



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 8 June 2022**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mr N Barker, Mrs H Bicknell, Mr W Black, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr C Lloyd, Mr J Smith, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk)

92/22 Apologies for Absence: Mr J Buchanan, Mr M Giffin.

93/22 Declarations of Interests: Cllr Bicknell declared an interest as an ex-officio trustee of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust.

94/22 Public Representations: None

95/22 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings of the **13 April 2022** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Buchanan.

96/22 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

97/22 County Council Commentary: None to report.

98/22 District Council Commentary: The Chichester District Council report from District Councillor Peter Wilding was received and noted.

99/22 Review of Internal Audit Report & AGAR 2021 – 2022

Resolved: To approve the adoption & signing of the **Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022** by the Council Chairman and the clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded, Cllr Inns.

Resolved: To approve the adoption and signing of the **Accounting Statements 2021/2022** by the Council Chairman and the clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded, Cllr Inns.

100/22 Councillor Vacancy: The search has continued with no tangible success. **(Action: All)**

101/22 S.106 & CIL Money: Investigation into possible schemes to improve road safety is on-going. **Action: (Cllrs Buchanan & Barker)**

102/22 E-Mail & Website Facilities: The clerk has continued to evaluate new website hosting and email facilities. **Action: (Clerk)**

103/22 Fernhurst Club & Fernhurst Youth Club: No information is available about the proposed sale of the residential portion of the Fernhurst Club following the grant of planning permission.

Fernhurst Youth Club trustees have now received necessary information from former trustees/officers to control the club's bank account. Despite efforts there is no progress to report on any other action to re-establish the facility.

104/22 Facilities Management: The clerk advised the council of the response from the council's insurers and de-activation was agreed. **Action: (Clerk)**

105/22 Neighbourhood Plan: The council instructed the clerk to establish a ZOOM meeting open to all councillors with Navigus Planning who had advised the council on the original plan. **Action: (Clerk)**

The clerk had contacted South Downs National Park Authority to enquire of any progress in the possible Syngenta developments and SDNPA had no news at all.

106/22 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations: The Jubilee Picnic had been very well supported despite the less than ideal weather. The Fernhurst Lunch Club's Jubilee Lunch had been well supported and received. A Celebration Cream Tea had been laid on in the Fernhurst Hub.

107/22 Correspondence & Other Matters: Cllr Jenkins advised the meeting that the Fernhurst postmaster was experiencing some difficulty in concluding his lease on the vacant unit at Crossfield.

Cllr Lloyd proposed a grant payment of £300 to Fernhurst Parochial Church Council to support the new flagpole at the front of St Margaret's.

Resolved: To award a grant of £300 to Fernhurst Parochial Church Council.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded Cllr Bicknell.

A discussion of the Fernhurst Christmas Tree ensued. Cllr Bicknell proposed the planting of a semi-permanent tree. Cllr Buchanan is to be asked to advise.

108/22 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for April and May were approved.

Proposed Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Lloyd

- List of payments for June was approved.
Proposed Cllr Black, Seconded Cllr Lloyd

Planning Committee

- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **11 May 2022** received and noted.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Cllr Black updated the meeting on the various project and maintenance initiatives in progress. It was agreed to install one additional grit bin.
- Property, Highways & Environment Committee meeting minutes of the **11 April 2022** were received and noted.

91/22 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Continuing non-functioning and issues with the Fernhurst Youth Club noted in item 103/22 above.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** Work continues apace but budgetary restraints may curtail the original scheme.

Date of Next Meeting: 20 July 2022

Chairman Signed:

Date: