

Fernwood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fernwood Parish Council held on Thursday May 21st 2015 which commenced at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood.

Present: Cllrs. J Weale, M Weale, P Murray, B Smith, A Barson, D Harrison, District Cllr. N. Mison and County Cllr. S. Saddington

1. Statement from the Chairman
The chairman thanked everyone for their efforts and support over the last year. The Council have managed to push the Neighbourhood plan to a successful start and two very strong strategy groups to look into the maintenance charges and issues. The Chair went on to thank Emma Thorpe the Parish Council Clerk for all of her hard work and also thanked county councillor Sue Saddington and District Councillors Ivor Walker and Declan Logue. The Chairman finished by congratulating everyone who was elected in the recent elections.
2. To receive nominations for and elect the Chairman of 2015/16
The Clerk called for nominations for Chair for the forthcoming year and Cllr. P. Murray proposed Cllr. J. Weale which was seconded by Cllr. D. Harrison and agreed unanimously.
3. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
Cllr. J. Weale signed the declaration of office.
4. To receive nominations for and elect the Vice Chairman of 2015/16
The Clerk called for nominations for Vice Chair for the forthcoming year. There were no nominations and so was moved to the next meeting.
5. Councillors to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
Councillors that had not already done so signed their papers
6. Apologies for absence
Cllrs. J Gould, k Walker & I Walker
7. Declarations of Interest
None
8. Minutes of the meeting held on April 27th 2015
It 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.
9. Matters Arising
The Fernwood Residents association page now has 308 members
10. County Councillor and District Councillors reports

Cllr. N. Mison reported that Cllr. I Walker has been elected as Chairman of the Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC), and the committees have now been decided, Cllr. S. Saddington, Cllr. I. Walker and Cllr. Mison all are on the planning committee. The civil war museum is now open and there has also been a Girder signing for the new leisure centre.

Cllr. S. Saddington reported that the PCSO's are being reduced which is not what was promised, initially the numbers were to increase. Cllr. Saddington also reported that she will be writing a letter to the MP Robert Jenrick asking for a traffic review, what would happen if the A1 is closed or train delays. Cllr Saddington then thanked the Parish Council, Clerk and volunteers for all of their hard work.

11. Planning applications - 14/00465/OUTM

The Parish Council have made comments previously and the above is a revised application, the Parish council have looked at the plans and additional comments especially regarding the access and egress were proposed by Cllr. J. Weale and seconded by Cllr. P. Murray to be added, this was agreed unanimously.

12. Strategy Groups update

13. Correspondence:

- a. A copy of an email from the Parish Council and communication regarding parking on Ruby's Walk – Noted
- b. A letter from NALC regarding the work and advice they offer – Noted
- c. A copy of an email from Cllr. Saddington to the highways and planning officers regarding the proposed North build – Noted
- d. An email from a resident regarding OM charges- Noted
- e. An email from the Newark hospital regarding the 'Choose Newark Hospital'
The council would like to invite them along to a meeting later in the year

14. Clerks report

- a. Fernwood Parish Council Annual Audit
The Clerk reported to the Council that the Village Hall and Parish Council accounts have both been internally audited and all the banks have reconciled. The Council were given a breakdown of the figures from the previous year and for the year 2014/15. Cllr. J. Weale proposed to approve the accounts and Annual Audit and to sign the paperwork so that they can now be sent to the external auditors, this was seconded by Cllr M. Weale and agreed unanimously.

15. Bills for payment

The list is included in the minutes

16. Councillors Reports

Cllr. P. Murray reported that the bin near to the shop was recently set on fire.

The next meeting will be held on Monday June 29th 2015 starting at 19.00 at the village hall.