



Dear Councillors David Mack, Neill Mison, Leigh Rixon, Kimberley Shepherd, Oliver Phillips, Andrew Armstrong and Jules Wood.

You are summoned to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 16th March 2026, commencing at 7 pm in **The Village Hall**, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood, Newark.

Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting, Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by the Local Government Act 1972 Section 100, unless precluded by the Parish Council by resolution during the whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not, however, include the right to speak on any matter except at the beginning of the meeting and only on matters published on the agenda.

Darryl Flinders – Parish Clerk & RFO, 11th March 2026.

A G E N D A

- 566. Declaration of any intention to record the meeting – Note that the Clerk may record the meeting for note-taking and minute-taking accuracy.**
- 567.** Apologies for absence
- 568.** Declarations of interest
- 569. 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.**
- 570. Approval of the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on February 16th 2026.
- 571. Councillors' & Clerk's reports**
- 572. County & District Councillors' reports**
- 573. Finance**
 - a. Bank reconciliations up to February 28th 2026, to be noted
 - b. Items of income to be noted
 - c. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted
 - d. Approval of invoices due for payment
 - e. Approval of expenses
 - f. Items of expenditure for consideration
 - g. To resolve the budget Virement adjustments
 - h. To resolve a change in the council's accounting method for the 2025/26 period and all future years from Receipts & Payments to Income & Expenditure (as advised by auditors).
- 574. Planning**

To consider the following applications: None
- 575. Correspondence**

Received email from a concerned resident about the behaviour of larger children playing on the under 12 age group play equipment, riding scooters and bikes around the same play equipment (within fenced area).

- 576.** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree (Resolve) to move to pre-planning on the Village Hall extension work, including sourcing suppliers and quotes and to set a budget and timescale for delivery. Cllr Shepherd is also asking the council to agree to any tasks relating to planning for the village hall staff team.
- 577.** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to formally enquire about the mobile youth club and how Fernwood can gain access to the service.
- 578.** Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree to ask the clerk to contact Democratic Services at NSDC and request that the number of councillors on Fernwood Parish Council is increased, in order that the extra seats can be included in the May 2027 council elections.
- 579.** Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree that Newark Community First Aid and St John Ambulance are provided with the use of the Village Hall on a free-of-charge basis for one session each, to enable them to provide free community first aid training.
- 580.** 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.