



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 13 December 2023

Minutes of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mr C Lloyd, Ms S Strongman, Mr G Williamson.

In Attendance: Chichester District Councillor Elanora Newbery, K Jones (Clerk).

203/23 Apologies For Absence: Mr S Flatt, Mrs M Jenkins.

204/23 Declarations of Interests: None.

205/23 Public Representations: None.

206/23 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **8 November 2023** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded, Cllr Williamson.

207/23 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

208/23 County Council Commentary: None.

209/23 District Council Commentary: Chichester District Councillor Elanora Newbery had provided a written report on CDC activity at the District level on a range of issues. The Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural England Prosperity Fund were highlighted as possible sources of finance for local projects. Many Christmas events were planned to support local institutions and businesses including reduced parking charges in Chichester. There are several initiatives to protect residents from scams and offer support to those in need.

210/23 Review of Council Standing Orders: The review being incomplete the matter was deferred. **Action: (Clerk)**

211/23 E-Mail & Website Facilities: Official e-mail addresses to be created for Cllrs Strongman and Williamson. The clerk was instructed to produce an updated Councillor Contact list. **Action: (Clerk)**

212/23 Christmas Arrangements: The Christmas Party was considered to be a success and thanks were expressed to all councillors who had worked to make it so. The licence for the Christmas Lights was still being progressed from CDC.

The 5 December Christmas Lights event was very well attended and £112 in donations was raised for the benefit of Fernhurst Scout Group. Thanks were again expressed to all who had made it so.

213/23 Grant Applications: The following Grant Application was considered and voted upon:

Fernhurst Pre-School: £1,000

Resolved: To accept the Fernhurst Pre-School £1,000 grant application. (Local Government Act 1972 S.137)

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded, Cllr Black

The decision on the application from the Fernhurst Hub in the sum of £750 was deferred for more information. **(Action: Cllr Jenkins)**

214/23 Bank Deposit Accounts: The 35 day notice deposit account with NatWest was opened on the 23 November.
There remains the transfer of the NSI account balance to this account.

215/23 Bus Shelter – Kingsley Green: The option of a bespoke wood shelter is being progressed.

216/23 Playground Refurbishment: Following the acceptance of the quotation for resurfacing in the playground the contractor now waits on suitable weather to begin.

217/23 Proposed Permanent Traffic Order A286 Easebourne - TRO/CHI2307/RC The proposed traffic order reducing the speed limit on a very twisty part of the A286 from 50 to 40mph was universally supported. **Action: (Clerk)**

218/23 Amended Planning Application SDNP/23/02140/HOUS:

Decision: No objection in principle to the revised scheme but the council would still prefer to see the roof-light designed out.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded Cllr Black

Action: (Clerk)

219/23 Correspondence & Other Matters: It was reported that Church Road had again suffered blocked drains and subsequent damage to the road surface.

220/23 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Bank reconciliations for October & November were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Lloyd

- List of payments for November & December were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Lloyd

Planning Committee

- Chairman's Comments: The SDNPA were still looking for proposed housing development sites.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Chairman's Comments: With the resignation of former Cllr Giffin a new leader for the proposed Speed Indicator Devices was required.

221/23 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** No report to note.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report to note.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** No report to note.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** None to note.

Date of Next Meeting: 17 January 2024

Chairman Signed:

Date: