



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 10 July 2019**

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 10 July 2019 at 6.45pm

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

In Attendance: County Cllr David Bradford, K Jones (Clerk).

95/19 Apologies For Absence: Mr G Inns, Mr G Williamson.

96/19 Declarations of Interests: None.

97/19 Public Representations: Mr & Mrs Webber sought support and advice from the council on their proposed planning application to change the use of the former post office premises from retail to residential.

98/19 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings of the **12 June 2019** were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded: Cllr Buchanan.

99/19 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

100/19 County Council Commentary: County Councillor David Bradford advised the council on news and initiatives from West Sussex County Council.
Road accident and incident reporting procedure has been updated to hopefully generate more informative statistics.

Sussex Police are almost unique as a force covering mainly rural communities in not having a Rural Crime Team. Combating drug distribution is absorbing a great deal of police resource.

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has received a Bad Inspection Report.

West Sussex Education Department has received a Bad Ofsted Report.

West Sussex County Council Staff Pension Schemes are generally well funded.

The drainage ditch on the Van Common/Vann Road boundary requires attention and Cllr. Bradford offered to take up the issue with West Sussex County Council Highways Dept. The clerk was instructed to e-mail details of the issue to Cllr. Bradford. **(Action: Clerk)**

101/19 District Council Commentary: None.

102/19 Councillor Vacancies: The clerk reported that no applications or expressions of interest had been received. The approach to Chris Tedd, who had formerly served, to ask his interest, was to be deferred until September. **Action: (Clerk)**

103/19 Investment Policy: Following discussion it was:

Resolved: To formally adopt the investment policy previously circulated.

Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield, seconded Cllr Smith.

104/19 Cemetery Fees Review: Following discussion it was:

Resolved: To formally adopt the previously circulated cemetery fees with effect from 1 August 2019.

Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Buchanan

105/19 Grant Application – Fernhurst Youth Club

Discussion was deferred until the September meeting.

106/19 Social Media Publicity & The Parish Council.

Discussion was deferred until the September meeting.

107/19 Council Standing Orders Review:

In the absence of Cllr Inns discussion was deferred until the September meeting.

108/19 Correspondence & Other Matters:

Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements:

Cllr Timms advised the meeting that Robin Barnes had kindly agreed to donate an appropriate Christmas Tree for the Crossfield location.

109/19 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliation for June was not presented for approval.
- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for July approved.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Timms

Finance Committee meeting minutes of the **14 January 2019**, noted, received and accepted.

- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of **28 May 2019** received, noted and accepted.
Cllr Buchanan advised that no new news on the Syngenta/Fernhurst Park planning application was available.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **10 June 2019**. Noted, received and accepted.

110/19 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** Sensors to control the lights have been installed in the toilets
- **Policing:** The lack of a regular police presence continues.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Fund raising continues with "The Lashings" next week.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 11 September 2019

Chairman Signed:.....

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