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FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 8th
February 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. S. Ogilvy
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mr. G. Walls
Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. H. Caird (District Councillor)
Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)
3 members of the public

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Self that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2012 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

Chichester District Council had agreed to transfer the Marley Common area into Lynchmere parish, with effect from 1st April 2013.

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d) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls

A revised planning application had been submitted for the erection of removable stop netting to prevent cricket balls landing in the play area.

e) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

There is a need to notify other organisations in the village of the Parish Council's plans to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Mrs. Timms would arrange to do so via a notice in the Fernhurst News.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported that the working group had met with officers from the SDNPA, Savills and Comer Homes to discuss the neighbourhood Plan and how the Syngenta site would fit in with the process. All parties would attend the public event on 3rd April. It was agreed that Navigus Planning is providing a good, prompt and thorough service. At the public meeting there will be a start on forming the various working groups to take the plan forward.

The working group will meet again on 15th February to discuss getting letters out to landowners, businesses and organisations.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

No report.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Caird reported that the District Council's budget plans are in place and that Council tax would not be increased this coming year, although this could mean an increase in the future if the Government stops providing the extra grant in future years.

Grants of up to £200 are available for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

A 'Warmer West Sussex' programme has started with funding from the Government.

Football and Rugby in the Community will take place at Easebourne at the end of this week and next.

Sports Achievement awards have been launched.

Homeless and other housing applications have increased. Mrs. Bicknell commented that priority for housing is still not being given to local Fernhurst residents.

Copies of correspondence regarding the provision of broadband were given to Mr. Cottam by Mrs. Caird.

Mr. Cottam asked Mrs. Caird to enquire into the premises in Vann Road where a nursery, welding service and other activities were taking place.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
South Downs national Park Authority	New member wanted. Noted.
Surrey County Council	Minerals and Waste Development Framework. Noted.
Mrs. J. Turner	Elm tree instead of Oak tree? Members agreed that the planting of an Elm tree in place of the previously suggested Oak tree was a good idea.
Chichester District Council	New loan for first time buyers. Noted.
Chichester District Council	Boundary review. Noted.
WSCC	S.106 contributions. The Clerk was asked to pursue this with WSCC, to establish what the money could be spent on.
WSCC	Youth Support & Development Service. Noted. Mr. Smith commented that this affects the rural provision of youth services.
South Downs National Park Authority	Notification of Local Validation list. Passed to Mrs. Braithwaite.
Clerk	Signage – Hindhead tunnel. Noted – Mr. Self to reply.
WSCC	Planning School Places Document. Noted.
Mr. Iain Brown	AA Route planner – Illegal Advice. Noted.
SALC	Training courses. Clerk to check dates with Mrs. Pezier, Mr. Smith and Mr. Walls.
Fernhurst Primary School	Newsletter (circulated). Noted.
Mr. K. Harding	Request for funding for youth football team. It was proposed by Mr. Cottam and seconded by Mr. Chapman that £500.00 be granted for the provision of equipment for the newly formed youth football team. Carried. It was understood that an additional £500.00 is available from Fullers brewery and also that it may be necessary for a further application for grant to be made in the future for other equipment.
National Savings	Change to postal account. Noted.
Chichester District Council	Warmer homes initiative. Noted.
Action in Rural Sussex	Newsletter (circulated). Noted.

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Perfect Pitch Marquees Ltd.

Marquee hire. **Noted.**

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

a) Payments

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Braithwaite that the list of payments and cheques shown at Annex 'A' be approved and signed. Carried. (Mrs. Bicknell declared a personal interest 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.

d) Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that the interim internal audit report had been received and that there were no matters on which to comment.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. Cottam and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 23rd January 2012 be signed as correct. Carried.

The following planning application was considered:

FH/11/05488/FULNP – The Cowdray Trust, Greenhill House, Vann Road, Fernhurst. The re-use of existing buildings as ancillary residential accommodation.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Braithwaite that the parish Council recommends approval of the application, subject to the use of the buildings being kept as ancillary to the occupation of Greenhill House in perpetuity. Carried.

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Self reported that he was still trying to get the County Council to do something to reduce the speed limits in the parish.

FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

Mrs. Braithwaite enquired whether it might be possible to use land at the bottom of the recreation ground as allotments. She would go to the site with Mr. Harding to discuss the matter.

8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

Mr. Smith had met with Playsafe for them to look at the possible site for a BMX track and they had suggested a younger (junior) BMX track and a trial area where the land falls away at the back of the suggested site. The cost of a pilot project would be around £5,000.00.

Mr. Cottam suggested that Mr. Smith attends the next meeting of the Fernhurst and Lynchmere Local Action Group on 16th March to discuss the idea.

The Clerk pointed out that it was necessary to establish the ownership of the site before doing more work on the project.

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

Mrs. Bicknell enquired about the future of local bus services and was informed that no decision had yet been made.

Mrs. Braithwaite gave an explanation of the purpose of the King Edward VII Liaison Group. City and Country were setting up a liaison group website to keep people informed. The group will meet every two months at the site. Members of the public can attend the meetings and address the group. The next meeting will be on 27th March 2012.