



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 11 September 2019

**Minutes** of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on  
**Wednesday 11 September 2019** at 6.45pm

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

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

**111/19 Apologies For Absence:** Mr W Black, Mrs S Bloomfield.

**112/19 Declarations of Interests:** Mr G Inns declared an interest in item 123/19.

**113/19 Public Representations:** None.

**114/19 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of the **10 July 2019** were approved and signed.

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

**115/19 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**116/19 County Council Commentary:** County Councillor David Bradford advised the council on news and initiatives from West Sussex County Council.

**Sussex Police:** There has been no support from the Chief Constable to pressure to establish a Rural Crime Unit.

**Small Retail:** Support is being offered to small independent retailers.

**Electric Vehicles:** The County Council has started a consultation process to see how support might be provided.

**Mobile Libraries:** Have been scrapped as a cost-cutting measure.

**King Edward VII Development:** Public transport obligations are not being fulfilled by the developer.

**117/19 District Council Commentary:** District Councillor Norma Graves had delivered her commentary to the council which has been circulated to councillors.

**118/19 Councillor Vacancies:** The clerk was instructed to re-advertise the vacancies.  
**Action: (Clerk)**

**119/19 Christmas:** The clerk was instructed to advertise the switching on of the Christmas Lights in the Fernhurst News for November and December. The start time was brought forward to 6.30pm. **Action: (Clerk)**

An update of the Council Christmas Party List is to be undertaken. **(Action: Cllr Timms)**

**121/19 Crossfield/The Leys:** The council has received complaints from residents in Crossfield of trees and scrub in The Leys depriving them of natural light and warmth. There have also been complaints of the footpath in The Leys has become overgrown.

The clerk was instructed to write to the landowner to request their attention to the overgrown state of the land. **Action: (Clerk)**

**122/19 Public Toilets:** An application for planning permission is in process by the architect.

**123/19 Grant Application – Fernhurst Youth Club**

**Resolved: To approve the grant application in the sum of £1,000.**

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

**124/19 Social Media Publicity & The Parish Council.**

Discussion was deferred until the October meeting.

**125/19 Council Standing Orders/Financial Regulations Review:**

Discussion was deferred until the October meeting.

**126/19 Correspondence & Other Matters:**

**Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements:**

Citizens Advice Bureau is establishing a weekly two hour session based at the Fernhurst Centre.

The Mobile Post Office will be available in the village until the permanent office is re-opened.

The A.G.M. of the Youth Club Trustees will be held on the 7 October.

The continuation of the Minor Injuries Unit at Haslemere Hospital would appear to be under threat.

**127/19 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**Finance and Administration**

- Bank reconciliations for June, July & August were presented for approval.

**Proposed: Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Inns.**

- Authorisation of list of payments and signing of cheques for August & September approved.

**Proposed: Cllr Williamson, seconded Cllr Bicknell**

- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of **24 June & 22 July 2019** received, noted and accepted.  
Cllr Buchanan advised that there was an outline proposal for up to 600 properties at Iron Hill.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Minutes of the meeting of the **8 July 2019**. Noted, received and accepted.
- **Resolved: To accept a quotation in the sum of £1,500 to replace the roof on the bus shelter at Marley Hanger.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded, Cllr Inns.**

**128/19 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** A licensed driver for a mini-bus for senior club outings is being sought.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** The new Traffic Restriction Order appears to be largely ignored.

- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** The Charitable Trust is still trying to secure “Incorporated” status.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: 9 October 2019**

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

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