



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Property Committee Meeting Minutes Monday 7 January 2019

A meeting of the **Property, Highways and Environment Committee** took place at

The Fernhurst Centre on

Monday 7 January 2019 at 7.05pm

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

PHE/1/19 Apologies For Absence: Mr G. Inns, Mr G Williamson.

PHE/2/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PHE/3/19 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on **12 December 2018** were approved and adopted.
Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded: Cllr Timms.

PHE/4/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None not covered below.

PHE/5/19 TITLE REGISTRATIONS

No progress has yet been made by the solicitors on this issue owing to illness within the firm.

PHE/6/19 TREE SURVEY & MANAGEMENT

The quotations for the tree work designated in the Tree Inspection Reports have now been received and considered.

Resolved: To recommend to the Full Council Meeting acceptance of the quotation received from Commercial Cutting Power Ltd.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded: Cllr Bicknell

Evidence of suitable Public Liability Insurance is to be obtained from the prospective contractor. **Action: (Clerk)**

Two planning applications to cover work on the Lickfold Road and Cemetery sites have been submitted.

PHE/7/19 PUBLIC FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

West Sussex County Council has published its 2019 Rights of Way Routine Inspection and Maintenance Schedule. The clerk was instructed to publicise the access site so that parishioners may report any problems directly. **Action: (Clerk)**

Three footpath issues were identified by councillors:

- a.) Rainwater collecting on the footpath on the northern boundary of Fernhurst School
- b.) Just up from the entrance to West Close
- c.) The uneven state of the area at the front of the Crossway commercial premises, a Chichester District Council responsibility.

Action: (Clerk)

PHE/8/19 A286 – SPEED LIMITS & ENFORCEMENT

The recent vehicle accident on the 50mph section between Fernhurst and Camelsdale was discussed.

The council understands a group to form a “Community Speedwatch” on the A286 for the 30mph section in the village is being formed. The clerk was instructed to contact and offer assistance. **Action: (Clerk)**

A possible “Parish Transport Plan” was discussed. The clerk was instructed to obtain a suitable template for possible use. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/9/19 – GATWICK AIRPORT & NOISE POLLUTION

Following the circulation of the CPRE’s response to the publication of the Gatwick Airport Expansion Plan the committee discussed the implications.

The committee concluded the expansion plan grossly underestimated the number of people affected by noise where its effects are particularly noticeable in an area which should be one of relative peace and tranquillity. Representations to be submitted prior to their close on the 10 January. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE10/19 - CEMETERY LYCH-GATE

The repair is progressing if not at the pace the committee would wish for, partly owing to the weather. The design of the gates was discussed with Cllr Buchanan asked to approach Mr Braithwaite to ask if he would agree to design them. **Action: (Cllr Buchanan)**

The general state of the boundary wall was also discussed.

PHE/11/19 PUBLIC TOILETS

The draft lease has now been returned from the lawyers with additional comments. The three required reports and risk assessments have been completed.

Maintenance Programme

PHE/12/19 PUBLIC SEATS

Refurbishment of one unit remains to be completed this financial year on the north-east side of the village green.

PHE/13/19 BUS SHELTERS

Cedar timber to complete repairs to the shelter adjacent to Fernhurst School has been ordered.

PHE/14/19 PLAYGROUND

The meeting, scheduled for the 13 December did not take place.

PHE/15/19 CEMETERY

The insurance status of the contractors engaged on routine cemetery maintenance has been verified. The clerk was instructed to contact the main contractor to ascertain if and/or when he will be resuming his duties. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/16/19 VAN COMMON

The gully under the vehicular access to Van Common appears to have been cleared. Bamboo and laurel established in the area is to be cleared.

PHE/17/19 WINTER RESILIENCE PLAN

The council’s limited “Winter Resilience Plan” is restricted to West Sussex County Council gritting of main roads, supplementary gritting of subsidiary roads and local grit bins.

PHE/18/19 VILLAGE GREEN

The Fernhurst Parish council sign on the Green has been refurbished and the finger-posts are being so. The “gate” on the fencing still requires improvement. **Action: (Clerk)**
The committee also discussed car parking around the Green.

PHE/19/19 OTHER MATTERS

The flooding at the Southern Water site at Miggs Lane, which had been reported to the Environment Agency was discussed.

It was agreed to recommend to the full council meeting on the 9 January an increase in payment to the contractor engaged on small repair and remedial works around the parish.

Date of next meeting: 11 February 2019

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman