



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 9 September 2020**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually on
Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 7.00pm

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

86/20 Apologies for Absence: Mrs S Bloomfield, Mrs M Timms.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk).

87/20 Declarations of Interests: None.

88/20 Public Representations: Mr Peter Godman and Mr Alan Knox made representations to the council in support of a speed limit reduction on the section of the A286 between the King's Arms Public House and the junction with King's Drive from 50 to 40mph.

89/20 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **15 July 2020** were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Inns, seconded: Cllr Buchanan.

90/20 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

91/20 County Council Commentary: The Rother Valley Parishes Report for September submitted by County Cllr David Bradford had been circulated to all councillors.

92/20 District Council Commentary: District Cllr Norma Graves had submitted her September report; circulated to all councillors.

93/20 Road Speed Issues: Following representations from Henley residents and further discussion it was

Resolved: To apply for a TRO restricting the speed on the A286 between the King's Arms and King's Drive to 40mph in conjunction with Easebourne Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Williamson.

94/20 Council Grants: A list of grant applications recommended by the Finance Committee had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Resolved: To approve the recommended list of grant applications.

Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Buchanan

The clerk was instructed to request copy invoices for redecorating work to support the grant application from Fernhurst Village Hall. **Action: (Clerk)**

95/20 Covid Grant: The clerk informed the meeting that an application for the Small Business Rate Covid grant of £10,000 had been resubmitted by the council with an expectation of success.

96/20 E-Mail & Website Facilities: The council has enrolled with the “Fasthosts” company to host e-mail and website facilities. The ambition is to register the fernurst.gov.uk domain name for the website and e-mail addresses.

97/20 Future Council Meeting Formats. Central government has currently given a dispensation to Parish Councils to meet virtually until May 2021 or until they decide otherwise. The council has decided to continue the virtual format but this will be kept under review as the Covid-19 situation evolves.

98/20 Review of Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: The existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been reviewed; modified as thought appropriate and circulated to all councillors for final review and approval.

Resolved: To adopt the reviewed Council Standing Orders.
Proposed, Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Inns

Resolved: To adopt the reviewed Council Financial Regulations.
Proposed, Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Buchanan

99/20 Correspondence & Other Matters:

Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements: Cllr Buchanan advised that it was still unclear if the new coffee shop had applied for and been granted a licence by Chichester District Council for its pavement seating.

The clerk advised the meeting that he was making enquiries of potential S.106 money receivable by the council in respect of the Hurstfold housing development.

100/20 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for July and August were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded Cllr Buchanan.
- Authorisation of list of payments for August and September approved.
Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded Cllr Buchanan.
- Finance Committee meeting minutes of the 2 December 2019 received and noted.
- **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the **7 & 20 July, 3 & 17 August 2020** received, noted and accepted.
Cllr Buchanan informed the meeting that he had received an e-mail from the owner of Ashurst, Lickfold Road, wishing to meet with councillors to discuss his planning ambitions for the location.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Cllr Black updated the meeting on the following matters:
 - Vann Road/Van Common gully/culvert: work is scheduled to start week commencing 21 September with the cost fully funded by a West Sussex County Council “Operation Watershed” grant.
 - The Public Toilets contract is out to tender on the government website.
 - Robin Barnes has tendered his resignation from mowing the verges at Van Common and a new contractor will be sought.

- A budget for the shredder and compost bins identified as required in the cemetery of £1,000 was requested.

Resolved: To approve a budget of £1,000 for a shredder and compost bins for the cemetery.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded, Cllr Inns

101/20 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Inns advised that the Youth Club was very unlikely to re-open prior to Christmas. No repair work had yet been carried out by Hyde at the Nappers Wood play area.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** The hall has been redecorated and reopened on 1 September.
- **Policing:** The local PCSO has reported no illegal cycling on Church Road when the limited monitoring has occurred.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** The school has started the autumn term with all years back in specified “bubbles”. A new head teacher is in post.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 14 October 2020

Chairman Signed:.....

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