



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 12 June 2019

**Minutes** of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on  
**Wednesday 12 June 2019** at 6.45pm

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

**In Attendance:** District Cllr Peter Wilding, K Jones (Clerk).

**79/19 Apologies For Absence:** Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Buchanan.

**80/19 Declarations of Interests:** None.

**81/19 Public Representations:** None.

**82/19 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meetings of the **15 May 2019** were approved and signed.

**Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded: Cllr Jenkins**

**83/19 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**84/19 County Council Commentary:** County Councillor David Bradford had attended the Property, Highways & Environment Committee meeting on Monday 10 June.

**85/19 District Council Commentary:** District Councillor Peter Wilding advised the meeting that the Post Office had approved Mr Thya's business plan for the proposed Post Office at Crossfield. He also advised the meeting of the new structure at Chichester District Council, where no group has an overall majority, and the number of district councillors has been reduced from 48 to 36. The Conservative Party will form the Council Cabinet but chairmanship of committees will be shared with other groups.

**86/19 Councillor Vacancies:** The clerk reported that no applications had been received for the vacancies despite publicity. The clerk was instructed to approach Chris Tedd, who had formerly served, to ask his interest. **Action: (Clerk)**

**87/19 Annual Internal Audit Report:** The report had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

**Resolved: To approve and adopt the report.**

**Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Inns**

**88/19 Annual Governance & Accounting Statements:** The Annual Governance Statement was read to the meeting. The Annual Accounting Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**Resolved: To approve and adopt the Annual Governance Statement for the 2018/19 financial year.**

**Proposed: Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Smith**

**Resolved: To approve and adopt the Annual Accounting Statements for the 2018/19 financial year.**

**Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Williamson**

**89/19 Annual parish Meeting – 22 May 2019:** It was noted the meeting had been worthwhile for those participating but greater participation on the part of parishioners would have been welcomed. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Timms and Buchanan (in his absence) for organising the refreshments.

**90/19 Social Media Publicity & The Parish Council.** The council agreed to seek training for the clerk from Pauline Colcutt. **(Action: Clerk/Cllr Bicknell)**

**91/19 Council Standing Orders Review:** Cllr Inns kindly volunteered to lead the review but it is open to all councillors to participate. **Action: (All)**

**92/19 Correspondence & Other Matters:  
Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements:**

Cllr Inns advised the meeting he had passed the Chartered Institute of Housing Level 2 Certificate in Housing Practice.

Cllr Timms advised she was investigating the status of the defibrillator at the Village Hall. The Chairman asked the council to approve a letter to the Trustees of the Recreation Ground Trust confirming the council's agreement in principle to support funding for the pavilion project. Approval was granted.

#### **93/19 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

- Bank reconciliations for April and May were presented for approval. **Approval to be granted. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded Cllr Black**
- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for June approved. **Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Inns**
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of **7 May 2019** received, noted and accepted.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **13 May 2019**. Noted, received and accepted.  
Cllr Black requested approval for acceptance of the quotation from J Homewood. The lowest tendered, for the extension of the fencing on the Village Green  
**Resolved: To approve expenditure for the extension of fencing to the Village Green.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Timms.**

#### **94/19 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllrs Inns and Smith reported that the Youth Club attendances were increasing for both juniors and seniors. The committee is to meet to discuss finances. Facebook is being used to communicate with parents. A structural and fabric report on the building is awaited.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** The water heater in the ladies toilets had broken and has been replaced. The lighting is also to be upgraded.
- **Policing:** Car break-ins are being reported at rural car parks used by walkers.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Cllr Jenkins reported the school is under financial constraints and the deputy head is not being replaced and two class teachers are to be recruited. On the 12 July Friends of Fernhurst School are organising a fundraising barbecue.

- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Fund raising dinners and barn dances have been organised.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: 10 July 2019**

**Chairman Signed:**.....

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