



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 13 March 2019

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 13 March 2019 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 C Tedd, Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: Philippa Hardwick (Chichester District Councillor, Norma Graves (Chichester District Councillor), K Jones (Clerk).

26/19 Apologies For Absence: Mr J Smith.

27/19 Declarations of Interests: None.

28/19 Public Representations: Mr Peter Hudson expressed his appreciation to the chairman and the council for its speedy and successful efforts to bring a mobile Post Office service to the village. Judith Turner advised the Council of a "Polish the Parish" initiative taking place on April 6 & 7 where volunteers would pick litter and debris. There was also a road safety initiative focussed on trimming roadside hedges to improve driver visibility.

29/19 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **13 February 2019** were not approved and signed.

30/19 Matters Arising From The Minutes: Cllr Black advised the meeting that the contracted tree work did not start on March 5 but is now scheduled for the 14 March. Cllr Black had contacted the local "Road Safety Group" and was waiting to hear how they thought the Parish Council could assist.

31/19 County Council Commentary: None.

32/19 District Council Commentary: District Councillors Philippa Hardwick and Norma Graves were both in attendance and Cllr Hardwick announced she would not be standing for re-election in May. The council collectively thanked Cllr Hardwick for her work and support on behalf of Fernhurst Parish and wished her well for the future. Cllrs Hardwick and Graves updated the council on the latest developments at the District Council.

33/19 S.137 Grants – Deferred to the next meeting.

34/19 Elections – 2 May 2019 Councillors who wish to stand were reminded of the need to complete nomination papers accurately and to submit before the deadline.

35/19 Annual Parish Meeting – May 2019 The meeting was advised that the Annual Parish Meeting was now scheduled for **Wednesday 22 May**.

36/19 Council Policies – Standing Orders The clerk had distributed the updated council Standing Orders for approval by the council.

Resolved: To approve and adopt the revised Standing Orders dated March 2019.

Proposed Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Jenkins.

37/19 Social Media Publicity & The Parish Council. The Parish Council is increasingly asked to publicise actions and events for the District and County Councils and also wishes to have effective channels of communication with its parishioners.

The council debated the use of social media channels, principally Facebook and Twitter.

It was decided not to create a dedicated parish council Facebook or Twitter accounts.

It was resolved: To use the facility of the Fernhurst Village Community Board Public Group Facebook page to publicise appropriate public notices and features of the work of the Parish, District and County Councils.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Inns

38/19 Council Banking Arrangements. No progress to report. **(Action: (Clerk))**

39/19 Correspondence & Other Matters:

Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements:

Cllr Inns reported he had enrolled on a diploma course run by the Chartered Institute of Housing starting the 23 April. Cllr Jenkins asked if the Vann Road site currently occupied by the contractor "Durkin" had appropriate planning permission, if required. The clerk was instructed to enquire. **Action: (Clerk)**

New Homes Bonus: The clerk requested approval of the following resolution:

It was resolved: Fernhurst Parish Council accepts the terms and conditions of the following agreements between Chichester District Council and Fernhurst Parish Council:

New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) 2016/17 dated 30 September 2016:

New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) 2017/18 dated 5 October 2017:

New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) 2018/19 dated 4 October 2018.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Timms

40/19 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

- Bank reconciliation for February presented for approval.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Inns

- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for March approved.

Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Black

- **Planning Committee:** Cllr Buchanan requested, to which the council agreed, the establishment of a working group to examine the Syngenta planning application SDNP/19/00913/FUL. It was agreed the next Planning Committee meeting would be 25 March

- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **11 February 2019**. Noted, received and accepted.

Cllr Black advised the council had been granted Possessory Title of the northern section of the cemetery by the Land Registry.

The Certificate of Practical Completion, dated 19 February, for the Lych-Gate contract, has been received from Hockley & Dawson.

The agreed final version of the new lease for the public toilets has been received from Chichester District Council.

Resolved: Cllrs Black and Bicknell are authorised to execute the new lease as a Deed on behalf of the council.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Timms.

41/19 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns commented that West Sussex Rural Mobile Youth trust was selling the existing double-decker bus and buying two mini-bus type vehicles to replace it. Attendance at the junior and senior sections of the youth club was increasing but the stability of the management board was still an issue.

Cllr Bloomfield reported she had met the leader of the playground project in Fittleworth where two new playgrounds, junior and senior, have been established. The status of the council's occupation of the land on which the current playground stands was questioned and is to be established.

- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** It was reported that Sussex Police are seeking to recruit up to 100 Police Community Support Officers.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Cllr Jenkins advised that new opening hours are designed to alleviate the "drop-off" and "pick-up" car parking problem. The council viewed the proposed Traffic Restriction Order would eliminate the problem on the A286 but would create a problem in local side-roads. The school has funding for a School Crossing Patrol Officer but has been unable to attract a suitable applicant. The school is running a "Breakfast Club" from 7:45 and an "After-School Club" until 17:30.

A textile recycling collection bin is to be placed at the school to raise money. The school and pre-school are wanting to present at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** The Recreation Ground Trust has been granted planning permission for its proposed development as amended.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 10 April 2019

Chairman Signed:.....

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