



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday 21 February 2024

Minutes of the **Meeting of Fernhurst Parish Council** held at Fernhurst Village Hall on
Wednesday 21 February 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Mrs H Bicknell (Chairman), Mr W Black, Mr J Buchanan, Mr S Flatt, Mrs M Jenkins.

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

18/24 Apologies For Absence: Mr G Inns, Mr C Lloyd, Ms S Strongman, Mr G Williamson.

19/24 Declarations of Interests: Cllr Bicknell declared an interest in item 28/24 as Chairman of the Fernhurst Revels.

20/24 Public Representations: None.

21/24 Previous Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the **17 January 2024** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Buchanan, seconded, Cllr Flatt.

22/24 Matters Arising From The Minutes Not Covered Below: None.

23/24 County Council Commentary: None.

24/24 District Council Commentary: Chichester District Councillor Eleanora Newbery had provided a written report on CDC activity at the District level on a range of issues.

25/24 Review of Council Standing Orders: The review being incomplete the matter was deferred. **Action: (Clerk)**

26/24 E-Mail & Website Facilities: Official e-mail addresses have been created for Cllrs Strongman and Williamson.

A new website at <https://fernhurst-pc.org/> has been established to enable the council to comply with its statutory obligations. There is a longer term scheme to revert to the <https://fernhurst-pc.gov.uk/> web address. **Action: (Clerk)**

27/24 Christmas Arrangements: A licence remains to be obtained from Chichester District Council for the Christmas Lights event on Tuesday 3 December. **Action: (Clerk)**

28/24 Grant Applications: The following Grant Application was considered and voted upon:

Fernhurst Revels: £300

Resolved: To accept the Fernhurst Revels £300 grant application. (Local Government Act 1972 S.145)

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded, Cllr Buchanan.

29/24 Bank Deposit Accounts: There remains the transfer of the NSI account balance to this account to the NatWest notice deposit account. **Action: (Cllrs Bicknell & Black)**

30/24 Bus Shelter – Kingsley Green: The on-line application form to establish if planning permission is required, the Village Ranger having provided technical input. **Action: (Clerk)**

31/24 Playground Refurbishment: The contractor has started work on the safety surface refurbishment.

32/24 Fernhurst Park Development: The developer has secured certification from SDNPA that development has commenced, securing the planning permission.

33/24 Correspondence & Other Matters: The newly erected illuminated signs, reported in Midhurst Road have been reported to Planning Enforcement. The fascia at the One Stop site was still being illuminated, the revised planning application still awaiting determination.

Action: (Clerk)

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on the **8 May**.

The HR meeting has been arranged for 11.00am 29 February. **(Action: Cllrs, Bicknell, Black, Buchanan, Jenkins & Clerk)**

Water draining from the Vicarage grounds is causing problems to the footpath and highway in Church Road. The Clerk was instructed to contact the vicar and diocese to seek possible solutions. **Action: (Clerk)**

34/24 MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORTS/COMMITTEE MATTERS

Finance and Administration

- Chairman's Comments: No comment.

Planning Committee

- Chairman's Comments: No comment.

Property, Highways and Environment Committee:

- Chairman's Comments: No comment.

35/24 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: 20 March 2024

Chairman Signed: **Date:**