



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes Thursday 16 December 2021

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on  
**Thursday 16 December 2021 at 7.00pm**

**Councillors Present:** Mrs H Bicknell, (Chairman), Mr N Barker, Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr C Lloyd, Mr G Williamson.

**173/21 Apologies for Absence:** Mrs S Bloomfield, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr J Smith.

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

**174/21 Declarations of Interests:** None.

**175/21 Public Representations:** None

**176/21 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of the **11 November 2021** were approved.

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

**177/21 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**178/21 County Council Commentary:** County Cllr Tom Richardson was not in attendance but the council noted and thanked him for his support in ongoing highways matters.

**179/21 District Council Commentary:** No report.

**180/21 Fernhurst Parish Council Budget 2022/2023:** The meeting discussed the previously circulated budget and considered it to be suitable for formal adoption subject to the addition of £2,000 of expenditure to cover possible Neighbourhood Plan review costs.

**Resolved:** To Approve and Adopt the proposed 2022/2023 budget.

**Proposed:** Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Lloyd

**Resolved:** To Approve and Establish the Council Tax Precept at £72,600 for the 2022/2023 Financial Year.

**Proposed:** Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Lloyd

**181/21 Christmas Arrangements:** The event of the "Turning on of the Lights" had proceeded successfully with bad weather abating for the evening. The event had been well supported by parishioners and £123 collected in donations for local causes. The chairman thanked all who had contributed to the success of the event.

**Resolved:** To donate the money collected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Fernhurst Scout Group.

**Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded, Cllr Lloyd**

**182/21 E-Mail & Website Facilities:** Ongoing.

**183/21 S.106 & CIL Money:** No further development to report.

**184/21 Syngenta Development:** No further development to report.

**185/21 Fernhurst Club & Newsagent Premises:** No further development to report.

**186/21 Grant Applications:** Two grant applications have been received from the Fernhurst Hub and Fernhurst Village Hall. These are to be considered at the January Council meeting

**187/21 Councillor Vacancy:** The clerk was instructed to advertise the statutory notice of a councillor vacancy. **Action: (Clerk)**

**188/21 HR Committee Meeting:** The clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting of the committee. **Action: (Clerk)**

**189/21 Correspondence & Other Matters:**

The chairman advised that she had distributed 80 flyers at a Fernhurst School parents evening in an attempt to attract more members for the Fernhurst Revels committee. Another complete set of office keys and alarm fob is still required. **Action: (Clerk)**

## **190/21 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **Finance and Administration**

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

### **Planning Committee**

- No chairman's comments to note.
- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **11 & 29 November 2021** were received and noted.

### **Property, Highways and Environment Committee:**

- The committee chairman Cllr Black advised that he had been in correspondence with Cllr Tom Richardson of West Sussex County Council (WSCC) over the proposed Traffic Restriction Order to reduce the speed limit on a section of the A286. It has become apparent that the "speeding data" used by WSCC Highways Dept. was 10 years old. The continuing lack of support from Easebourne Parish Council is frustrating. Cllr Bicknell questioned the benefit to the parish of expenditure on an issue that is only partly in this parish; the rest of the highway being in Easebourne.
- It has become apparent that certain inscription and lettering on the Fernhurst memorial to honour those fallen in war has become indistinct through weathering.
- A quotation of £1,480 from Reynolds Funerals has been received to reinstate eight fallen or sunken memorials in the cemetery to current BAMM/NAMM standards. All other stonemasons requested to quote either failed to respond or declined.

**Resolved: To approve acceptance of the Reynolds Funerals quotation in the sum of £1,480.**

**Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded, Cllr Lloyd**

- Cllr Black has obtained advice and a quotation for the planting of hedging at the South west corner of the cemetery. He recommended to the council approval of the expenditure.

**Resolved: To approve expenditure of £1,550 for the planting of new hedging in the South West corner of the cemetery.**

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

- Cllr Black advised that the involvement of Fernhurst school-children in a competition for a playground design was continuing.
- Property, Highways & Environment Committee meeting minutes of the **8 November 2021** were received and noted.

#### **191/21 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** No report.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** A playground design competition is ongoing.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

**Date of Next Meeting: 13 January 2022**

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

**Date:**