



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Thursday 11 November 2021

Minutes of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Thursday 11 November 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell, (Chairman), Mr N Barker, Mr W Black,
Mrs S Bloomfield, Mr J Smith.

155/21 Apologies for Absence: Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd,
Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk).

156/21 Declarations of Interests: Cllr Bicknell declared an interest in item 168/21 as an ex-officio trustee of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust and did not participate in discussion or voting.

157/21 Public Representations: None

158/21 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **13 October 2021** were approved.

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

159/21 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

160/21 County Council Commentary: No report.

161/21 District Council Commentary: No report.

162/21 Draft Budget 2022/2023: The meeting discussed the draft budget and considered it to be suitable for formal adoption.

163/21 Christmas Arrangements: The council considered the Covid related implications of proceeding with the planned Christmas party in the Village Hall. After discussion it was with regret agreed to cancel the event owing to public health issues.

The Christmas Lights event will take place on Tuesday 7 December and unfortunately Cllr Buchan is indisposed with reference to the Christmas tree. The clerk was instructed to organise a tree and its installation and purchase some additional lights for the tree. Other event arrangements are to stand. **Action: (Cllrs, Bicknell, Smith & clerk)**

164/21 E-Mail & Website Facilities: The current host of the council's domain @fernhurst-pc.gov.uk has finally been in contact to commence the transfer of the [domain @fernhurst-wsx-pc.gov.uk](mailto:domain@fernhurst-wsx-pc.gov.uk) and associated email facilities.

165/21 S.106 & CIL Money: No development to report.

166/21 Syngenta Development: No development to report.

167/21 Fernhurst Club & Newsagent Premises: No development to report.

168/21 Grant Applications: The council has received a grant application from the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trustees to help fund the installation of a dedicated fresh water supply to the site. The current supply has failed and a temporary above ground pipe has been installed.

Resolved: To award a grant of £6,000 to the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trustees to assist with the expense of a new fresh water supply.

Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield, seconded, Cllr Black.

The council indicated its support to the redevelopment of the pavilion and it hoped that £5,000 would be made available by way of grant in each of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 financial years.

169/21 Housing Survey: No development to report.

170/21 Correspondence & Other Matters:

The council's office computer is being updated for application software and data storage. Cllr Bicknell advised a meeting of the Human Resources Committee was still needed to review the council's human resources. **Action: (Cllr Bicknell)**

Another complete set of office keys and alarm fob is still required. **Action: (Clerk)**

171/21 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliation for October was approved.
Proposed Cllr Black, Seconded Cllr Barker
- List of payments for November was approved.
Proposed Cllr Black, Seconded Cllr Barker

Planning Committee

- No chairman's comments to note.
- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **13 October 2021** were received and noted.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- The committee chairman Cllr Black advised the meeting that the biennial tree inspection had been completed and a quotation for the required work on Van Common received in the sum of £680.
- A quotation for cutting of hedges and other growth on cemetery borders in the sum of £1,160 was recommended to be accepted by the council.

Resolved: To accept a quotation of £1,160 for hedge and tree maintenance work in the cemetery.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Bloomfield.

- It was recommended to plant a "Jubilee Tree" on the village green, of a native species to be agreed.

- The council is promoting a TRO on the A286 to the south of the village, to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph. Changes to the road traffic signage in Church Road are also deemed desirable. The use of Section 106 funding available to the council exclusively for road improvement and safety matters would be used for these matters if required.
- Property, Highways & Environment Committee meeting minutes of the **11 October 2021** were received and noted.

172/21 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Attempts are still being made to recruit a committee and youth leaders including a stall at a recent parents open evening at Fernhurst Primary School.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** A playground design competition is being organised.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

Date of Next Meeting: 16 December 2021

Chairman Signed:.....

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