



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Property Committee Meeting Minutes Monday 6 November 2017

A meeting of the **Property, Highways and Environment Committee** took place at Fernhurst Village Hall on

Monday 6 November 2017 at 6.00pm

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

PHE/24/17 Apologies For Absence: Mr C Tedd, Mr G Williamson Mr N Rawlings.

PHE/25/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PHE/26/17 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on **17 April 2017** were agreed as being a true record. Proposed Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Inns.

PHE/27/17 NOTICE-BOARDS

- It has been agreed to use the "Millennium Map" on the notice-board. A scheme for suitable footing in front of the notice-board is still needed. The old notice-board is to be relocated onto the Village Hall.

PHE/28/17 CEMETERY LYCH-GATE

- An amended design of increased wooden bracing for the lych-gate has now been approved although a narrative is required from the structural engineers. The issue of the requirements of planning permission is to be pursued. **(Action: Clerk)**
- The clerk brought to the attention of the committee the damage to the cemetery wall being inflicted by a tree in the border, east of the lych-gate. Cllr Buchanan agreed to review. **(Action: Cllr Buchanan)**

PHE/29/17 THE WHITE HOUSE – WALL SAFETY

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PHE/30/17 CROSS FIELD

- It was proposed to install the new bike-rack on the existing concrete slabs. Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Jenkins.
- The third tree agreed to be planted at Cross Field was to be installed.

- The Chairman reported that the raised flower-bed adjacent to the village sign was in a sad state of neglect.

PHE/31/17 PUBLIC TOILETS

- Cllr's Timms and Moncreiff, together with the clerk, undertook to inspect the public toilets and recommend any repairs and maintenance. Provision of facilities for wheel-chair users is also to be considered. **(Action: MT, AM, Clerk)**

PHE/32/17 VILLAGE GREEN FENCING

- The work, funded by the New Homes Bonus, had been authorised to proceed.

PHE/33/17 SALT BINS

- The five new salt bins have been installed and filled. More will probably be required next year with the ending of the salt/grit Hippo-Bag service.

PHE/34/17 TREE SURVEY

- Robin Barnes and Duncan Findlay were proposed as possible people to conduct the tree survey. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/35/17 PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

- The current contractor providing weekly inspection services has given notice of termination at the end of December 2017. On enquiry it will prove virtually impossible to engage the services of a qualified inspector on a weekly basis. A trained and competent person is usually engaged. It was decided to ask the village handyman if he would be willing to undertake the duty, together with the clerk as a back-up. **Action: (Clerk)**
- The clerk was instructed to ensure that the village handyman and the council would still have full insurance cover. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/36/17 OTHER ITEMS

- The Emergency Plan working party would arrange to meet after Christmas
- The council owned seats around the village require maintenance including the new seats at Cross Field.

Meeting Closed at 6.45pm

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Chairman