

1.

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 9th
January 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mrs. H. Bicknell (Vice Chairman)
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. S. Ogilvy
Mr. J. Smith
Mrs. M. Timms
Mr. G. Walls

APLOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. J. Cottam (Chairman)
Mrs. N. Braithwaite
Mr. A. Moncreiff
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mrs. H. Caird (District Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

It was proposed by Mrs. Timms and seconded by Mr Smith that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2012 be signed as correct. Carried.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fernhurst Public Toilets

The Clerk had inspected the condition of the toilets together with a local builder and had found them to be in generally good condition, albeit that there is slight subsidence on one wall. Many of the fittings had been removed by the District Council but they had undertaken to replace them and to ensure everything is in working order if the Parish Council decides to take on the facility.

The Clerk had written to the South Downs National Park Authority seeking financial assistance towards the running of the toilets but had not yet received a reply.

b) Allotments

Nothing to report.

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c) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls

The Clerk reported that the fixed fencing had been installed together with the supports for the ball-stop netting. The netting would not be erected until nearer to the beginning of the cricket season.

d) Neighbourhood Plan

The next steering group meeting will be held on 5th February.

e) St. Cuthman’s School Bus Route

Nothing to report.

f) Broadband

The Clerk reported that he had received information from BTOpenreach saying that the scheme is progressing well.

g) Fernhurst Millennium Sign

The licence from the District Council to relocate the sign on the raised flowerbed near the telephone kiosk had been signed and returned and that he would be making arrangements with Mr. Barnes to move the sign.

h) Code of Conduct

Still under consideration.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

No report available.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Caird’s report is attached at Annex ‘A’.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
Chichester District Council	Consultation on Draft Statement of Principles 2013-2016 – Gambling Act 2005. To Mrs. Bicknell.
South East Water	Water Main Replacement – Haslemere Road. Noted. Mr. Smith commented that the water main in Vann Road also needs replacement.
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner	Talk to your PCC. Noted.

3.

- Mr. J. Spiers Request for letter of support re: Replacement of mail box outside 107, Midhurst Road. **It was agreed that a letter of support is provided.**
- Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor) Potholes. **An email had been received from Mr. Brown urging people to report potholes within their area.**
- Clerk Planning application – Fernhurst Cemetery. **The Clerk reported that he had made a planning application seeking to carry out various works to trees in the cemetery.**
- Mr. G. Walls Mr. Walls had applied to the Clerk requesting a dispensation to enable him to discuss and vote upon the budget and precept for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. **It was proposed by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mrs. Ogilvy that a dispensation be granted to Mr. Walls. Carried.**

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 Mr. Harding that the list of payments and cheques shown at Annex 'B' be approved and signed. Carried. (Mr. Smith and Mrs. Ogilvy 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) Adoption and Approval of Budget and Precept for 2013/2014

The budget and precept had been discussed in detail by the Finance Committee on 7th January 2013 and it had recommended to the Parish Council that they be approved.

4.

It was proposed by Mr. Walls and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the proposed budget for 2013/2014 of £82,563 (as set out in Annex 'E') be approved and that a precept of £62,926 for that year is requested from Chichester District Council. Carried.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2012 be approved and signed. Carried.

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting of the committee planned for 14th January 2013 had been cancelled due to Mr. Moncreiff being unwell.

FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

Nothing to report.

8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

Mr. Smith reported that the Youth Club recommences next week following the Christmas break.

b) Fernhurst Village Hall

Nothing to report.

c) Policing

Nothing to report.

d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School

Mrs. Timms reported that a planning application had been submitted for the new classrooms. It is hoped that work will start in May and be completed by October.

9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

Mrs. Bicknell reported that the footpath opposite The Bottom, Lickfold Road is overgrown and that the footpath opposite Sopers Farm Cottage has a stile that dogs cannot get through. Mr. Chapman would inspect both paths.

Mrs. Bicknell requested that The Revels be permitted to use The Green this year for part of its activities. It was proposed by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Smith that permission is granted subject to weather conditions permitting that use without causing damage. Carried.