



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 8 September 2021

**Minutes** of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on  
**Wednesday 8 September 2021** at 7.00pm

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

**118/21 Apologies for Absence:** Mr J Buchanan, Mr C Lloyd, Mrs C Thorne.

**In Attendance:** Peter Wilding, (Chichester District Councillor), K Jones (Clerk).

**119/21 Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Bicknell declared an interest as a trustee of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust and did not participate or vote on item 129/21.

**120/21 Public Representations:** None

**121/21 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of the **21 July 2021** were approved.  
**Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield, seconded: Cllr Jenkins.**

**122/21 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**123/21 County Council Commentary** Cllr Tom Richardson had presented his written apologies and had contacted Comer Homes following local concerns at vandalism and fly-tipping at their Syngenta site.

**124/21 District Council Commentary:** Cllr Wilding advised the meeting of the serious problems facing the district council when preparing its Local Plan. It is proving impossible to resolve the housing target numbers demanded by Central Government with the realities of restricted highway and waste water capacity.

**127/21 Councillor Co-Option:** Two candidates had put themselves forward and presented to the council. Both candidates impressed the council but with only one vacancy a decision had to be made.

**Resolved: To offer the councillor vacancy to Mr Nigel Barker.**

**Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Williamson**

**128/21 E-Mail & Website Facilities:** No report.

**129/21 S.106 & CIL Money:** The councils offer to fund new compost bins at the recreation ground, subject to certain conditions, has been rejected by the Recreation Ground Trustees. It was agreed to look for alternative eligible projects to fund. The clerk was instructed to write to the Recreation Ground Trustees informing them of the council's decision. **Action: (Clerk)**

**130/21 Syngenta Development:** No report.

**131/21 Fernhurst Club & Newsagent Premises:** It was believed that the Fernhurst Club Trustees had found a buyer for the residential accommodation in the premises, although not confirmed. The council has received complaints about late evening noise and odours arising from the Club's garden, where people are apparently gathering to drink and participate in other social activities.

**132/21 Grant Applications:** The application from the Fernhurst News was considered by the council and rejected on the grounds that the Fernhurst News had sufficient funds to continue into the 2022/2023 financial year and did not currently need the council's support.

**133/21 Adoption of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations:**

**Resolved:** To adopt the September 2021 version of the Council's Standing Orders.

**Proposed:** Cllr Jenkins, seconded, Cllr Black

**Resolved:** To adopt the September 2021 version of the Council's Financial Regulations.

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

**134/21 Housing Survey:** The council has been approached by Rural Solutions Ltd, seeking the council's co-operation in conducting a "Housing Needs Assessment" in the parish. The clerk was instructed to obtain more information as to the origin and purpose of this proposed assessment. **Action: (Clerk)**

**135/21 Correspondence & Other Matters:**

The council discussed the possibility of a one page article from the council to be published in each edition of the Fernhurst News.

Christmas Celebrations:

Christmas Tree: Cllr Buchan to be asked to progress: **Action: (Clerk)**

Christmas Party: Place: Village Hall, date, Sunday 5 December, time, 12.00pm onwards.

Christmas Lights: Tuesday 7 December.

It was noted a Sunday bus service is now available to Guildford.

**136/21 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**Finance and Administration**

- No bank reconciliation was available for approval.  
**Proposed Cllr Bicknell, Seconded Cllr Jenkins.**
- List of payments for August & September were approved.  
**Proposed Cllr Williamson, Seconded Cllr Black**

**Planning Committee**

- No chairman's comments to note.
- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **1** and **29 July** were received and noted.

**Property, Highways and Environment Committee:**

- The bus shelter at Marley Hanger on the southern side has been identified as being in a completely unsatisfactory position to function for its intended purpose. It requires moving to be immediately adjacent to the footpath. This is a potential future project.
- The wooden fencing posts and rails around the playground are nearing the end of their natural life. Total replacement would not be required if the fencing erected to protect against cricket balls was utilised as the boundary fence. To be examined further.

**137/21 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Attempts are still being made to recruit a committee and youth leaders.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** Consideration is being given to a Chichester District Council promoted scheme to install solar panels on the Village Hall roof.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Cllr Bloomfield reported Fernhurst Primary School had continued to offer support to pupils through the summer break. The school had extended its grateful thanks for the provision of lap-tops last December which were proving so useful to pupils. Current pupil numbers are 154 but 210 could be accommodated.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

**Date of Next Meeting: 13 October 2021**

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

**Date:**