



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 14 November 2018

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

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

In Attendance: Philippa Hardwick (Chichester District Council), K Jones (Clerk).

137/18 Apologies For Absence: Mr C Tedd,

138/18 Declarations of Interests: None.

139/18 Public Representations: Mr Peter Hudson requested of the council an update of the repairs to the now dismantled White House wall on the village green. District Councillor Philippa Hardwick advised Mr Hudson that Chichester District Council was still trying to work with the householder on the issue but ultimately legal sanction may be used.

140/18 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **12 September 2018** and **10 October 2018** were agreed and signed.

Proposed Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Jenkins

141/18 Matters Arising From The Minutes: None not covered below.

142/18 County Council Commentary: County Councillor David Bradford had presented his apologies.

143/18 District Council Commentary: District Councillor Philippa Hardwick updated the meeting on initiatives from Chichester District Council on a range of issues which included: "Initiatives Magazine" – CDC's Site Allocation Development Plan Document – Housing Need Surveys – and the practical testing of CDC's business continuity planning following a recent telephone system failure.

144/18 Christmas Arrangements – Cllr Timms updated the meeting on plans for the Christmas Lights Celebrations, which are all going to plan. The Annual Christmas Party is being held in the village hall and decoration ideas are needed. **Action: (Cllrs, Bicknell, Bloomfield, Jenkins & Timms).**

145/18 New Homes Bonus – Ideas for 2019/20. Possible projects involving renovation of the public toilets, play area equipment, and public seats were discussed. Final decision making awaits the confirmation that a grant will possibly be available and its maximum amount.

146/18 Council Banking Arrangements – Lloyds refuse to accept account applications in branch for the category of account appropriate to the council. The clerk was advised to use the online route rather than via the telephone. **Action: (Clerk)**

At this juncture Cllr Bloomfield left the meeting.

147/18 Council Policies – Standing Orders – Review of council Standing Orders is ongoing. **(Action: Cllr Bicknell)**

148/18 May 2019 Elections – The elections are scheduled for Thursday 2 May 2019. The clerk was instructed to publicise the forthcoming election in the February and March 2019 editions of the Fernhurst News and Fernhurst Community websites and Facebook pages. **Action: (Clerk)**

**149/18 Correspondence & Other Matters:
Councillors' Announcements:**

The late **John Self:** The meeting expressed its sadness and regret on hearing of the news of the death of John Self. John had been a significant contributor to the life of the parish in many varied guises including that of a parish councillor. The council agreed to a donation at the coming funeral service as a small recognition of his large personal contribution.

The public liability insurance position of the contractors responsible for the routine maintenance of the cemetery is to be clarified. **Action: (Clerk)**

150/18 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

- Bank reconciliation for October presented for approval.
- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for November approved. **Proposed: Cllr Moncreiff, seconded Cllr Timms**
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **24 September 2018 & 15 October 2018**. Noted, received and accepted.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **8 October 2018**. Noted, received and accepted.

151/18 Update on Local Issues

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllrs Inns and Smith reported that Fernhurst Youth Club had now three possible new committee members. . An “Open Meeting” is planned for the 29 October in an attempt to recruit. Cllr Smith advised that the Youth Club was attracting approximately 14 juniors and 7-8 seniors to its meetings.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** Planning Committee meetings are now, out of necessity being held in the Fernhurst Centre. Cllr Smith advised that the village hall may be willing to install projection facilities.
- **Policing:** A meeting in Midhurst has been arranged to establish a “focus group” to assist in setting local policing priorities.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Cllr Bicknell advised that the Recreation Ground Trust was awaiting fresh architect’s drawings. A recent fund raising event was very successful. The recreation ground is looking for extra space to accommodate exercise sessions. The bottom half of the diocesan land in Church Road was put forward as a possibility. Cllr Black was asked to approach Chichester Diocese to establish the current status of this land. **Action: (Cllr Black)**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 12 December 2018

Chairman Signed:.....

Date:.....