



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 13 February 2019**

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 13 February 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, Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: David Bradford (West Sussex County Council), Norma Graves (Chichester District Council), K Jones (Clerk).

13/19 Apologies For Absence: Mrs S Bloomfield, Mr C Tedd.

14/19 Declarations of Interests: None.

15/19 Public Representations: None.

16/19 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **9 January 2019** were approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Smith

17/19 Matters Arising From The Minutes: The clerk advised that a letter expressing disquiet at the lack of any visible police presence in the parish had been forwarded to the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.

18/19 County Council Commentary: County Councillor David Bradford advised the County Council budget was to be approved on the 15 February. Economies still needed to be made as the central government funded Revenue Support Grant will be zero in the 2019/2020 financial year. Councillors and the clerk raised issues with Cllr. Bradford on the problems created by the continued existence of the large "Durkin" depot in Vann Road and the traffic generated causing damage to the road surface and verges. The removal of "cat's eyes" on the A286 to the south and north of the village was also viewed as detrimental to road safety.

19/19 District Council Commentary: District Councillor Norma Graves updated the council on Chichester District Council initiatives covering "Careline", promotion of independent retail businesses in Chichester and surrounding towns and villages, development of small light industrial space at Terminus Road, activities of the Youth Engagement Officer, and anti-slavery and pollution issues raised by the proliferation of hand car washes.

20/19 Council Standing Orders - Under review. **Action: (All)**

21/19 Council Banking Arrangements – Online service with existing bankers (NatWest) to be progressed. **Action: (Clerk)**

22/19 Post Office Facilities – Cllr Bicknell advised a mobile Post Office van would be visiting Fernhurst, two days a week, Monday and Thursday for two hours per visit at the village hall. The service was being publicised as quickly as possible and it was agreed to insert a publicity leaflet in the March edition of the Fernhurst News. **Action: (Cllr Bicknell)**

**23/19 Correspondence & Other Matters:
Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements:**

King Edward VII New Housing Development – Cllr Buchanan reported he had attended a Liaison Group Meeting at the development. He had heard reports of poor water supply pressure causing residents problems. The “Transport Plan” inherent to the development appears to have been shelved. The junction of King’s drive with the A286 is considered increasingly inadequate as traffic volumes rise.

Dog Waste Bins – It was reported the dog waste bin at the Fernhurst Recreation Ground was full to overflowing. **Action: (Clerk)**

Village Green – Edges Damaged By Vehicle Parking – Increasing erosion of the village green by parked vehicles was reported.

Internal Audit – The clerk advised that the council’s internal audit will take place on 15 May. The internal auditor had advised the clerk that the external auditor had again asked for a focus on the awarding of grants and the level of reserves.

24/19 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

- Bank reconciliation for January presented for approval.
Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Buchanan
- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for February approved.
Proposed: Cllr Moncreiff, seconded Cllr Timms
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **7 January 2019**. Noted, received and accepted.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **7 January 2019**. Noted, received and accepted.
Cllr Black advised that cemetery lych-gate repair had been finished by the contractors. The old gates were to be replaced while the possibility of new ones was investigated.
Public Toilets – Cllr Black requested approval of expenditure of £1,000 to cover drawings to meet building regulation requirements and an additional £200 if planning permission was needed to redevelop the public toilets.
Resolved: To approve the expenditure of £1,000 on construction drawings and a further £200 to cover additional work if planning permission is needed.
Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Moncreiff.
- **Tree Survey Work** – No objection has been received to the proposed tree work in the cemetery or Lickfold Road; work is to commence 5 March.
- **Road Safety Issues** – An article by Mr Michael Hydon in the Fernhurst News raised several issues. Cllr Black agreed to respond on behalf of the council. **Action: (Cllr Black)**

25/19 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns commented on the sterling work that the late Elsie Waitt had performed for the Youth Club over many years. Cllrs Inns and Smith reported that Fernhurst Youth Club committee had still not been officially established.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Cllr Jenkins advised that she would be attending a meeting at the school on March 1.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** The Recreation Ground Trust has applied for planning permission for its proposed development to which the council has responded in a supportive and constructive manner.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 13 March 2019

Chairman Signed:.....

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