



Minutes of the Fernwood Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2026, held at The Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood.

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr Rixon, Cllr Wood, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Mison and Cllr Armstrong

District: **3**
County: **0**
Public: **2**

MINUTES

- 581.** Declaration of any intention to record the meeting – Note that the Clerk may record the meeting for note-taking and minute-taking accuracy. - **None**
- 582.** Apologies for absence – **Cllr Mack & Cllr Phillips**
- 583.** Declarations of interest - **None**
- 584. Public Open Forum (15 minute session) - *Fernwood Parish Council is committed to community engagement and, therefore, warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. It should be noted that in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the maximum time permitted for contributions is 5 minutes per item. Unless permitted to do so by the Chair, only matters on the agenda can be discussed during this forum.***
- 585. Approval of the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on March 16th 2026. – **Approved as presented**
- 586. Councillors' & Clerk's reports – Councillors reports presented – Clerk reported changes to dog waste bin emptying schedule by NSDC.** The bins are now emptied on Tuesdays and Fridays. Any issues with dog bins should now be reported directly to NSDC, as they are contracted to manage them. Further information can be found on the Parish Council website.
- 587. County & District Councillors' reports – District Councillors delivered their reports.** No County Councillor present, but his report is available online.
- 588. Finance**
- Bank reconciliations up to March 31st 2026, to be noted - **Noted**
 - Items of income to be noted - **Noted**

- c. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted - **Noted**
- d. Approval of invoices due for payment - **Resolved**
- e. Approval of expenses - **None**
- f. Items of expenditure for consideration - **None**
- g. To resolve to appoint an Internal Auditor for 2026/27 – It was **Resolved** to appoint Ken Goddard.
- h. To note spinal point pay increase for office staff - **Noted**

589. Planning

To consider the following applications: **None**

590. Correspondence - None

591. Deferred item from March 2026 - Cllr Mack is asking the council to consider purchasing a jigsaw table for Mental Health Week May 11th – 17th 2026. This would be placed in the reception area for anyone to have a go while waiting. – **It was agreed that no further action would be taken.**

592. To set the date(s) for the Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting. Due to space availability, it is recommended that these be held on 18th May (the same date as the monthly PC meeting). – It was **Resolved** to set both the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings as recommended by the Clerk on Monday, 18th May 2026.

The meeting closed at 7:35 PM

Approved at the meeting dated: 18/05/2026

Approved by:

Chair