



FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Property Committee Meeting Minutes Monday 8 November 2021

A meeting of the **Property, Highways and Environment Committee** was held at Fernhurst Village Hall on

Monday 8 November 2021 at 6.00pm

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

PHE/137/21 Apologies For Absence: Mrs S Bloomfield, Mr G Williamson.

PHE/138/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

PHE/139/21 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS: None.

PHE/140/21 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on **11 October 2021** were approved and adopted.

Proposed: Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Smith.

PHE/141/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: None not covered below.

PHE/142/21 TREE MANAGEMENT

The biennial inspection of trees on the council's land has been carried out by Cllrs. Black and Buchanan. On Van Common four ash trees adjacent to the public foot-path and suffering with die-back have been identified for felling. Dead branches on oak trees overhanging the access road have also been identified for removal. Excess ivy on trees along the Lickfold Road is to be removed.

Resolved: To accept quotation of CWD in the sum of £680 for the above remedial tree work.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Lloyd.

West Sussex C.C Highways Dept. to be chased to remove ash trees suffering die-back in Church Road. Action: **(Clerk)**

A tree is to be planted on the Village Green in remembrance of HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee. Action: **(Cllr Buchanan)**

PHE/143/21 HIGHWAYS / WINTER RESILIENCE / BUS SHELTERS

Replacement and improved signage is still required for Napper's Wood and Hogs Hill via Chichester District Council. Action: **(Clerk)**

Signage for cyclists and pedestrians still required for Church Road via West Sussex County Council Highways Dept. Action: **(Clerk)**

Two new grit bins are now in place and all the bins that required filling have been by WSCC Highways.

The relocation of the Fernden Lane bus shelter is regarded as highly desirable with the Village Ranger possibly acting as Project Manager.

PHE/144/21 – VAN COMMON / VILLAGE GREEN The contract for maintenance of Van Common verges has been awarded to John Jordan.
The Village Ranger is to look at providing a replacement bridge across a drainage ditch on Van Common.

PHE/145/21 - PUBLIC TOILETS

Use of the baby changing facility in the Ladies is causing a continual flow from the radar-controlled washbasin tap.

A quotation of £850 has been received and accepted to enhance, repaint and repair the public toilet soffit and barge-board and guttering.

PHE/146/21 PLAYGROUND

New flat style swing seats and chains are required for the larger swings, Picnic table required. A resolution of the not always self-closing gate is sought.

Signage project remains to be completed. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/147/21 PUBLIC SEATS

Minor maintenance issues only.

PHE/148/21 CEMETERY / WAR MEMORIAL

A replacement “Garden of Remembrance” sign has been installed.

The specification for the SW corner improvement project was agreed. It will include the removal of the rusted metal fencing and then the addition of hornbeam and yew hedging in separate sections of the boundary.

A price of £1,160 from CWD was agreed to be tabled for approval at the Full Council Meeting for the reduction of the eastern boundary trees and bushes.

It was agreed to progress the non-compliant Graves Project noting that invasive planting and neglect of a grave is not permitted. Attempts will be made to contact and inform any traceable living relatives by tapping the local knowledge of Fernhurst Archive Members and Cllr Margaret Jenkins, all long term residents of the parish.

A potential plan to safely reinstate some memorials that have fallen or tilted is to be examined with expense to the council being a major factor. **Action: (Clerk)**

PHE/149/21 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Numerous initiatives are announced but tangible progress is difficult to discover.

Date of next meeting: 7 February 2022

Signed..... Chairman

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