

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 10th
April 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

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

APLOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. A. Moncreiff
Mr. J. Smith
Mr. G. Walls
Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)
Mrs. H. Caird (District Councillor)
Mrs. J. Turner (Press)

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Ogilvy that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2013 be signed as correct. Carried.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fernhurst Public Toilets

The Clerk reported that Chichester District Council may now meet the rates on the toilets.

The Clerk had also asked for a quotation from the District Council's contractor for the servicing of the toilets and would also obtain a quotation from the contractor for Waverley Borough Council.

b) Allotments

Nothing to report.

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c) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported that the Steering Group had met on 2nd April and had agreed virtually the whole of the Neighbourhood Plan document. Two sections were still to be completed – the Hurstfold site and the opening paragraph. Earlier versions of the document had been sent to the SDNPA who are generally supportive but are questioning the policy on affordable houses. Chris Bowden (Navigus Planning) had spoken to them as they appear not to realise the new housing allocations policy of the District Council.

The Steering Group had not been very impressed by the presentation made by Comer Homes who have suggested they might present another version.

The Clerk had written to the Forestry Commission asking whether Comer Homes needed a felling licence for the many trees removed from the Syngenta site.

The public consultation on the Syngenta site is questionable as it was not properly advertised.

Mrs. Ogilvy asked and Mr Cottam explained how the housing allocation policy works and how it affects the Neighbourhood Plan. The NP considers that the current housing waiting list will be satisfied in the next five years but this will be reviewed in five years' time. The NP now includes the provision of some part rent/part buy houses.

An updated version of the draft NP will shortly be placed on the web site and will be 90% complete. It is hoped the Steering Group will approve a final version at its meeting in May.

The village will then be invited to comment on the draft plan and any comments will need to be considered and published. This will be followed by a full consultation with other bodies such as the District and County Councils, Haslemere Town Council and others. Their responses will also be scheduled and considered. This will provide for a final version which will be sent to the Independent Examiner for consideration as to whether the NP follows planning law and policy and whether we have followed the correct procedures.

If the Independent Examiner approves the NP it will then go out to a referendum when a simple majority, yes or no, will decide whether the NP is adopted.

d) Broadband

High speed broadband is now live and available and is being offered by BT.

e) Fernhurst Millennium Sign

The sign has been removed from its previous location and is awaiting erection at its new site.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

No report.

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4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Caird had nothing to report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
SDNPA	Infrastructure Planning Workshop (Community Infrastructure Levy) Mrs. Braithwaite to attend.
Clerk	Code of conduct & Openness and transparency on personal interests. A revised version had been circulated to members and comments were invited. Mrs. Pezier to produce her comments and send them to the Chairman and Clerk.
Chichester District Council	Dog warden. Noted.
Chichester College	New services at Brinsbury Campus. Noted.
SALC	Formal ratification of the Board of Directors. Noted.
SALC	April newsletter. Noted.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cottam had heard that Mr. Moncreiff may come home from hospital on 8th April and is now walking.

Mr. Cottam reported that for the water main replacement in Vann Road, the road would be closed on Saturday for six weeks from Nappers Wood to Vann Common. Later, it will be closed at Lower Lodge Farm for a further six weeks.

7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

a) Payments

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

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) VAT Return

The Clerk reported that he had completed the VAT return for 2012/2013 and would submit it shortly.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mrs. Braithwaite and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the minutes of the meetings held on 4th & 18th March 2013 be approved and signed. Carried.

Planning Applications

SDNP/13/00933/LDE - Elmbridge House, Midhurst Road, Fernhurst. Conversion of existing garage for ancillary use to the main dwelling house.

It was proposed by Mrs. Bicknell and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

SDNP/13/00510/HOUS - Upperfold House, Lickfold Road, Fernhurst. Family room and basement extension.

It was proposed by Mrs. Braithwaite and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

SDNP/13/00848/HOUS - Airedale, Marley Common. Change of use of loft space, roof extension, internal alterations and alterations to the ground floor façade of existing bungalow.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Braithwaite that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

SDNP/13/00887/HOUS - 60, Vann Road, Fernhurst. Proposed carport.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman, who had visited the site, and seconded by Mrs. Braithwaite that the Parish Council objects to the application as it considers the proposed carport to be intrusive and overpowering to the neighbouring property and is not in keeping with the rural surroundings, being adjacent to Vann Road. The proposal is considered inappropriate. Carried.

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the committee had been held on Monday 25th March 2013. Mrs. Ogilvy had been elected as Chairman and Mr. Smith as Vice Chairman.

The Clerk reported that the safety netting for the play area will be erected shortly.

FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

A Trustees meeting had been held two weeks ago to formulate the next phase of the recreation ground improvements, including the cricket nets for which they already have the funding. They are starting to look at the longer term plans for the pavilion.

8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

The Clerk read out a not from Mr. Smith regarding the BMX track project.

b) Fernhurst Village Hall

Nothing to report.

c) Policing

There had been a lot of rural crime about which reports had been circulated.

d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School

Mrs. Timms reported that the school is waiting the go-ahead to start building the extension to the school.

9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

The owner of 111, Midhurst Road, Fernhurst expressed his concern about the decision on his application for a roof conversion which was refused.

Mrs. Turner asked whether there is anything in the Neighbourhood Plan to build key worker houses. Mr. Cottam replied that there is not but that the Comer Homes plan does include some.

Mrs. Turner stated that Marley Common residents had carried out a traffic survey that showed that 1,000 cars used Marley Lane each day and not the 100 cars that had been claimed in the planning application for St. Magnus.

Mrs. Bicknell asked for volunteers to help with the Revels.

Mr. Cottam stated that the St. Cushman's School planning application had been submitted. The preferred route is still via Vann Road. The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Peter Monger who had agreed to let the Parish Council have his views in the situation.