of the cricket team to erect and dismantle it. Another solution would be found.

d) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Tree

Mrs. Ogilvy reported that the tree had been planted on 30th November. It is a very nice tree and the event was very successful. The Chairman congratulated Mrs. Ogilvy and Mrs. Timms on their organisation of the event. The position of the park bench had been agreed with Mr. Gauntlett who would install it. The Clerk had given copies of his photographs to Mrs. Newman.

e) Neighbourhood Plan

Mr. Cottam reported that the project was running into some difficulties as the steering group, which was fine in the initial stages, needed to be improved. Mr. Brown had been invited to join the group and two more people are to be invited – Mr. Carver and Mr. Hydon. Members agreed with those additions to the steering group.

After some difficulty, the Hurstfold working group is now set up and met this morning.

A number of issues need to be resolved on the type and need for housing and where it should be located.

Mrs. Ogilvy was concerned that some members of the steering group are not concerned about the need for housing as they already have their own properties and asked if someone with housing needs could join the steering group. Mr. Harding suggested that Mr. Inns is invited to join as he has links with Hyde Martlet. It was agreed that Mr. Inns is invited to join the steering group.

Mr. Cottam then continued that the timetable for completion of the neighbourhood Plan is now likely to be delayed. Mr. Bowden of Navigus Planning is to be asked to give a revised forecast of his costs in view of the additional work involved.

f) St. Cuthman's School Bus Route

No planning application had yet been submitted.

g) Broadband

The Clerk reported that he had received a wayleave agreement for BT Openreach to install cabling across The Green to the new broadband cabinet.

h) Fernhurst Millennium Sign

The Clerk had received a licence to move the sign to the raised flower bed near the telephone kiosk but needed to resolve some insurance issues before he could sign it.

i) Code of Conduct

There had been some difficulty in agreeing the content of the code, but a new version was with the Clerk to check over.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

No report available.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Graves' report is attached at Annex 'A'.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
BT Openreach	Wayleave agreement. Noted.
WSCC	Kebab van – Fridays Hill. Noted.
Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor)	Support for Fernhurst Youth Club. Noted.
Fernhurst Furnace Preservation Soc.	Letter of thanks for grant and offer to speak at Annual Parish Meeting. Noted. The offer to speak at the APM was accepted.
Mrs. H. Caird (District Councillor)	Grass cutting at Crossfield. Noted.
Victim Support	Letter of thanks for grant. Noted.
WSCC	Unauthorised work in the highway – Marley Lane. Noted.
Claranet	New hosting agreement for email & internet. Noted.
South Downs national Park	State of the SDNP 2012. To Mr. Harding.
English Rural Housing Association	Annual Report 2012. Noted.
SDNP	Neighbourhood Plan update sessions. Mr. Cottam to attend.
Mrs. H. Caird	Scrap metal dealers. Noted that some scrap sellers can be paid in cash by the scrap dealer cashing the cheques he has given them.
Mr. & Mrs. R. Barnes) Mr. & Mrs. R. Woodward) Mr. & Mrs. P. Hudson) Mr. & Mrs. J. Turner)	Letters of thanks for Christmas party. Noted.
Chichester District Council	Lease for public toilets. Noted. The terms of the lease will need some scrutiny.
Mr. Bob Peck	Update on Junior Football. Noted.

Item Available for Reading

NACC

Local Council Review – winter 2012.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

a) Payments

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

Receipts

See schedule attached at Annex 'B'.

b) Bank Reconciliation

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

c) Monthly Budget Report

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

d) Collection from the Lighting of the Christmas Tree Event

It was agreed that the sum of £113.34 collected is donated equally to the Youth Club and the Scouts. Mrs. Bicknell agreed to distribute the money.

e) Budget Meeting

This would be held on Monday 7th January 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Smith that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2012 be approved and signed. Carried.

SDNP/12/02937/TPO - Hatchfield, Midhurst Road, Fernhurst. Fell 1 no. Silver Birch tree and 1 no. Judas tree within Area A1 subject to FH/02/00489/TPO.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman, who had visited the site that the Parish Council recommends approval for the felling of the Silver Birch tree but not for the Judas tree which appears to be in good condition. Carried.

Planning Enforcement

Enforcement notices had been served on Land N.E. of Courts farm in relation to the erection of a dwelling on the land.

Request for the Diversion of Footpath 1256 – Near Greenhill House, Vann Road, Fernhurst.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the Parish Council raises no objection to the diversion. Carried.

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

It was agreed that a meeting of the committee would take place on 14th January 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

Mr. Moncreiff reported that the position of the cricket nets would leave sufficient space for a multi-use games area between those and the eastern boundary.

8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

Mr. Smith reported fundraising on 14th November for Children in Need had raised £90.00.

The Youth Club is becoming aware of potential funding available from various sources.

b) Fernhurst Village Hall

The Community Room would be unavailable during the week commencing 28th January 2013 due to work being carried out.

c) Policing

Nothing to report.

d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School

Mrs. Timms had been to a curricula meeting and had been inducted as a school governor. The Vicar had also been appointed as a governor.

9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

Mrs. Ogilvy commented that the Christmas party food had been excellent but the low attendance was disappointing.

Mrs. Turner asked if the sign '20 is plenty' at The Green could be removed as it is very old. She would write to WSCC.

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Mr. Moncreiff had visited Midhurst Rother College and had found it fascinating.

Mrs. Bicknell pointed out that the Farm Fuels site is up for sale. Mr. Cottam replied that we would be contacting them to see what their plans are. He had also spoken to the TVR garage who have said they have no plans to move and are very happy on their site.

Mrs. Timms advised that she still held a large supply of Diamond Jubilee bookmarks and asked what she should do with them. It was suggested that they are offered to the Fernhurst Centre.