



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 15 July 2020**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on
Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7.00pm

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

70/20 Apologies for Absence: Mrs S Bloomfield, Mr G Inns, Mr C Lloyd, Mrs C Thorne,
Mrs M Timms.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk).

71/20 Declarations of Interests: None.

72/20 Public Representations: None.

73/20 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **10 June 2020** were
approved.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded: Cllr Smith.

74/20 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

75/20 County Council Commentary: The Rother Valley Parishes Report submitted by
County Cllr David Bradford had been circulated to all councillors.

76/20 District Council Commentary: District Cllr Norma Graves had submitted her July
report circulated to all councillors.

77/20 Fernhurst Social Club: It had been reported to the parish council that Fernhurst
Social Club had been in receipt of £20k of government grants associated with the Covid-
19 epidemic. The Club remains closed.

78/20 The Fernhurst Centre: The Centre has a permanent crest signifying The Queen's
Award For Voluntary Service.

79/20 Fernhurst Playground: The safety implications of reopening the playground; now
permitted under changes to Covid Regulations were discussed.

Resolved: To reopen the playground subject to installation of appropriate signage.

Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Black.

Action: (Clerk)

80/20 Winter Resilience Planning: It is planned to install three new grit bins – Ropes Lane/Fernden Lane/West Close – subject to landowner consent. ACS will continue as the contractor for side-road gritting. **Action: (Cllr Smith/Clerk)**

81/20 Internet Banking: It was agreed to add Cllr Lloyd to the internet banking authorisers. **(Action: Cllr Bicknell)**

82/20 Review of Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: The existing standing orders and financial regulations had been circulated to all councillors for review and comment. The reviewed standing orders and financial regulations were to be tabled for adoption at the September council meeting. **Action: (All)**

83/20 Correspondence & Other Matters:

Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements: None to note.

84/20 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for June were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Jenkins.
- Authorisation of list of payments for July approved.
Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Black.
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of the **26 May 2020** received, noted and accepted.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Cllr Black updated the meeting on the following matters:
 - Vann Road/Van Common gully/culvert: In the event of the council being asked to contribute up to 20% of the anticipated cost it was resolved to approve a contingency sum of £2,810 – **Proposed Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Jenkins**
 - The tree appraisal in the cemetery has identified trees to be removed. Permission will be needed within the Conservation Area. **(Action: Cllr Jenkins/Clerk)**
 - The annual tree safety inspection will be carried out this autumn.
 - Cemetery Management software is still required. **Action: (Clerk)**

85/20 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** The Youth Club remains closed.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** The Village Hall Committee is carrying out a risk assessment on re-opening the Village Hall. Government restrictions are still limiting the activities and number of people allowed in the hall at any one time.
- **Policing:** The local PCSO has been requested to act on cyclists riding dangerously and illegally west on Church Road.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** It has been observed that cricket and tennis activities have recommenced.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 9 September 2020

Chairman Signed:.....

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