



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 11 January 2017

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 6.30pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr G Inns, Mrs M. Jenkins, Mr J Smith, Mr C Tedd, Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

Apologies For Absence: Mr J. Buchanan, Mr A. Moncreiff, Mr N Rawlings.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk), County Councillor Michael Brown.

1/17 Public Representations: Mr Peter Hudson addressed the council to explain the administrative arrangements he had put in place with "Football in the Community" where Fernhurst Parish Council had agreed to fund local participation to the extent of £500.

2/17 Declarations of Interests: Cllr Bicknell declared an interest as a committee member of the "Fernhurst Revels". Cllr Inns declared an interest as a member of Fernhurst Parochial Church Council and Fernhurst Youth Club Committee. All three organisations had applied for grants to be discussed and decided under item 13/17.

3/17 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of the **14 December 2016** were agreed and signed. Proposed: Cllr Williamson, seconded: Cllr Black.

4/17 Matters Arising From The Minutes:

- **Playground Repair:** Village Handyman to be instructed for surface repairs and new junior swing seats and chains purchased. **Action: (Clerk)**
- **Bus Shelter:** One additional quotation had been received, another still required. **Action: (Clerk)**
- **Vann Road Speeding** The clerk was instructed to contact Mike Dare, WSCC Highways, to discuss the possibility of a traffic survey in Vann Road – if one has not already been conducted. **Action: (Clerk)**

5/17 County Councillor Commentary: County Councillor Michael Brown informed the meeting of West Sussex County Council's budgeting plans. These would involve Council Tax increases of 4% for 2017/18 and the following two financial years. Cllr Brown advised he would be voting against the proposal but expected it to be carried. Cllr Brown was asked to enquire of WSCC progress as to the extension of the 40mph speed limit south of the village on the A286. He was also asked to request action from Highways Department for repair to the footpath in Church Road to be expedited. Subsequent to the meeting County Councillor Brown has actioned both these requests.

6/17 District Council Commentary: None.

7/17 Council Budget for 2017/18 and Council Tax Precept Demand: The council tax precept request and the reserves transfers decided at the meeting of the 14 December 2016 have been actioned.

8/17 Extension of the Fernhurst Conservation Area:

9/17 Proposal to Adopt the Telephone Kiosk at Kingsley Green: This is in the hands of Chichester District Council to progress with BT.

10/17 Hurstfold Industrial Estate Planning Application – S.106 Grants – The council has heard from the Recreation Ground Committee that they had been in contact with South Downs National Park about the possible S.106 grant.

11/17 Farnborough Airport – Airspace Consultation – No Report.

12/17 Councillor Training – An e-mail is to be circulated to councillors asking for dates they will not be available for training and also any particular topics they would want covered.. **Action: (Clerk**

13/17 Correspondence & Other Matters

Grant Applications For 2017/18: The clerk circulated a list of grant applications for 2017/18 received to date. A grant application from Fernhurst Parochial Church Council in the sum of £250 had also been received in respect of the 2016/17 financial year.

It was resolved: “To approve the grant application from Fernhurst Parochial Church Council in the sum of £250.”

Proposed Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Jenkins

Cemetery – Lych Gate Maintenance – No Report.

Councillors’ Announcements: None.

Clerk’s Announcements:

New Homes Bonus: No report.

Operation Watershed: No report.

Van Road Speeding: No report.

14/17 Monthly Executive & Committee Reports

- **December 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 Timms, seconded by Cllr Inns, carried unanimously.
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of Planning Committee meetings of the 12 and 19 December 2016. **Noted.** Received and accepted.

15/17 Update on Local Issues

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns advised the council that the Purple Bus facility for young people would be available from January onwards. From the 23 January 2017 a new Senior Youth Club Leader would be in post. It was hoped that there would be more activities in co-ordination with Midhurst and Petworth Youth Groups.
The ambition for an outdoor gymnasium at Nappers Wood was being progressed.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** The council noted that arrangements for the storage of chairs and tables had changed. This had resulted in a better environment in the Community Room where the council meetings were held.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Proposals to redevelop and expand the facilities at the Recreation Ground are well under way.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 8 February 2017

Chairman Signed:.....

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