



Dear Councillors David Mack, Neill Mison, Leigh Rixon, Kimberley Shepherd, Oliver Phillips and Mollie Weale.

You are summoned to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday, 17th February, commencing at 7 pm. This meeting will be held in the **Conference Room at The Hub, Balderton Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3JR**

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 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.

Darryl Flinders – Parish Clerk & RFO, Wednesday 12th February 2025

A G E N D A

Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting – Note: The Clerk will record the meeting for note-taking and minute production accuracy.

396. Apologies for absence

397. Declarations of interest

398. 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.***

399. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting(s) held on January 20th 2025.

400. Councillors' & Clerk's reports

401. County & District Councillors' reports

402. National Highways Route Manager Phil Shaw was invited to speak to the council by resolution at the January 2025 meeting and is in attendance to update the council on national highways matters that will or will likely affect Fernwood residents.

403. Finance

- a. Bank reconciliations up to January 31st 2025, to be noted
- b. Items of income to be noted – **CIL £3274**
- c. Ex-Councillors McGregor and J. Weald will be removed from all bank and Investment mandates by **resolution**.
- d. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted
- e. Approval of invoices due for payment
- f. Approval of expenses
- g. Items of expenditure for consideration
- h. To agree on the council's precept requirements for the forthcoming financial year (2025/26) and **resolve** to set this in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992

404. Planning

None

405. Cllr Rixon is asking the council to consider paying for two new goalposts for the Fernwood Central football pitch. The current posts are beyond repair.

406. Cllr Rixon has proposed to seek agreement that time is allocated to the Clerk to fact-check a stream of potential misinformation and speculation regarding several issues affecting Fernwood. It is believed that this may be having an adverse impact on the duties of the Parish Council and at the same time, misrepresenting the position of the Parish Council to the public and other interested parties. It is also proposed that the council seek to obtain copies of public authority reviews, commissioned surveys and documented analyses related to these issues. If the request is declined by the appointed public

authority, the individual responsible councillor or officer, it is proposed that this be pursued by means of a Freedom of Information Request. The proposer believes that by obtaining this information, the Parish Council will be in a position to examine, consider and potentially implement recommendations to improve the environment of Fernwood.

- 407.** Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree on their position on the next steps as regards the management of the open space land, water courses and associated assets and liabilities sited within Fernwood North. The current options are to either (option 1) actively pursue taking ownership of the land and associated water courses, assets and liabilities, therefore meeting the cost of managing it, either within the next few months or at some point in the future. Or (option 2) Agree not to pursue taking ownership of the land and associated assets and liabilities.
- 408.** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree on a budget (Max £2500) for fitting out The Hub with wall furnishings, TV brackets, soft furnishings, plants and other outstanding fixtures and fittings.
- 409. Correspondence** – (Already circulated with photographs in advance). A member of the public is asking the council to consider providing one or two dog waste bin(s) located in the proximity of Anwick Close/green space as dog waste is becoming an issue.