



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 9 January 2019

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 6.45pm

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

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

1/19 Apologies For Absence: Mrs S Bloomfield.

2/19 Declarations of Interests: None.

3/19 Public Representations: Mr Peter Hudson requested the council write to Sussex Police asking for a more visible police presence in the village. Whilst crime levels were acknowledged to be low this situation was under threat from the lack of visible policing. Mr Roger Korner addressed the council in respect of speeding traffic on the A286 through the village.

4/19 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **12 December 2018** were approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Timms

5/19 Matters Arising From The Minutes: Cllr Buchanan agreed to circulate the response received from the South Down National Park Authority with reference to the Comer Homes proposals for "Fernhurst Park". **Action: (Cllr Buchanan)**

6/19 County Council Commentary: County Councillor David Bradford had presented his apologies.

7/19 District Council Commentary: District Councillor Philippa Hardwick updated the council on Chichester District Council initiatives covering waste & recycling, repairs to the White House wall and the very unfortunate injuries to a dog walker inflicted by cattle on Lynchmere Common.

8/19 Council Standing Orders - Under review. **Action: (All)**

9/19 Council Banking Arrangements – Online service with existing bankers (NatWest) to be progressed. **Action: (Clerk)**

**10/19 Correspondence & Other Matters:
Councillors' Announcements:**

Roy Woodward – There will be a memorial service for the late Roy Woodward on Tuesday 22 January at 2.30; Fernhurst Parish Church **Action: (Clerk)**

Miggs Lane – Flooding had been evident in Miggs Lane close to the junction with the A286. Southern Water and the Environment Agency had been involved and work by Southern Water had been in evidence.

Cemetery Contractors – The clerk advised that both contractors currently engaged on cemetery maintenance work had produced written evidence of public liability insurance to cover their activities on behalf of the council.

11/19 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

- Bank reconciliation for December presented for approval.
Proposed: Cllr Tedd, seconded Cllr Black
- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for January approved.
Proposed: Cllr Moncreiff, seconded Cllr Timms
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **26 November** and **17 December 2018**. Noted, received and accepted.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **10 December 2018**. Noted, received and accepted.
Cllr Black advised that work as defined in the recently commissioned “Tree Inspection Surveys” had been put out to tender. The lowest bid had been received from CCP Groundcare Ltd and Cllr black recommended acceptance of this tender to the council.
Resolved: To accept the tree work tender from CCP Groundcare Ltd.
Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Jenkins.
- **Village Handyman.** The council expressed its satisfaction and thanks for the work of the contractor utilised for small repair and replacement work around the village.
Resolved: To increase the labour rate payable to the contractor with effect from 1 April 2019. Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Moncreiff

12/19 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllrs Inns and Smith reported that Fernhurst Youth Club will resume activities next week.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** The new stage curtains which have been underwritten by the 2018/19 New Homes Bonus and the parish council have been installed.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 13 February 2019

Chairman Signed:.....

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