



MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 20th March 2023 at 7pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors:	R. Cullen, D. Harrison, H. Micah, J. Newton, B. Smith (Chairman), J. Weale, M. Weale
Clerk:	Marion Fox Goddard
District Councillors:	I. Walker, K. Walker (left after item 45)
Residents/Public	Sally Ward (left after item 41), Norman Bertram (left after item 42)

Agenda, reports and accompanying information for this meeting is available on the Council's website here: [Agenda pack for this meeting](#)

38. Declaration of intentions to record the meeting

The meeting was not recorded.

39. Apologies for absence

County Councillor Lee has sent apologies for all future meetings.

40. Declarations of Interest

None.

(The order of the agenda items was switched – items 41 and 42 only)

42. Long Bennington Rotary – End Polio now – The Purple Crocus Project

A member of the Rotary gave a presentation on The Purple Crocus Project. (See item 46dii)

41. Public Forum

Sally Ward (PhD student) spoke to the Council about her research on community governance and asked if any Councillors would be able to fill in the gaps in her research regarding Fernwood. She also offered to present her findings when her report is finished. *Sally will contact the Council to arrange.*

43. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20th February 2023

The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record and Councillor Smith signed them.

44. Councillors' and Clerk's Report

Councillor Cullen - has volunteered at Fernwood Youth Club recently and has committed to helping at the club once a month.

March Clerk's report	Agenda Item
Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDWH) transfer of the open spaces in central Fernwood – Our solicitor is liaising with N&SDC's legal representative. Update meeting planned for the end of this month.	21/46c 23/37.
Youth Club – Worker in Charge has been appointed and started this month. Youth Club opening times have changed to 6.30-8.30pm. Positive review meeting held in January. The club is now well established.	
Safer Neighbourhoods Group (SNG)/ Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)/CCTV – Awaiting an update from N&SDC on our request to have 2 centrally controlled cameras (funded with CIL). PCSO Hewerdine has reported that N&SDC are reviewing the current Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs); once this has been done, she will come to a Fernwood Parish Council meeting to discuss having a PSPO in Fernwood – likely to be next year. <i>District Councillor I. Walker agreed to seek an update on this with officers.</i>	21/149
Hollowdyke Lane – A letter has been sent to NCC to request a 30mph Traffic Regulation Order on Hollowdyke Lane (funded with CIL funding). I have contacted some providers to get quotes for a feasibility study for keeping the north end of Hollowdyke Lane open. Once I have enough quotes, these will be brought to a Parish Council meeting for consideration.	22/24 22/139 22/153. 23/17 23/31
Interactive Speed Sign on Dale Way – Awaiting full costing and timescales – the lead time to obtain the sign is 12-14 weeks once we have received and approved a quote from Via East Midlands.	22/114.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) –The March issue of the Fernwood Gazette which includes a consultation article on CIL was delivered to all households and businesses in Fernwood at the beginning of March. An online survey went live on 28/2/23. Weekly reminders are being added to the local Facebook groups to encourage residents to have their say.	22/163f
Woodland Update - Costall Woods –Trees to replace the felled trees have been planted. Lamp upgrade has been done. Path repairs – see item 49a – NCC's response to FPC's request for them repair their adopted paths including a request for them to quote to repair the part of the path owned by Fernwood Parish Council. Wildlife Garden – awaiting dates for work to commence. N&SDC has quoted for additional work due the altered specification (£750 plus VAT).	23/15 23/26 23/34
Rumble Strips Replacement – A report with collated consultation responses has been sent to NCC with a request to address this issue and an offer for CIL to fund works required.	
Double Yellow Lines Consultation – Parish Council response has been sent to Via/NCC. Their consultation ended on 10/3/23.	23/28
Defibrillators Agreement – This has been signed off by Chuter Ede Fernwood and Fernwood Parish Council.	23/30
Village Hall Extension Investigations – A meeting has been arranged by our Transport Planning Specialist to discuss requirements for an application with the local planning and highways authorities.	
Replacement Dog bins – Have been ordered. Installation will be arranged as soon as possible.	23/26
Liaison Meeting with Barratt David Wilson Homes – Held on 13/3/23. They are getting quotes for replacement signage at Phoenix Park. This will have Parish Council contact details on so issues can be reported through to the Parish Council for passing on to BDWH (this will save having to replace the signs when the land is handed over). They reported that their work should not affect Fernwood residents other than those homes on Johnsons Road backing onto the site who may hear construction with them being so close by. They have 356 new properties occupied/going through legal work for purchase.	

March Clerk's report	Agenda Item
Community Event – Provisional bookings are being made. We are awaiting feedback on first aid cover. <i>Note: during the meeting the Council agreed to proceed with firm bookings so the event will proceed.</i>	

45. County Councillor and District Councillors Reports

Cllr I. Walker – Reported that this would be his last meeting in his capacity as a District Councillor for Fernwood as he will be stepping down from the District Council after 36 years, being involved with Fernwood and the Parish Council from the start. He thanked Fernwood Parish Councillors for their kindness and courtesy. In his role as the President of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, he thanked the councillors for their work over the last 4 years and wished them the best of luck, should they be standing for council in the May elections.

Cllr K. Walker – Reported that this is likely to be his last meeting, adding he has enjoyed being part of Fernwood.

Councillor Smith thanked Ivor and Keith all their help over the years and said they would be missed.

46. Finance

- a. [Bank reconciliation](#) – noted.
- b. Year to date income – noted.
- c. Expenditure since last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure was noted.
- d. Items of Expenditure considered with unanimous decisions:

Expenditure	Budget Area	Total £	Decision
i. Emergency Planning	Training	39.22	Unanimously agreed.
ii. The Purple Crocus Project (see item 142)	Parish Council individual items	100.00	Unanimously agreed.
iii. Pipework for optimising heating and water in the hall	Maintenance - plumbing	-	Clerk to obtain further quotes for comparison.
iv. Inflatable Hire x 2, staffed	Community event	899.00	Unanimously agreed.
v. Face painters x3	Community event	600.00	Unanimously agreed.
vi. Fireworks	Community event	1680.00	Unanimously agreed.

- e. The Council agreed to offer the container to FirstPort rather than sell it, following FirstPort's request to use it for storage.

47. Planning

- a. Planning Application considered:

23/00370/ADV	Phase 1B - Greater Fernwood Development Land North and East of Existing Fernwood Development Fernwood Newark South of A1 & West of Railway Line	Installation of one large billboard sign for Fernwood Phase 1B	Noted. No response required.
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b. Planning Authority decisions which were noted:

23/00347/ELE	Land at Cross Lane Fernwood Business Park	Erection of a package sub station	Local Planning Authority is not required for these works
22/00862/FULM	Land at Cross Lane Fernwood Business Park	Proposed industrial warehouse development suitable for 4no. B2/ B8 Units Use Classes with ancillary E(g)(i) Office space, including service yards, car parking, landscaping and associated access infrastructure.	Grant Full Planning Permission Major

48. Policy*Documents considered:*

- a. Expenses Policy – The Council unanimously agreed no changes are required.
- b. Updated Village Hall Management Group terms of reference – The Council unanimously agreed to the proposed changes.
- c. 2022/23 Action Plan Review and 2023/24 Action Plan - The Council unanimously agreed to the action plan review and proposed new year's action plan, noting this may need to be added to following the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation results.

49. Correspondence

- a. Responses from NCC regarding repairing the paths in Costall Woods – The Council noted NCC's response regarding no hazardous defects being identified warranting no action at this time. The Council agreed to take no further action.
- b. Email regarding Hollowdyke Lane – noted.
- c. Email from N&SDC regarding His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation - Grant Award Scheme – noted.

EXEMPT ITEM

Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Council unanimously agreed to close the meeting to the press and public.

50. Discussion Nottinghamshire County Council's emails regarding Communications

The Council noted the Monitoring Officer's response regarding Fernwood Parish Council's complaint and agreed to write to the Monitoring Officer regarding this.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next Meeting: Monday 17th April 2023, 7pm, Fernwood Village Hall



17/4/23