



**FERNHURST  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

# **Annual Meeting of the Council**

## **Minutes**

### **Wednesday 11 May 2022**

**Minutes** of the Annual **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall  
on **Wednesday 11 May 2022** at 7.00pm

**Councillors Present:**, Mr N Barker, Mrs H Bicknell, Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr J Smith, Mr G Williamson.

**In Attendance:** K Jones (Clerk)

**70/22 Election of Council Chairman:**

**Resolved:** Cllr H Bicknell – **Proposed:** Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Buchanan.

**71/22 Election of Council Vice-Chairman:**

**Resolved:** Cllr Black – **Proposed:** Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Buchanan.

**72/22 Election of Planning Committee Members**

All present were elected.

**73/22 Election of Finance Committee Members**

**Elected:** Cllrs, Barker, Bicknell, Black, Buchanan, Lloyd, Williamson.

**74/22 Election of Property, Highways & Environment Committee Members**

All present were elected.

**75/22 Apologies for Absence:** Mr G Inns, Mr C Lloyd.

**76/22 Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Bicknell declared an interest as an ex-officio trustee of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust.

**77/22 Public Representations:** None

**78/22 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meetings of the **13 April 2022** were approved.

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

**79/22 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**80/22 County Council Commentary:** None to report.

**81/22 District Council Commentary:** None to report.

**82/22 Councillor Vacancy:** Councillors continue to canvass possible candidates: advertising has brought no response. **(Action: All)**

**83/22 Annual Parish Meeting 2022:**

**84/22 S.106 & CIL Money:** Investigation into possible schemes to improve road safety is on-going.

**85/22 E-Mail & Website Facilities:** The clerk has continued to evaluate new website hosting and email facilities. **Action: (Clerk)**

**86/22 Fernhurst Club & Fernhurst Youth Club:** Subsequent to the meeting the planning application to divide the residential from the commercial premises has been approved.

Fernhurst Youth Club is still to reopen after the covid shutdown. To date it has proven impossible to recruit a full management committee or staff to run the club events. The deteriorating condition of what is a very old building is another obstacle to reopening. The former treasurer and secretary have both left the area and the trustees are currently lacking necessary information to access the club's bank account. Without local, practical, volunteer support, the facility for young people will not re-open.

**87/22 Facilities Management:** The clerk was instructed to obtain the views of the council's insurers on this matter. **Action: (Clerk)**

**88/22 Neighbourhood Plan:** The council is aware of the age of its adopted Neighbourhood Plan and the fact that the Chichester Local Plan has been superseded by the South Downs National Park Local Plan as the major reference point.

The clerk was instructed to contact South Downs National Park Authority to enquire of any progress in the possible Syngenta developments. **Action: (Clerk)**

Consideration of a way forward is required. **Action: (All)**

**89/22 Correspondence & Other Matters:** Cllr Bicknell advised the meeting of an impending meeting of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground trustees.

**90/22 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**Finance and Administration**

- Bank reconciliations for April were not presented.
- List of payments for May was approved.  
**Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Black**

**Planning Committee**

- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **13 April 2022** received and noted.

**Property, Highways and Environment Committee:**

- Cllr Black updated the meeting on the various project and maintenance initiatives in progress.

## 91/22 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Continuing issues with the Fernhurst Youth Club noted in item 86/22 above.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Work continues apace.

**Date of Next Meeting: 8 June 2022**

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