



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 13 October 2021

Minutes of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell, (Chairman), Mr N Barker, Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mrs C Thorne, Mr J Smith, Mr G Williamson.

138/21 Apologies for Absence: Mrs S Bloomfield, Mr C Lloyd.

In Attendance: K Jones (Clerk).

139/21 Declarations of Interests: None.

140/21 Public Representations: None

141/21 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **8 September 2021** were approved.

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

142/21 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

143/21 County Council Commentary: No report.

144/21 District Council Commentary: No report.

145/21 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 the following responsibilities were delegated:

Christmas Tree: Cllr Buchanan/Clerk

Christmas Lights: Clerk

Hand Bells & Choral Singing/ Carol Sheets: Cllr Buchanan

Vicar, Nick Haigh: Cllr Bicknell

Refreshments: Cllr Smith

Snow Machine: Terry Parkhouse

146/21 E-Mail & Website Facilities: The current host of the council's domain @fernhurst-pc.gov.uk has been contacted to take on the hosting of the other domain @fernhurst-wsx-pc.gov.uk and to provide email hosting. This would eliminate the use of the existing host Claranet and simplify redirection of email and internet searches.

147/21 S.106 & CIL Money: The Recreation Ground Trustees have been informed of the withdrawal of the council's offer of the Community Infrastructure Levy fund. Alternative projects will be considered.

148/21 Syngenta Development: Comer Homes have secured the confirmation of the South Downs National Park Authority that, subject to certain conditions, they have Permitted Development Rights to convert the Highfield House office block into 253 residential flats with associated 500+ parking spaces.

149/21 Fernhurst Club & Newsagent Premises: No report other than the local newspaper delivery service from Dummer's Newsagents in Midhurst appears to be working to the satisfaction of local residents.

150/21 Grant Applications: No new applications to consider.

151/21 Housing Survey: The council has been in correspondence with Rural Solutions Ltd, seeking more information as to the origin and purpose of this proposed "Housing Needs Assessment" However, the company has declined to explain exactly why Fernhurst requires such an assessment when there are 9,000+ other potential parishes to survey. The council agreed to withhold its co-operation in the knowledge Rural Solutions Ltd was free to proceed without it.

152/21 Correspondence & Other Matters:

The van abandoned in the Crossfield car park has been removed.

Cllr Bicknell advised a meeting of the Human Resources Committee was needed to review the council's human resources. **Action: (Cllr Bicknell)**

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

153/21 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for August and September were approved.

Proposed Cllr Inns, Seconded Cllr Buchanan

- List of payments for October was approved.

Proposed Cllr Inns, Seconded Cllr Buchanan

Planning Committee

- No chairman's comments to note.
- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **26 August** and **16 September 2021** 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 and requires moving to be immediately adjacent to the footpath. Cllr Black proposed this project was suitable in scope and scale to utilise the council's CIL money.
- **Resolved: To adopt this project and utilise the CIL money to fund it either in whole or part.**

Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded: Cllr Black

- The council agreed to fund the replacement of the cradle senior swing seats with three flat seats and a cradle seat for the disabled. New flat seats and chains are approx. £200 per unit.

154/21 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:** More people have been recruited to the management committee and it is progressing an application for solar panel installation funding.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:**
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

Date of Next Meeting: 18 November 2021

Chairman Signed:.....

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