



Minutes of the Meeting of Fernwood Parish Council held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 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

1. Apologies for absence.  
Cllrs I & K Walker, Cllr S. Saddington
2. Declarations of interest.  
None
3. Minutes of the meeting held on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2015.  
The above was proposed by Cllr. B. Smith and seconded by Cllr. D. Harrison that the Minutes were a true record and were unanimously agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising.  
Cllr. Barson reported that the lack of fast broadband within Fernwood has not yet been resolved and is still ongoing, however there has been some activity going on from Open reach but as yet no access.
5. Chairman's report.  
Cllr. J. Weale reported that he had attended an informal meeting with Cllr. K Walker the chairman of Balderton Parish Council to discuss the future builds within the two villages, it was agreed that the two parishes need to work closer together and that the road infrastructure desperately needs improving before any new builds and they are lobbying planning.  
The recent village fete was a success, the weather held for most of the time, it was suggested that maybe next year to invite some craft stalls along.  
There is to be no meeting in August but if anything urgent comes along, for example any major planning applications an EGM will be called.
6. Chairman of the Fernwood Residents Association (FRA) report  
The chairman Mr David Heath reported the following:
  - At the recent meeting with Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC) regarding maintenance, discussions were around land ownership and the possible handing over to the Parish Council.
  - It has come to light that the land lease from David Wilson Homes (DWH) to first port is for 999 years and not 99 years as initially believed. The group

are looking into how first port carry out their work and is it to the satisfaction of the contract.

- The media group have developed the new website, although it has not yet launched the address will be [www.fernwood-ra.uk](http://www.fernwood-ra.uk)
- The open meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> September will be a public open forum only and not for committee business

7. County Councillor and District Councillors' reports:

Cllr. N. Mison said they are now two months into the new council and many committees have now met. The chair Cllr. I. Walker has chosen his charity to be Beaumond House. NSDC also reported that they underspent last year by half of a million pounds, this was down to the Civil war museum costing less than budgeted and staff posts not being filled. Cllr. Mison also reported there are two planning committee meetings set for August and he will arrange another meeting with planning. Finally the few issues that the Civil war museum has had are now finished and they are fully operational.

In her absence Cllr. S. Saddington sent the following:

“Over the last few weeks I have spoken to Highways England regarding the unacceptable traffic grid lock around Newark, including accidents on both the A46 and A1. As you know at my request the MP set up a meeting with the police, NCC and Highways England, hopefully there will be some interim improvements made, as 10 years for the larger improvements to be made is too long.

I have also spoken to Highways England regarding the unacceptable mess they have made of the new signage on the Farndon Roundabout. They have accepted my comments and are due to make alterations.

As you know I am more than fully aware of the problems Fernwood residents experience with the Highways issues and I will continue to support you”.

8. An APP from Cllr J. Weale to include an expenditure of up to £1000 for the Neighbour Watch group

The FRA have set up a new Neighbourhood Watch (NW) group and at the moment there has been no budget set, after a meeting with Terry Bailey from the ASB office at NSDC it was advised to budget £1000 which can go towards CCTV and other sundries. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Weale and seconded by Cllr. J. Gould to budget and transfer £1000 to the FRA to manage as part of the new NW group.

9. A request from the Chairman of the FRA for a street sign on Plum Way

At the moment some traffic and deliveries for the shops are not aware that they turn right at the junction and they turn left, they then end up in the residential area and have difficulties turning, a sign showing the direction for the shop would cost £48. The above was proposed by Cllr. J. Weale and seconded by Cllr. P. Murray and agreed unanimously.

10. A request from the Chairman of the FRA on behalf of the media group to increase the Fernwood Fanfare publication  
The fanfare is produced quarterly at the moment and it would be advantageous to publish and circulate information quicker, the editor is confident that there is enough news to fill 6 editions instead of 4 per year. The printer has quoted to change the inside pages to black and white instead of colour. The annual cost will increase from £1640 to £1800 per year. The above was proposed by Cllr. P. Murray and seconded by Cllr. A. Barson and agreed unanimously.
11. An APP from Cllr J. Gould with an update and suggestions for the future of the key issues for Fernwood Parish Council  
Cllr. Gould updated the Council as to where we are with key issues and what is outstanding and what needs to be looked into in the future.  
Some of the Items included are:
- NW group now set up and the police attended the FRA open meeting
  - Additional rubbish bin on Dale green - has been installed
  - Road signage on Ruby's avenue – see item 9
  - Installation of dog bins and collections – all are now installed
  - Poor upkeep of the flower beds and the car parking – Clerk to investigate and contact the new owner if possible
- Additional items that need to be looked into are: refresh car parking bays, councillor emergency expenditure, and relocation of village hall gate to the side of the car park for access from the green
12. Strategy group feedback/recommendations
- a. An update on the Neighbourhood plan  
It has been recently decided after the fete to revamp the questionnaire
  - 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  
See FRA chairman's report
13. Planning Applications  
The recent Boundary review for Nottinghamshire County Council  
No comments
14. 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  
A matter was discussed and resolved

15. Correspondence

- a. A email from County Councillor Sue Saddington regarding the Newark traffic summit - Noted
- b. A copy of a letter to Newark & Sherwood district council (NSDC) regarding land ownership within Fernwood - Noted
- c. A copy of a response from NSDC regarding land ownership with Fernwood - Noted

16. Clerks Report

- a. Fernwood Village Hall CCTV & recent activity  
The CCTV at the village hall is very old and only records for 2 weeks, it will also now not save information. When the police enquire for footage that may assist them we have not been able to offer evidence. A quotation for £1987 which includes a 16 channel 4 week hd recorder (which includes remote access), training, 1 year service maintenance, lock box, 32" screen and new ground loop isolators was proposed by Cllr. P. Murray and seconded by Cllr. J. Gould and agreed unanimously to go ahead.
- b. Usage of floodlights and shelters  
At the moment It was agreed that the floodlights and shelters are to be used by community user groups only
- c. Future ownership of the village hall  
A meeting with NSDC has been scheduled for September
- d. July village fete  
After the success of the fete it was decided to go ahead with another next on the 9<sup>th</sup> July.
- e. Village hall unlocking  
Dates that have not been covered to unlock for parties were agreed within the councillors
- f. Statement of Gambling policy for NSDC - Noted

17. Bills for payment

See list attached

18. Councillors reports

None

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 starting at 19.00 at the village hall.