

Fernwood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Fernwood Parish Council held on Monday 29th June 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, County Cllr. S. Saddington

1. Apologies for absence.
Cllrs I & K Walker
2. Declarations of interest.
Cllrs J & M Weale declared an interest in item 12
3. A. To receive nominations for and elect the Vice Chairman for 2015/16
The Clerk called for nominations for Vice Chair for the forthcoming year and Cllr. A. Barson proposed Cllr. J. Gould which was seconded by Cllr. P. Murray and agreed unanimously.
B. Minutes of the meeting held on May 21st 2015.
The above was proposed by Cllr. B. Smith and seconded by Cllr. M. Weale that the Minutes were a true record and were unanimously agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising.
Cllr. Gould reported that item 13E (Choose Newark hospital) from the May 2015 agenda will be invited to attend an open meeting of the Fernwood Residents Association (FRA)
5. Chairman's report.
Cllr. J. Weale reported that as part of the Neighbourhood plan investigations, he had recently attended a meeting with the School and visited the Business Park and intends to speak to Derry's and the Tawny Owl, a questionnaire is also being developed.
The recently held development meeting was thorough but disappointing regarding that there has been no resolution to the proposed access and egress which may result in problems for the residents. More discussions are required to ensure that the proposed routes do not cut the village off if there was an accident on the A1. A meeting with Andrew Muter of Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC) would be beneficial so Fernwood representatives can make their case. Cllr. N. Mison offered to try and arrange a meeting at NSDC.
There is to be a meeting with Persimmon representative David Morris on Wednesday this week.

6. Chairman of the Fernwood Residents Association (FRA) report
In the absence of Mr David Heath, Cllr. J. Gould reported the following:
 - The FRA recently held their AGM and Mr David Heath was nominated as the new Chairman after Mr John Proctor stepped down and Mr Ken Forbes was voted as vice chair. There are also 2 new committee members.
 - The future of the Chuter Ede school featured heavily especially regarding admission, hopefully there will be a representation from education to attend the next meeting.

7. County Councillor and District Councillors' reports:
Cllr. S. Saddington reported that the proposed boundary changes will mean that Fernwood will join Balderton South, Cotham and Staunton.
Cllr. Saddington has also sent a letter regarding the proposal to reduce the number of PCSO's within the area, especially when Mr Paddy Tipping had already stated that he would not be cutting PCSO'S.
Finally Cllr. Saddington has asked that a barrier be erected at Chuter Ede school to assist with the safety of the children and this is at the moment being investigated by Highways. A meeting has also been requested with Mr Robert Jenrick MP to discuss the road network in and around Newark and this will be going ahead.
Cllr. N. Mison informed the councillors that the new leisure centre will be opening in April 2016.

8. ADP FROM Cllr. Barson regarding future meetings
Cllr. Barson reported that it has come to his attention that residents cannot always make weekday evening meetings and it may help if some meetings were held on a weekend or a councillor surgery once a quarter so residents can come in and discuss any concerns they may have. It was proposed that a trial of a surgery once a quarter to be held in the meeting room from 10am – midday with 2 councillors. The date is to be advised and advertised on Facebook.

9. An APP from Cllr Barson regarding office 365 for council work
The Parish Council recommended that WPS or Libra to be trialled first as there is no cost before 365 is looked into.

10. An APP from Cllr Weale to request Cllr Saddington to appeal for Yellow road markings
Cllr. N. Mison will look into arranging a meeting at NSDC and the above can be discussed.

11. An APP from Cllr Barson to reinvestigate the fibre optic broadband
Cllr. A. Barson will email Nottinghamshire county council for an update as to where we are at the moment with the fibre optic broadband installation along.

12. Good causes application – Fernwood Amateur Dramatics Society (FADS)

The FADS have asked for the good causes fund to cover the cost of the hall hire for the annual community panto held in January 2015. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Murray and seconded by Cllr. D. Harrison and agreed unanimously to grant £405.00. Cllrs J & M Weale abstained from voting
13. Strategy group feedback/recommendations
 - a. An update on the Neighbourhood plan

The parish of Fernwood has now been designated as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning by NSDC on the 28th May 2015. A neighbourhood plan website has been created and a link will be provided from the Parish Council website.
 - b. An update on the OM strategy group

The situation with OM is still ongoing and a meeting has been arranged with Chris Penn of David Wilson Barrett Homes (DWH)
 - c. Fernwood Development meeting

After the meeting a letter has been sent to Mr Robert Jenrick MP regarding the proposed access and egress to Fernwood.
14. Planning Applications
 - a. 15/00913/RMAM

It was agreed for the Clerk and the Chairman to request a meeting with Balderton Parish Council
 - b. Harlequin group proposed base station installation

No objections
15. Exempt Item Staffing Issue.

The press and public in accordance with the public bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 section 1 will not be permitted to stay for this item
This is to be discussed at a later date.
16. Correspondence
 - a. A copy of An email from Cllr Sue Saddington regarding barrier outside Chuter Ede school - Noted
 - b. A copy of an email regarding damage to trees on the green – Noted
 - c. An email from a resident regarding disturbance on Ruby’s Walk – The Clerk will email the resident with their recommendations
 - d. An email from a resident regarding fencing- Noted
 - e. An email from Cllr Mison regarding land boundary on Spring Drive – Noted
 - f. A copy of an email from Cllr Sue Saddington to Robert Jenrick MP regarding traffic in and around Newark – Noted

- g. A copy of an email regarding a proposed pharmacy within Fernwood – No objections at the prospect

17. Clerks Report

- A. NALC Councillor training

There are no Councillors at the present who are able to attend

- B. An invitation to attend the Petanque opening ceremony – Noted

18. Bills for payment

See list attached

19. Councillors reports

Cllr. B. Smith reported that the Neighbourhood Watch group is ongoing and James Tetlaw has now taken over the group. There have been recent information meetings held and it has come to light that weekends are not as well attended as weekdays. There will be an online form membership.

Cllr. D. Harrison asked if the A1 slip turning could be discussed at the next Development meeting as there is concern over the safety.

Cllr. P. Murray will look into sports for children

Cllr. J. Gould advised that the media group are looking into increasing the Fernwood Fanfare publication.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th July 2015 starting at 19.00 at the village hall.