



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 20 January 2021

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held virtually on
Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7.00pm

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

1/21 Apologies for Absence: Mrs M Timms, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk).

2/21 Declarations of Interests: None.

3/21 Public Representations: None

4/21 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **16 December 2020** were approved.

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

5/21 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

6/21 County Council Commentary: None to note.

7/21 District Council Commentary: None to note.

8/21 The Revels: The council has agreed permission for the organisers of The Revels to use the village green on the new proposed date of 30 August 2021.

9/21 E-Mail and Website Facilities: The attempt to register a new .gov.uk domain address for the council using fasthosts.co.uk has proved futile and has been abandoned. A new attempt using ukfast.co.uk has started. The council is too small to deal with ukfast.co.uk directly and the application and customer service is being handled by business2host.com . Initial impressions with UK based customer support are more favourable; time will tell. **Action: (Clerk)**

10/21 Household Waste Disposal Facilities: The immediate future of the Midhurst site appears to have been secured.

11/21 Syngenta Development. The amount of Community Infrastructure Levy payable to the council remains uncertain. The timing of the receipt of any payments is dependent upon the developer commencing work and the possible retention of delayed payment provisions occasioned by the covid pandemic. Cllr Buchanan agreed to contact SDNPA as to progress with the calculation.

Action: (Cllr Buchanan)

S.106 money payable in respect of the Hurstfold development relating to highway improvements has apparently already been appropriated and allocated by West Sussex C.C. Highways Department. The clerk was asked to investigate. **Action: (Clerk)**

12/21 Correspondence & Other Matters:

Councillors' & Clerk's Announcements:

The clerk advised that he had agreed a new two year contract with the existing supplier for a faster and marginally cheaper broadband/telephone service.

148/20 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for December were approved.
Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Black.
- Authorisation of list of payments for January approved, with additional £1,440.95 for a Stihl GH460 shredder/chipper for the cemetery.
Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Black.

Planning Committee

- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **15 December 2020** received and noted.
- **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:** Cllr Black advised the meeting that the contractor engaged for refurbishment of the public toilets had started on time against the security of a letter of intent. The Licence to Alter had been received from Chichester District Council.
- The contractor engaged for tree felling and pruning had started work on Van Common. A contractor had been engaged for ditch clearing duties on the common.
- The council was prepared to commit up to £5,000 in an attempt to keep the status of the speed limit application in respect of the A286 as a Traffic Restriction Order rather than the far more problematical Community Highway Scheme. **Action: (Clerk)**
- The current cemetery maintenance arrangement is to be reviewed. **Action: (Clerk)**
- **Resolved: To increase the hourly rate paid for casual maintenance work by 3.2%. Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded: Cllr Lloyd**

Proposed, Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Lloyd.

- The minutes of the Property, Highways & Environment Committee meeting of the **14 December 2020** received and noted.

149/20 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** There were no current reports of anti-social behaviour.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** Cllr Lloyd agreed to become a key holder for the village hall and council office. **Action: (Cllrs. Bicknell/Lloyd/Smith)**
- **Policing:** Numerous reports of break-ins of outbuildings and theft of gardening and agricultural machinery have been received.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Cllr Lloyd reported that more resources to support remote learning are being sought and deployed.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** The issue of unleashed dogs on the recreation ground is ongoing.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 10 February 2021

Chairman Signed:.....

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