



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on January 20th 2025, at 7 pm
at Fernwood Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors:	Neill Mison, Kimberley Shepherd, Lee Rixon, David Mack. and Oliver Phillips
Clerk:	Darryl Flinders
Residents/Public	2
NSDC Councilors	3
County Councilors'	0

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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- 398 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.
- 399 Apologies for absence** – None
- 400 Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Shepherd declared an interest in agenda item 412 and left the room before the discussion
- 401 Public Open Forum**
- 402 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 18th 2024**
The minutes were approved as presented and signed by the Chair.
- 403 Cllr Mison (Chair)** addressed the council and members of the public, speaking warmly about the recently deceased Cllr Jim Weale and acknowledging his contributions to the community and Fernwood Parish Council.
- 404 Councillors & Clerk's reports**
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
- 405 District Councillor's Reports**
Received as presented
- 406 County Councillor's Reports**
Received as presented

407 Finance

- a. Bank reconciliations up to December 31st 2024 noted - noted
- b. 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 - approved
- e. Approval of expenses - approved
- f. Items of expenditure for consideration - noted
- g. To agree on the council's budget for 2025/26 - RESOLVED
- h. To agree on the council's precept requirements for 2025/26 – DEFERRED until the February meeting.

408 Planning

None.

409 Cllr Mack is asking the council to consider inviting Phil Shaw (National Highways Route Manager), to the February meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the invitation be sent so that the council and members of the public could be updated on plans that are likely to impact Fernwood residents.

410 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to write to Via East Midlands regarding Phoenix Lane, specifically parking concerns, sharing a report from 2024, and gaining clarity on Via East Midlands strategy for this area.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow District Councillors to comment.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would seek clarification on current and outstanding issues and NCC & Via's responses and actions.

411 Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree to continue the extension of office staff by 5 hours per week until 31/03/2025 and to add an addendum to the Admin and Hall Manager's employment contract to allow up to 5 hours above their standard hours per week so that when we have busy periods at short notice, the staff do not have to wait for a decision by the council.

It was RESOLVED that the council agree on the proposal as presented.

412 Correspondence

A Grant Application has been received from Fernwood Ladies Choir for the sum of £300 to purchase some equipment for use at events (including public performances).

It was RESOLVED to support the application and grant £300 as requested.

The meeting closed at 8.40 PM.

Approved at the meeting dated 17/02/2025

Approved by :