



# FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 21 July 2021

**Minutes of the Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on  
**Wednesday 21 July 2021** at 7.00pm

**Councillors Present:** Mrs H Bicknell, (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mrs S Bloomfield, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr J Smith, Mrs C Thorne, Mr G Williamson.

**101/21 Apologies for Absence:** Mr J Buchanan, Mr G Inns, Mr C Lloyd.  
The council noted the absence of Cllr Inns owing to accidental injury and wished him a complete and speedy recovery.

**In Attendance:** County Cllr Tom Richardson, K Jones (Clerk).

**102/21 Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Bicknell declared an interest as a trustee of the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust and did not participate or vote on item 109/21.

**103/21 Public Representations:** None

**104/21 Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of the **23 June 2021** were approved.  
**Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded: Cllr Jenkins.**

**105/21 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below:** None.

**106/21 County Council Commentary** Cllr Tom Richardson updated the council on developments at the County level with a major focus on highways and road safety issues. Many of the SAT-NAV sites used primarily by cyclists have been updated to show that Church Road is one-way with no entry at the eastern end. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around school entrances continues to be a county wide problem. It has proven to be impossible to recruit a school crossing patrol person for Fernhurst School and now Cllr Richardson thought it unlikely the crossing usage would justify the cost. Cllr Richardson offered to do some research on the county "data criteria" needed to support a reduction in the speed limit on the A286.

**107/21 District Council Commentary:** The commentary received from Cllr Wilding had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

**108/21 E-Mail & Website Facilities:** No report.

**109/21 S.106 & CIL Money:** The council is in receipt of £4,133 of Community Infrastructure Levy. After discussion it was agreed, subject to the receipt of a contractor's quotation and any necessary planning permission being granted, to award this to the Fernhurst Recreation Ground Trust for the construction of new compost bins.

**Resolved: To award the Council's CIL money to the Fernhurst Recreation Ground for the purpose of constructing new compost bins, subject to the above conditions.**

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

**110/21 Syngenta Development:** No report.

**111/21 Fernhurst Club & Newsagent Premises:** No update received from the trustees of the Fernhurst Club.

**112/21 Grant Applications.**

**Resolved: To award a grant of £250 to the Fernhurst Lunch Club to support the inaugural cream tea to be provided free of charge to recipients in August.**

**Proposed: Cllr Bicknell, seconded Cllr Jenkins.**

An application has been received from the Fernhurst News. The clerk was instructed to forward the application to all councillors. **(Action: Clerk)**

**113/21 Review of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations** These documents will remain under review until the September council meeting.

**114/21 Councillor Vacancy** Applications are to remain open until the September council meeting when it is hoped to interview applicants.

**115/21 Correspondence & Other Matters:** The council discussed the possibility of advertising the councillor vacancy on the Fernhurst Community Facebook page but decided against.

## **116/21 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **Finance and Administration**

- Bank reconciliations for April, May and June were approved.  
**Proposed Cllr Bicknell, Seconded Cllr Jenkins.**
- List of payments for July were approved.  
**Proposed Cllr Black, Seconded Cllr Bloomfield**

### **Planning Committee**

- No chairman's comments to note.
- Planning Committee meeting minutes of the **23 June 2021** were received and noted.

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

- The public toilets project is ongoing with project co-ordination and management by the contractor continuing to be less than satisfactory and leading to an extended timetable.
- Cllr Black advised that the existing contractor for the routine maintenance of the cemetery had indicated he did not wish to continue with the contract after 31 March 2022. Accordingly the council had made enquiries for a replacement contractor with a similar very local affinity to the village and the desire for maintenance of the cemetery to a similar standard.

A suitable contractor has been identified on enquiry.

**Resolved: In compliance with regulation 11.1.d of the council's Financial Regulations (September 2021) the council will offer, without open competition, a 12 month contract to Jeremy Howard for routine maintenance of the cemetery for the reasons embodied immediately above.**

**Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Bicknell**

- The ex-BT telephone kiosk at Kingsley Green is to continue in the care and maintenance of the Kingsley Green Society.

#### **117/21 UPDATES ON LOCAL ISSUES**

- **Services and Facilities for Young People:** Cllr Smith advised that there was insufficient staff to re-open the junior section of the Youth Club.
- **Fernhurst Village Hall:** Cllr Lloyd is to replace Cllr Bicknell as the "Key Custodian" for the Village Hall.
- **Policing:** No report.
- **Fernhurst Primary School:** Isolation requirements are causing disruption to children's education.
- **Fernhurst Recreation Ground:** No report.

**Date of Next Meeting: 8 September 2021**

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

**Date:**