

Fernwood Central Joint Maintenance Panel

Present:

Peter Murray	Parish Council
Jim Weale	Parish Council
Cheryle Mack	Residents Association
Mandy Rayner Knowlton	Residents Association
Craig Bromley	First Port
John Jeys	First Port

1	Welcome to the meeting	Action
	Peter Murray introduced everybody and then Chaired the meeting	
2	Apologies	
	None	
3	Purpose of group	
	Pete handed all present a paper summarising the purpose of the group. This stated that the group would meet quarterly and monitor the maintenance company to confirm that they adhere to the contract. Scrutinise annual budgets and approve any requests to change the open spaces.	
4	Composition of the FCJMC	
	The maintenance group would comprise of 2 Parish Councillors, 2 Resident Association members and 2 Firstport representatives	
5	Project 1 - Conservation group The Fernwood conservation group put forward a project to cut the word Fernwood into the bank on the Goldstraw Lane entrance and fill with flowers. This was discuss and it was felt that due to the extra cost involved in maintaining this area it would not benefit the village so the project was rejected. A group member was asked to confirm this in writing to the conservation group	John Jeys
6	Project 2 - Conservation group The Fernwood conservation group put forward a project to create a new meadow walk in the woodland behind Cameron lane as to existing at no cost or maintenance to the resident. This was passed with full agreement.	
7	Project 3 - Petanque club The Petanque club requested at no cost to the residents, that a footpath be laid around the court to assist and allow disabled and elderly access all year round. They also request the erection of a 3 feet high hand rail. After some discussion it was agreed subject to certain condition (none slip path) that the footpath may go ahead but the handrail would not be in the best interest of the village. A member of the panel was asked to write and inform the group.	John Jeys

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8	<p>It was also agreed any user group would have to pay an indemnity of £500 to be held by the Residents Association for costs to reinstate open spaces to original state if the user group fold or no longer maintain the agreed works at no cost to the resident's service charge.</p> <p>(This is to ensure the residents do not have to pick up the bill and was a full joint agreement from the panel)</p>	
9	<p>It was also recommended that one of the resident association panel members</p> <p>Chair future meetings and reports the findings to the committee and to the user groups, as the panel is there for the residents of Fernwood Central and the RA is their voice on the Panel.</p>	

Abbreviations:

RA – Residents Association

PC – Parish Council