

# Fernhurst Parish Council

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on **Wednesday 8 June 2016** at 6.30pm

**Councillors Present:** Mr W Black, Mr J. Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mrs M. Jenkins, Mr A. Moncreiff, Mr N Rawlings, Mr J Smith, Mr C Tedd

**Apologies For Absence:** Mrs H Bicknell, Mrs E Black, Mrs M Timms

In the absence of Cllrs Bicknell and Timms, Cllr Moncreiff acted as chairman.

**In Attendance:** K Jones (Clerk), District Councillor Philippa Hardwick.

**52/16 Public Representations:** Peter Hudson addressed the meeting on the issue of "Football in the Community" promoted by "Albion in the Community". Chichester District Council and Hyde Housing have withdrawn financial support raising the cost to local families from £10 - £15 to £39 for the two day event. He requested the Council considered financial support to local children.

Cllr Moncreiff volunteered to approach Hyde Charitable Trust to enquire if they would be willing to assist. District Councillor Hardwick would speak with Chichester District Council the next day to enquire if any funds could be made available.

Following discussion it was **Resolved: The Council will support to the extent of £5 per day, to a maximum of 50 children, participation by children resident in the parish. Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded, Cllr Rawlings, carried unanimously.**

The Clerk was instructed to contact Albion in the Community to see how this could be implemented in practice. **Action: (Clerk)**

**53/16 Declarations of Interests:** None.

**54/16 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the **11 May 2016** were agreed and signed.

**55/16 Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

- Pension Enrolment – remains outstanding.
- Operation Watershed – the Council had decided not to apply under this year's provisions.
- Internal Audit 205/16 – The report highlighted the need for the Council's Financial Regulations to be amended in respect of contracts in excess of £25,000. **Action: (Clerk)**
- Clean for the Queen – Cllr Buchanan reported there had been only a small turnout of volunteers but that useful work had been done. He asked that at the January 2017 council meeting consideration be given to organising a "Spring Clean" event. **Action: Clerk**

**56/16 County Councillor Commentary:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Brown.

**57/16 District Council Commentary:** District Councillor Philippa Hardwick presented her written commentary for June. In addition District Councillor Hardwick reported that the body

camera used by the lollipop person in Lynchmere was considered to be very successful. West Sussex County Council and South Downs National Park Authority were considering a blanket ban on “Fracking” for their respective areas.

#### **58/16 Correspondence and Other Matters**

- **Bank Signatories & Internet Banking:** To be progressed. **Action: (Clerk)**
- **Public Toilets:** A new contractor had been engaged to commence 1 July 2016.
- **Crossfield:** The benches are now installed. A Licence is awaited from Chichester District Council for the Parish Council to adopt its proposed maintenance responsibilities.
- **Asset Register:** The possibility of using mapping software to locate parish council assets was discussed.
- **Annual Meeting of Parishes Chichester – Thursday 19 May:** Cllr Inns reported the meeting covered the outsourcing of leisure provision, a progress report on the Electoral Review, Broadband Provision and the devolution concept involving East & West Sussex and Surry County Councils.
- **Cemetery – Fees – Records – Maintenance** Cllr Buchanan reported there may be ash trees in the cemetery which are currently prone to disease. He agreed to enquire. **Action: (JB)**
- **Councillors’ Announcements** Cllrs W Black & Tedd reported they were planning to attend a meeting on the 14 June where development of **Haslemere Railway Station** was to be discussed.
- **New Homes Bonus:** Cllr Buchanan was investigating the provision of new notice-boards to provide orientation and tourist information as well as meet the needs of the parish council.
- **Clerk’s Announcements:** None

#### **50/16 Monthly Executive & Committee Reports**

- **May Bank Reconciliation:** was reviewed and agreed
- **List of Payments and signing of cheques.** Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques.  
Approval of the above proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Rawlings, carried unanimously.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the Property, Highways and Environment Committee meeting of the 9 May. **Noted.** For recommendation by the committee.
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of Planning Committee meetings of the 9 and 23 May 2016. **Noted.** For recommendation by the committee.

**51/16 Update on Local Issues**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns reported on continuing attempts to increase attendance at Fernhurst Youth Club.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** There had been no progress on the provision of storage facilities at the village hall.
- **Policing:** none.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Cllr Jenkins reported that there were currently still vacancies for entry in September 2016.
- **Fernhurst Centre:** Iain Brown informed the meeting that the tenant in the flat above the Fernhurst Centre had served notice to quit.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**Chairman Signed:**.....

**Date:**.....