

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 14th
March 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cottam (Chairman)
Mrs. H. Bicknell
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. S. Ogilvy
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mr. J. Self
Mr. J. Smith
Mrs. M. Timms
Mr. G. Walls

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. N. Braithwaite

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. N. Graves (District Councillor)
Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)
1 member of the public

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Mrs. Timms and seconded by Mr. Self that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2012 be signed as correct. Carried.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fernhurst Public Toilets

Nothing to report.

b) Allotments

Nothing to report.

c) Parish Boundary Review

Matter now settled.

d) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls

A suggested mobile cricket net system was considered to be unsuitable due to the risk of vandalism and the difficulty in erecting and dismantling it.

e) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Adverts of the event on Fernhurst Green on Monday 4th June are to be placed in the April and May editions of Fernhurst News. There could be a problem with car parking due to a cricket tournament taking place on the recreation ground. Mrs. Ogilvy would speak to Mr. Graham Heath regarding this. It was thought there may be a possibility of some extra parking off Church Road. The souvenir bookmarks for the school children had been delivered.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

Mr. Chris Bowden of Navigus Planning had done some preparatory work for the public event on 3rd April and has produced a statistical analysis (historical) but Mr. Cottam had suggested that we do some market research to find out what people want now and in the future.

The Parish Council had been awarded a 'front runner' grant of £20,000 to produce the Neighbourhood Plan. The grant will be paid to the South Downs National Park Authority which will want to retain a fairly large sum to cover the costs of the examination of the plan and the referendum. This would still leave a good sum to spend on market research, engaging with the public, etc.

At the end of the public event on 3rd April, Mr. Cottam would ask for volunteers to take part in the various working parties.

There may be some 'mini events' later in the process to discuss with parishioners the findings of the working parties.

g) Local Bus Services

Nothing had been heard regarding the services for Fernhurst and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Michael Brown (County Councillor) asking what was the result of the survey as the Parish Council had handed out some 200 of the consultation forms.

h) Broadband

Mr. Cottam and the Clerk had spoken with Mr. John Taylor of BT Openreach regarding the provision of high speed broadband in Fernhurst. A number of broadband cabinets had been installed between here and Haslemere but there was not, apparently, a fibre optic cable serving Fernhurst. Mr. Taylor had undertaken to investigate whether there is a spare cable that could be used and to re-present the business case for the fibre optic connection to Fernhurst.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

No report.

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4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Graves reported that the Diane Shepherd had been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the District Council.

Mrs. Graves commented that whilst the average family spends around £136.00 per week on food, they are asked to pay only an average of £2.56 per week for all the services provided by the District Council.

Changes in Council tax benefits are in the pipeline.

A fun day for disabled children is to be held at the Westgate Centre.

In January there were 25 homeless applications for housing and 252 new registrations on the housing list, on which there are very large numbers.

The new museum in Chichester will be ready in the summer.

The City Walls illumination event will take place on 14th April.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
Mrs. N. Braithwaite	Ownership of land. Noted.
Chichester District Council	Meeting with the parishes – 10 th May 2012. Mr. Cottam to attend with possibly Mrs. Braithwaite/Mr. Harding.
Victim Support	Thanks for grant. Noted.
St. Margarets Church	Flower Festival. It was proposed by Mrs. Bicknell and seconded by Mrs. Ogilvy that a donation of £50.00 be made towards the cost of flowers. Carried.
South Downs national Park Auth.	Celebration of Sustainable Communities Fund – Petersfield Festival Hall, Friday 23 rd March 6.30 p.m. Noted.
Blue Cedar Homes	Retirement Housing. Noted. To be passed onto the members of the Neighbourhood Plan working group.
Allianz Insurance	Special Event Guidelines. To Mrs. Ogilvy.
Cmdr. Keith Evans	AA Route Finder – Illegal Advice. Noted.
The Royal British Legion	Diamond Jubilee Tribute to HM The Queen – Thursday 3 rd May, St. Georges Chapel, Windsor Castle. Noted.
Insignia	Order for bookmarks. Noted.

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Cidermill Bunting and Crafts Ltd.	Traditional British Bunting. Noted.
Mr. J. Self	Hindhead Tunnel Signage. Noted.
Nescot College, Epsom	Newsletter. Noted.
Openreach	Broadband for Fernhurst. See under 2(h) above.
Clerk	S.106 funds. Noted.
Haslemere Action Group Against the SCC Parking Proposals	SCC Waverley Local Area Committee Friday 16 th March, 1.30 p.m. at the Chichester Hall, Witley Noted.
Clerk	Councillor Training Courses. Noted.
Fernhurst Junior Youth Club	Thanks for donation. Noted.
Chichester District Council	Moving of Midhurst Tourist Information Centre. Noted.
WSCC	County Local Committee – Tuesday 20 th March, 7.00 p.m. at Dunton Village Hall. Noted.
Mr. J. Smith	Comments on WSCC proposed savings on Youth Support and Development services. Noted.
SDNPA/CPRE	Neighbourhood Planning Event – 29 th March, 2.00 p.m. at Cowdray Hall, Easebourne. Noted.
Clerk	Diamond Jubilee grant. A grant of £200.00 is to be made by the District Council towards Fernhurst’s celebrations.
SALC	Spring newsletter. Noted.
Just Different	Request for funding. Agreed not to support as the Parish Council already supports another organisation with similar aims.

Items Available for Reading

Open Spaces Society NALC	‘Open Space’ – Spring 2012. Local Council Review – Spring 2012.
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6. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cottam informed members that he had received an email from Mr. Self, indicating that he would be retiring from the Parish Council after the April meeting. Mr. Cottam thanked Mr. Self for all the work he had done.

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The Clerk was asked to place a notice in the May issue of Fernhurst News, advertising the vacancy on the parish Council.

7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Grant Application

It was proposed by Mr. Walls and seconded by Mrs. Timms that an immediate grant of £1,500.00 be made to Fernhurst Club, to be funded from reserves and to pay the grant of £1,500.00 already approved in November. **Carried.**

a) Payments

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the list of payments and cheques shown at Annex 'A' be approved and signed. Carried. (Mrs. Bicknell declared a personal interest in this item.)

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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the minutes of the meetings held on 30th January and 6th and 20th February 2012 be signed as correct. Carried.

The following planning application was considered:

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

Mr. Cottam reported that Mr. Mitchell, who is trying to raise £80,000.00 for the new football pitch is confident he will be able to do so.

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8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

Mrs. Braithwaite and Mr. Harding were thanked for looking at the area that might be used as a BMX track.

The University of the Village project was being passed over to the Youth Club as the events proposed would be more likely to appeal to younger people.

b) Fernhurst Village Hall

Nothing to report.

c) Policing

The Police are to be invited to run their Neighbourhood Panel at the Annual parish Meeting in May.

d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School

Nothing to report.

9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

Mrs. Graves reported that the activities at the nursery site in Vann Road are to be investigated by the enforcement team.

Mr. Hudson commented that the Recreation Ground Trustees have it in their forward plan to provide a space for a multi-use play area, which he hoped the Parish Council would support.

Mrs. Bicknell had received a complaint about the state of the pavement, opposite the school, which had been damaged by tree roots. The Clerk would report this to County Highways.