



Minutes of the Meeting of Fernwood Parish Council held on Monday 26th October 2015 which commenced at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Ruby's Avenue, Fernwood.

Present: Cllrs. J Weale, M Weale, A Barson, J Gould, B Smith, Dee Harrison, P. Murray, District Cllr N. Mison, David Heath

The Chairman added an additional item to discuss the relocation of a gate at the village hall to the side of the village green instead of the play park side.

1. Apologies for absence.
Cllrs I & K Walker & S. Saddington
2. Declarations of interest.
None
3. Minutes of the meeting held on September 21st 2015.
The above was proposed by Cllr. J. Gould and seconded by Cllr. P. Murray that the Minutes were a true record and were unanimously agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising.
Cllr. N. Mison updated that he had not yet received the information regarding the Persimmon infrastructure but he will chase.
5. Chairman's report.
Cllr. J. Weale reported that there have been plenty of meetings just lately: Neighbourhood plan, youth club and Neighbourhood watch to name a few and he thanked Cllr. B. Smith for all of his efforts in arranging the youth club and Neighbourhood watch meetings. He went on to remind the councillors that all decisions need to be made by the Council and also thanked them for their ongoing support.
6. Chairman of the Fernwood Residents Association (FRA) report
Mr David Heath reported the following:
 - Unfortunately Mr Heath confirmed that he had stepped down as the Chairman of the FRA and also Ken Forbes has stepped aside as the Vice Chair, they both however remain committee members. Sue Taylor is at the moment covering the minutes.
 - The FRA public meeting in December has been cancelled as the agenda is very short.
 - The Fernwood Parish Councillors thanked Mr Heath for all of his work.

7. County Councillor and District Councillors' reports:
Cllr. N. Mison has not heard an update on the proposed new build but he will meet with Matt Lamb and find out where we are and will update. There has not been a full council meeting at Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC) since the last PC meeting so there are no further updates.
8. APP from Cllr Gould regarding ground maintenance around the village hall (VH)
Cllr. Gould submitted a paper and since then the work mentioned has now been actioned. The request was for the flower beds, posters within the VH and hedging along the VH wall to be tidied.
9. Discussions for a Youth club for Fernwood
Cllr. Smith reported that there have now been 2 meetings to discuss the possibility of a youth club. The 1st meeting was attended by Parish Councillors, PCSO's, residents and the second meeting also included 6 teenagers. Cllr Smith read a statement that he would like to add to Facebook promoting and updating the youth club initiative. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Weale and agreed unanimously.
10. Poppy appeal advert in the Newark advertiser
The cost of an advert will be £38 which was agreed unanimously to go ahead if we still have time.
11. Fernwood Parish Council committee review
The Parish council are due a committee review which will be looked into at the next council meeting to see if any changes are required. A short update will be held on the 5th November to go through the current responsibilities to prepare.
12. Discussions regarding the yellow line request & 20 is plenty signs
Cllr. Smith at a recent meeting was informed by Jo Horton that Fernwood will be able to have a couple of speed monitoring tubes within the village. The Clerk and Cllr. Smith will update highways with the locations and lamp post numbers so they can be placed. After the trial this will help determine if a speed interactive signs are required.
13. NSDC consultation for the Local Development Framework Plan
Cllr. Mison offered to request an extension for the above as the plan had not been reviewed by all due to the size and time.

14. Strategy group feedback/recommendations

- a. An update on the Neighbourhood plan
A meeting is organised for Thursday 26th November at 12.30pm in the main hall which will be attended by Natalie Cockerel.
- b. An update from the recent development meeting
There has not yet been a date set for the next meeting but it will be to discuss the access and egress to the village
- c. An update on the OM strategy group
The recent survey regarding maintenance charges highlighted that out of the responses 95% were unaware of the extra charges. A letter was sent to the directors of Barrett & DWH and a legal letter was received back explaining why they could not reply to the points. It was decided that in the future any correspondence will be sent to each of the directors individually so they are all kept in the loop. Additionally to the above correspondence, a letter was also sent to the regional Barrett & DWH office asking for a response from a senior member and a reply came back meeting asking for another member of staff to reply and at the moment no response.

15. Planning Applications

- a. 15/01693/FUL
No objection as long as consideration is given to the neighbours and there are no objections from them.

16. Correspondence

- a. An email from a resident regarding parking on restfill way
Cllr. Gould AND Cllr. Murray volunteered to monitor the carpark and regular check at different times in the day and will update.
- b. An email from Newark & District first responders
The Parish Council have already supported the first responders
- c. A letter from Paddy Tipping regarding Rural crime initiatives
Noted

17. Clerks Report

- a. Location of salt bins within Fernwood
Cllr. Saddington kindly donated money for a new salt bin for the top of Young's avenue which will now be ordered. As a request to move the salt bin from Dale Green to the top of Blackberry way was made are there any additional bins required? Cllr Smith proposed to purchase a new bin for Blackberry way and to leave the salt bin on Dale Green which was seconded by Cllr. Barson and agreed unanimously.
- b. Additional Dog bins for Thomas Road & Apple Avenue
The Clerk will investigate prices for installation

c. Village hall renovations & possible devolution

The renovations will start on the 2nd November and will last the full month. The council recently met with NSDC to discuss taking over the village hall and other areas that the council may be interested in. The council marked on a map for areas that they would like to be responsible for and a meeting will be arranged with NSDC to discuss further. The above was proposed by Cllr J. Weale and seconded by Cllr. M. Weale and agree unanimously.

The quotations for the work to relocate the gate from the side fence to the rear carpark field side have been received and it was proposed to go with Boundary builders at a cost of £1315 and agreed unanimously.

d. Update on the Fernwood firework display

Unfortunately this year 1st Port are unable to offer assistance for the bonfire and firework display. With this in mind and the preparation building the bonfire which includes hiring equipment and then watering the bonfire it was decided to have a firework display only and increase the budget to £1500 to increase the time.

18. Bills for payment

See list attached

19. Councillors reports

Cllr. Smith reported that the equipment that is available ie lights and pop up shelters need to be monitored and look after by the users.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 30th November 2015 starting at 19.00 at the Fernwood village hall.