



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 14 March 2018**

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 6.45pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mrs M. Jenkins, Mr A. Moncreiff, Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

28/18 Apologies For Absence: Mr W Black, Mr J Smith, Mr C Tedd.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk).

29/18 Declarations of Interests: Cllr Jenkins declared an interest and took no part in item 35/18.

30/18 Public Representations: None.

31/18 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of the **14 February 2018** were agreed and signed. Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded: Cllr Inns.

32/18 Matters Arising From The Minutes: Cllr Timms advised the meeting that guidance on revising the Emergency Plan was still awaited from Chichester District Council. West Sussex County Council had not implemented their "Winter Plan" during the last spell of snow and cold weather.

33/18 County Councillor Commentary: County Councillor David Bradford had sent his apologies.

34/18 District Council Commentary: District councillor Norma Graves had sent her apologies together with a report of recent District Council activities and initiatives which had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

35/18 Councillor Vacancy – Sally Bloomfield addressed the meeting in support of her application to be co-opted as a councillor and took questions from the council.

Resolved: That Sally Bloomfield be co-opted as a councillor on Fernhurst Parish Council. Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Williamson.

36/18 Annual Parish Meeting – 18 April 2018 – No response has been received from Sussex Police asked to provide a speaker for the event. An advertisement has been placed in the Fernhurst News April edition.

37/18 Fernhurst Society Open Day – 17 March 2018: The Parish Council has a manned stand at the planned Fernhurst Society Open Day scheduled to run between 10.00am and 2.00pm to answer parishioner's enquiries and promote interest in its work. A rota to man the stand was agreed.

38/18 The White House Wall – The Green. The request to Chichester District Council to provide decking as a level and safe walk-way past the fenced off footpath has been

completely ignored. It was agreed to channel any further action through District Councillors. **(Action: Clerk)**

39/18 Grant Applications. Not all anticipated applications for the 2018/19 financial year have been received. It was therefore decided to postpone discussion to the April council meeting. **Action: (Clerk)**

40/18 Correspondence & Other Matters:

Councillors' Announcements:

- **Community Volunteers & Chichester District Council** - Cllr Inns advised he had been invited to a meeting organised by Chichester District Council on the 25 April.
- **Village Metal Finger Posts** – It was agreed that the council would maintain these (there are thought to be three in the village) cleaning and re-painting as necessary to keep them in good order.
- **Annual Christmas Party: Cllr Timms** advised Fernhurst Village Hall has been booked for **Saturday 15 December** for this event. A list of invitees for the Christmas party was circulated to councillors for review. **Action: All Cllrs.** The Christmas lights would be as usual on the first Tuesday of December, the 4th.
- **SSE Roadworks in Vann Road:** The SSE subcontractor, Durkin has organised a public meeting on Thursday 15 March at Fernhurst Village Hall – the meeting does not appear to have been well publicised.
- **Van Common** – A review of tree management needs on Van Common is required. The clerk was instructed to contact an arboriculturalist to arrange for a new tree management plan for the common. **Action: (Clerk)**

Clerk's Announcements: None.

41/18 Monthly Executive & Committee Reports

- **February Bank Reconciliations:** were 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 Moncreiff, seconded by Cllr Timms, carried unanimously.
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the meetings of the **15 January & 12 February 2018.** Noted, received and accepted.

42/18 Update on Local Issues

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns reported Youth Club attendance had improved and stabilised at around 10 for both Junior and Senior sessions. While there was no immediate financial crisis the Youth Club was running at an annual deficit of approximately £1,000 per annum.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** The school is possibly seeking funding for on-site put down/pick-up facilities for children transported by car. The council discussed the past history of such funding appeals.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 11 April 2018

Chairman Signed:.....

Date:.....