

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Fernhurst Village Hall

on

Wednesday 9th April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllrs: Mr. J. Cottam (Chairman)
Mrs. H. Bicknell (Vice Chairman)
Mrs. N. Braithwaite
Mr. A. Moncreiff
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. S. Ogilvy
Mr. J. Smith

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. G. Walls
Mrs. M. Timms

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mrs. R. Knifton (Clerk)
Mrs. N. Graves (District Councillor)
1 member of the press

The Chairman opened and welcomed all to the meeting.

There were no declarations of Pecuniary, non-Pecuniary or Prejudicial interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with **THE LOCALISM ACT 2011** and the **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**.

1/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

With a couple of amendments to the minutes dated the 12th of March 2014, namely: Minute 7c paragraph 2 which should read "... Mrs Ogilvy approached SDNPA with regards to the entrance to the King Edward VII Hospital"; Minute 4 paragraph 1 should read "... There would be a council tax rise of £26.50 a year on Band D properties"; Minute 3 paragraph 4, the last sentence to be deleted; Minute 3 paragraph 3 should read "... The Parish Council confirmed that most of Fernhurst already received the service but that properties in the southern half of the Parish were yet to benefit".

The amendments were proposed by Cllr Cottam and seconded by Cllr Moncreiff that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014 be signed by the chairman upon amendment. **Carried.**

2/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fernhurst Public Toilets

Item duly removed from the agenda.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cottam reported that the Landscape Assessment Document was near completion and that the 1st draft was hoped to be received by the following week with an expected sign-off for approval of the document by mid-April.

c) Casual Vacancy

It was agreed that the clerk will place further advertisements on the Notice Boards and the Website. The Chairman confirmed that an advert had been placed in the Fernhurst News.

3/14 COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

County Cllr Mr Brown sent his apologies.

4/14 DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Graves presented her report.

Attached at **APPENDIX A.**

5/14 CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
Cowdray Park	Departure of Robert Windle. NOTED
SDNPA/CDC	Tree Preservation Order-Land at Nine Acres, Vann Road. NOTED
Clerk	Annual Parish Meeting – 17 th of April 2014. NOTED that the meeting had been advertised and a number of local organisations were attending. Concerns had been raised over the meeting being scheduled for Maundy Thursday but it was further NOTED that this was the only available date for the hall. AGREED that Cllrs Sue Ogilvy and Maureen Timms will organise refreshments.
Clerk	Future Finance Meeting. AGREED that the end of financial year Finance Meeting be held on Monday the 28th of April at 6.30.
Clerk	Update on Land Registry – Cemetery and Village Green. NOTED that the clerk had been liaising with MacDonald Oates. The clerk to continue with communications in order to submit the application.
Clerk	Update on War Memorial inspection. NOTED
Clerk	Sussex Path Watch. NOTED
Clerk	Update on quotes for Vann Common. NOTED. AGREED that the clerk and Cllr Ogilvy will obtain 3 further quotes.
Clerk	Update on bollards at the junction of A286 and Vann Road. NOTED
Clerk	Update on Neighbourhood Plan Grant Application. NOTED that the clerk is undertaking a new application in conjunction with Navigus.
Clerk	Update on Santander. NOTED that the mandate submitted to Santander had been lost at head

office and was subsequently found. No confirmation of completion has yet been given by Santander. The clerk to continue to chase.

Clerk Fernhurst Youth Club AGM. **NOTED** that Cllr **Smith** will be attending as representative for FPC.

Clerk Insurance update. **NOTED** that the Insurance is up for renewal in June 2015. The clerk to look at the lease for the public toilets.

Clerk SDNP Consultation update. **NOTED**

Clerk Operation Watershed. **NOTED**

ITEM AVAILABLE FOR READING

NALC Local Council Review

6/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements

7/14 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

- a) Finance and Administration, including approval and signing of cheques. **Proposed by Cllr Ogilvy and Seconded by Cllr Moncreiff that the list of payments be approved. Carried.**
- b) Planning Applications Committee, including approval and signing of minutes of meetings held on 10th & 24th of March 2014. **Proposed by Cllr Braithwaite and Seconded by Cllr Bicknell that the minutes be approved. Carried.**
- a) Property, Highways & Environment Committee. **Nothing to report.**
- d) Fernhurst Recreation Ground. **Cllr Moncreiff reported that in the money spent in the last 3 to 4 years had been wisely used. It was NOTED that the cricket facilities were being well used by the community. The Chairman reported on correspondence received regarding the smoking while training the youth football club.**

8/14 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- a) Services and facilities for Young People. **Cllr Smith reported on the imminent safeguarding training due on the 22nd of April. It was NOTED that there will be 14 participants with 7 from Fernhurst. Marley Lowe and Jackie Burden are presenting the training on DBS.**
- b) Fernhurst Village Hall. **It was NOTED that the quote for the repairs to the Parish Office toilet were still awaiting.**
- c) Policing. **Nothing to report.**

d) Fernhurst Primary School. **Nothing to report.**

9/14 QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

Member of the press Judith Turner reported to Council that Fernhurst Primary School's new classrooms would be ready for the coming new term.

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