



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Property Committee Meeting Minutes Monday 8 April 2019

A meeting of the **Property, Highways and Environment Committee** took place at
Fernhurst Village hall on
Monday 8 April 2019 at 6.00pm

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

PHE/52/19 Apologies For Absence: None.

PHE/53/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PHE/54/19 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None.

PHE/55/19 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on **11 March 2019** were approved and adopted.
Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded: Cllr Jenkins.

PHE/56/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None not covered below.

PHE/57/19 TITLE REGISTRATIONS

A question was raised whether the title to the Village Green included the public highway.

PHE/58/19 TREE SURVEY & MANAGEMENT

The contracted tree work has now been completed. Two letters of appreciation have been received from residents of Van Common.

PHE/59/19 PUBLIC FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

The following

a.) Rainwater collecting on the footpath on the northern boundary of Fernhurst School

This issue was reported to West Sussex C.C. Highways department whose response was that following a visual inspection no problem could be identified. The clerk is awaiting rainfall so that the precise location may be identified.

b.) At the entrance to West Close via Vann Road.

West Sussex C.C. Highways department again failed to identify any problem after a visual inspection. The issue was re-reported and identified at the second attempt. The clerk has been advised that "budgetary constraints" may delay repair.

c.) The uneven state of the area at the front of the Crossfield commercial premises, a Chichester District Council responsibility.

Cllr Bicknell advised that the area was highly unlikely to be considered for re-surfacing given Chichester District Council criteria.

PHE/60/19 - ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Black reported Mike Hydon is promoting a "Hearts & Minds" campaign to highlight road safety in the village. A "Facebook" page has been established to encourage ideas on the subject.

Cllr Black advised that at the recent Chichester North-West Area Parishes Meeting; Chris Dye of West Sussex C.C. Highways confirmed that action on road safety is based purely on accident statistics. There is no prior risk assessment.

Mrs Emma Black has confirmed that the hedge at Chase Farm, The Green will be cut back at the end of the bird nesting season.

PHE/61/19 – VILLAGE GREEN

Erosion of the edges of the green is being caused by vehicles, heavy lorries in particular.

PHE62/19 - CEMETERY LYCH-GATE

A scale-plan of the proposed new cemetery gates has been received from John Braithwaite and has been circulated for quotations.

PHE/63/19 PUBLIC TOILETS

The approved new lease has been received from Chichester District Council, signed and returned.

Maintenance Programme

PHE/64/19 PUBLIC SEATS

Quotations are required for the three proposed replacement seats to be submitted as a project for the New Homes Bonus grant award. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/65/19 PLAYGROUND

It has been established that 15 years remain outstanding on an original 25 year lease.

A post mounted waste bin is required for the playground.

The issue of the manifold notices at the playground was raised. The clerk was instructed to create a proposal to simplify and beautify. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/66/19 CEMETERY

The standing water in the cemetery (source unknown) persists. **Action: (Clerk)**

Prices for repair and re-pointing the cemetery wall have been received: Phase I (the eastern end) £950 and Phase II (the western end) £805.

Resolved: To recommend to the council approval to authorise the expenditure and engage the contractor.

Proposed: Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Timms.

PHE/67/19 LITTER CONTROL

It was reported that the “Polish up the Parish” weekend was well supported.

Date of next meeting: 13 May 2019

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

Signed.....

13 May 2019

Chairman