

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Fernhurst Village Hall
on Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT Cllrs: Mrs. H. Bicknell (acting Chair)
Mrs. M. Timms (acting Vice Chair)
Mrs Danielle Dunfield
Mr. C. Tedd
Mr. J. Buchanan
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. G. Inns

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Mr. K. Harding
District Cllr, Mrs. N. Graves
District Cllr, Mrs. P. Hardwick
Mrs Emma Black
Mrs. N. Braithwaite
Mr. J. Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mrs. R. Knifton (Clerk)
County Cllr, Mr. M. Brown

Members signed the attendance register and apologies were received from Cllrs Harding, Black, Braithwaite and Smith and from District Cllrs Hardwick and Graves.

56/15 REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

There was a public representation by Mr Keith Wing regarding Byfield, Midhurst Road. He lives in the neighbouring property and strongly objects to the construction.

He wished to raise the following objections:

- The property is taking shape as a ‘mish-mash’ of designs;
- The builders have changed the elevations;
- The property has been constructed with more windows than the plans suggest;
- The property has been constructed with new doors on the north side which are not in the plans;
- The exterior wall is not rendered as the plans suggest;
- All the approved plans have been changed.

NOTED that Mr Wing has written numerous emails to CDC in objection stating that the design is too large for the site.

Proposed by Cllr Timms and seconded by Cllr Inns that FPC writes to the Enforcement Officer, Adam Simpson, to express their concerns.

There then was a public representation by Mr Mike O’Neill regarding Byfield, Midhurst Road. He lives in the neighbouring property and strongly objects to the construction.

He wished to raise the following objections:

- The original planning application was passed in December 2013 and that the applicant has not adhered to the original plans;
- The north side boundary is less than metre;
- The new footprint is bigger than that of the original plans;
- The property has been built with a welsh slate roof and not tiles as approved in the plans which is totally out of keeping for the area.

AGREED that the Clerk will contact District Cllr Norma Graves.

ACTION: The Clerk to keep the neighbours informed.

NOTED that the applicant had asked for a relaxation of condition 3 which had been refused.

57/15 INTERESTS

None

58/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEEETING

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 July 2015 were **AGREED** as being a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Inns and seconded by Cllr Chapman. **RESOLVED**

59/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 46/15 and 49/15 – relating to Mr Peter Hudson’s follow up on developments for the 20mph speed limit.

AGREED that this will be an agenda item for the next meeting of Council in October.

ACTION: The Clerk to chase the progress.

Minute 44/15 (d) and 49/15 ACTION: Veolia/Crossfield toilets. **NOTED** that ongoing monitoring of opening times is being undertaken and there are still problems.

ACTION: Cllr Inns to be chief monitor.

ACTION: If any discrepancies are discovered, the Clerk to write to them.

Minute 44/15 (d) – NOTED that the Camper Van is still parked in the lay-by in front of the entrance to the Park.

AGREED that Cllr Black will informally place a note on the windscreen of the Camper Van on behalf of FPC requesting that they move the vehicle to enable disabled access. Query as to whether Cllr Black had carried this out.

60/15 COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTARY

County Cllr Michael Brown reported on the West Sussex Coroners Service in response to the recent aeroplane disaster at Shoreham. There were 11 deaths and an inquest is currently taking place in Horsham. The inquest report was open and closed in 5 minutes, just enough time to read out the names of the dead. The Service is working closely with the aviation authority. The full inquest could potentially take several months. WSCC announced that this is the biggest loss of life in West Sussex since 7/7.

The biggest cost to the County is for providing counselling and support. The second biggest cost was due to the diversions on the A27 which was shut for 8 days. The third biggest cost was to Fire & Rescue. There has been good partnership working with East and West Sussex Councils as well as Hants and Surrey over this disaster.

61/15 DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

District Cllrs Philippa Hardwick and Norma Graves sent their apologies.

62/15 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS

- Crossfields – a proposal to leave the wall and the grass in the scheme was proposed by Cllr Bicknell and seconded by Cllr Timms. A vote of 2 against, 3 in favour and 2 abstentions. **AGREED** that the Clerk will source 3 new quotes and that the proposed wall will not be built.

- Training – **AGREED** that the following events will be attended. Planning: Cllr Buchanan and Chapman. Chairs Networking Daye – Cllrs Timms and Bicknell. Legal & Finance – Cllrs Bicknell, Inns, Buchanan, Chapman, Dunfield and Timms, as well as the Clerk.
- War Memorial Grant – **NOTED** that the Grant Application had been approved and the contractor is due to commence work. **ACTION:** The Clerk to contact Norman for an update.
- New Homes Bonus – **NOTED** that the grant application is in.
- Vann Common – **NOTED** that the Clerk had been contacted by residents of Vann Common regarding some proposed clearance work. The Clerk had undertaken a site visit with Mr Neil Cotton and had discovered that there were a number of dangerous branches which need to be removed. In addition to this, there was some scrub clearance needed.
Mr Cotton has offered to obtain 3 quotes for this work to submit to Council.
ACTION: The Clerk to chase.
- Website – **NOTED** that the website keeps disappearing and is problematic. A quote has been sourced for £490.
AGREED that a working group consisting of Cllrs Tedd and Bicknell and the Clerk will decide on what is best for FPC.
- Broadband and Telephone: **NOTED** that FPC is still waiting for BT to connect the broadband which should have been in place on the 17th of August. The Clerk is having to take the laptop to the Fernhurst Centre or home to be able to complete her work until it has been installed. The new date is the 22nd of September.

63/15 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

A1) Finance and Administration:

Approval of the bank reconciliation:

Proposed by Cllr Inns and seconded by Cllr Buchanan.

RESOLVED

list of payments and signing of cheques:

Proposed by Cllr Buchanan and seconded by Cllr Chapman.

RESOLVED

Bank signatory update regarding the National Savings Account. **AGREED** that a letter be sent by the Clerk to David Bleach for him to sign. To remove all signatories that aren't current Cllrs and to add the Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Buchanan and seconded by Cllr Dunfield.

RESOLVED

A2) Current Financial Position.

NOTED

B) Planning Applications Committee, including approval and signing of the minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Timms and seconded by Cllr Tedd.

RESOLVED

C) Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group – **Nothing to report**

D) Property, Highways and Environment Committee, including approval and signing of the minutes.
Proposed by Cllr Timms and seconded by Cllr Tedd.

RESOLVED

64/15 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- a) Services and facilities for Young People – **NOTED** that Cllr Inns is still waiting for Piers Taylor at CDC to come back to him regarding the signs for Nappers Wood.

- b) Fernhurst Village Hall – **Nothing to report**

- c) Policing – **Nothing to report**

- d) Fernhurst Primary School– **NOTED** that the school commenced the autumn term on Monday. Current attendance is 176 with a new teacher in year 1, Cllr Timms has recently resigned as a Governer but she is still happy to act as a liaison.

65/15 QUESTIONTIME FOR PARISHIONERS

NOTED that the first Tuesday in December is the Christmas lights switch on. Add to the agenda for the next meeting. Friday the 11th of December is the FPC Christmas Party.

Meeting Closed 9pm

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