



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on March 17th 2025, at 7 pm
at The Hub, Balderton Hall, Fernwood

Present: Parish Councillors: Neill Mison, Kimberley Shepherd, Lee Rixon, David Mack. and Oliver Phillips
Clerk: Darryl Flinders
Residents/Public 4
NSDC Councillors 3
County Councillors' 0

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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- 429 Declaration of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members, members of the public or the press** - The Clerk/RFO recorded the meeting.
- 430 Apologies for absence** – Cllr M. Weale
- 431 Declarations of Interest** - None
- 432 Public Open Forum**
- 433 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 17th 2025**
The minutes were approved as presented and signed by the Chair.
- 434 Councillors & Clerk's reports**
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
- 435 District Councillor's Reports**
District Councillors were present at the meeting and presented their reports. They introduced an officer from NSDC, and both the Councillors and the officer wanted to discuss an agenda item resolved at the February meeting. The Chair advised that the agenda item was reserved for the Councillors' reports only.
- 436 County Councillor's Reports**
The County Councillor presented the report.

437 Finance

- a. Bank reconciliations up to February 28th 2025 - Noted
- b. Items of income to be noted – VAT refund £28,857 - Noted
- c. Virement of 2024/25 budgeted items - Resolved
- d. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted - None
- e. Approval of invoices due for payment – Approved
- f. Additional signatories required on bank mandates – It was Resolved that Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Phillips would be added.
- g. Approval of expenses – None
- h. Items of expenditure for consideration – It was Resolved that Tree Works quotation and NSDC Dog Waste collection contract for 2025/26 would be accepted.

438 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to review the recommendations from the Village Hall Management Group and Resolve to invite the architect who previously provided drawings in 2024 back to the council with further additions. It was Resolved with a maximum budget of £500.

439 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to the proposed event schedule for 2025/26 and the associated estimated budget schedule. The budget 2025/26 schedule has already been approved, covering the proposed expenditure for the events below.

Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, 18th April - Sunday, 20th April

VE Day Coffee Morning – Thursday 8th May

Party in the Park – Saturday, 26th July, Midday to 5 PM

Supporting items for above: Music (PA & Acts), Stalls & Tombolas, Food & Drink. Required Licensing, TTRO, Infrastructure & Support

Fernwood Food Huddle – Saturday, 16th August

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 26th September

Christmas Craft Market – Saturday, 29th November

Fernwood Community Christmas – Sunday, 14th December

440 Planning

None.

441 Correspondence

None received.

The meeting closed at 7.55PM