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FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at Fernhurst Village Hall on Wednesday 10th
October 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cottam (Chairman)
Mrs. H. Bicknell
Mrs. N. Braithwaite
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. M. Timms
Mr. G. Walls

APLOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr. A. Moncreiff
Mrs. S. Ogilvy
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mr. J. Smith
Mr. M. Brown (County Councillor)
Mrs. N. Graves

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk & Executive Officer)
1 Member of the public

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

It was proposed by Mr. Walls and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2012 be signed as correct. Carried.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Fernhurst Public Toilets

No further progress.

b) Allotments

Nothing to report.

c) Play Area – Fernhurst Recreation Ground – Cricket balls

The safety netting would be erected soon.

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d) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A number of members had met at The Green and had decided that the commemorative tree should be planted in a position opposite the gate to the pavilion. Mr. Barnes is arranging the obtaining of the tree.

e) Neighbourhood Plan

The next public meeting, in the form of a housing workshop, would be held on 16th October.

f) St. Dunstan's School Bus Route

Two parishioners had volunteered to distribute leaflets to persuade people to object to the proposed route along Vann Road.

g) Broadband

The Chairman and Clerk had met with representatives of BTOpenreach two weeks ago and were informed that the fibre optic cable had been laid from Haslemere to Fernhurst apart from a final 200 metre length on Fridays Hill. BTOpenreach are fairly confident that the work will be completed by the end of the year.

3. COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

No report.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Mrs. Graves' report is attached at Annex 'A'.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS

From	Subject
Mazars	Annual Audit 2011/2012. The Clerk reported that the accounts had been signed off without comment.
Fernhurst Recreation Ground	Letter of thanks for grant. Noted.
Citizens Advice Waverley	AGM – Friday 19 th October at 11.45 a.m. at Cranleigh. Noted.
WSCC	Fernhurst Rights of Way Routine Maintenance. Noted.
SALC	Sussex Community Resilience Conferences. Mrs. Ogilvy to be asked if she can attend.
SALC	AGM – Wednesday 7 th November at 4.00 p.m. – Ardingly. Noted.

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Mari Hudson Events Catering	Quotation for Christmas Party. Mr. Cottam, Mrs. Bicknell and the Clerk to decide. Mr. Cottam asked Members to think about invitees.
Action in Rural Sussex	AGM – 7 th November – Ardingly. Noted.
Clerk	Millennium sign. Nearby residents had objected to the re-siting of the sign outside the Post Office. The Clerk would seek permission from CDC to re-site it on the raised flower bed alongside Blackdown Press.
Santander	Bank charges. The Clerk reported that contrary to what he had reported in September, the bank had now given a satisfactory option to run the account without charges.
SDNPA	South Downs Energy Workshop – Fri. 23 rd November at Cowdray Hall. Mrs. Braithwaite and Mr. Harding to attend.
Mrs. H. Caird	Offer by WSCC re: parishes taking on community work. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not have the resources at present to take up the option of taking on certain services from the County Council.
Chichester District Council	Housing Strategy Consultation. To Mr. Cottam.
Des Bone Ltd.	War Memorial Inspection report. Noted.
Navigus Planning	Neighbourhood Plan fees. It was proposed by Mr. Cottam and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the fees payable to Navigus Planning be increased by £2,100.00
SDNPA	Invitation to Parish Councils to Specialist workshops. Mr. Cottam to attend.
Item Available for Reading	
Cowdray Estate	Newsletter – September 2012.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cottam had been concerned that the Neighbourhood Plan needed a formal consultation with Chichester District Council on housing needs. As a result, Mr. Cottam, Mrs. Pezier and Mr. Bowden (Navigus Planning) had met with Mr. Irvine and Ms Grange and had asked questions on how the housing register works and what safeguards there are as it is possible for people to have their names on more than one housing register in different districts. It had generally been a very useful meeting.

7. MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

a) Payments

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

Receipts

See schedule attached at Annex 'A'.

d) Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation report, attached at Annex 'C', which was accepted.

e) Monthly Budget Report

The Clerk presented the report, shown at Annex 'D', which was accepted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the minutes of the meetings held on 17th and 24th September 2012 be approved and signed. Carried.

PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

FERNHURST RECREATION GROUND

Nothing to report.

8. UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

a) Services for young people and the Youth Club

Nothing to report.

b) Fernhurst Village Hall

Nothing to report.

c) Policing

There continues to be a lot of garden shed burglaries.

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d) Fernhurst Primary School and Pre-School

Mrs. Timms would be attending the next meeting of the Governors tomorrow evening

9. QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

Mrs. Bicknell asked whether the kebab van parked on Fridays Hill had permission to be there. The Clerk reported that he had received complaints from nearby residents and had reported the matter to WSCC.

Mr. Harding reported that he had attended the recent KEVII liaison meeting and had learned that that they had laid traps to catch wildlife so that it could be re-located. The water supply to the site had been sorted out. Some land in the surrounding areas is being cleared and made suitable for wildlife. Building work is to start in the New Year, following demolition of parts of the old hospital.

Mr. Chapman reported that a salt bag had been requested for the top of Nappers Wood.