



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 31st October 2024 at 7 pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Neill Mison, Kimberley Shepherd, Lee Rixon and David Mack.

Clerk: Darryl Flinders

Residents/Public 5

NSDC Councillors 0

County Councillors' 1

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- 361 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.
- 362 Apologies for absence** – Councillors M & J Weale
- 363 Declarations of Interest** - Kimberley Shepherd (item 371)
- 364 Public Open Forum**
- 365 Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on September 16th and October 9th 2024**
The minutes were approved as presented and signed by the Chair.
- 366 Councillors & Clerk's reports**
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
- 367 District Councillor's Reports**
None present
- 368 County Councillor's Reports**
Received as presented
- 369 Finance**
- a. Bank reconciliations up to 30th September 2024
 - 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. Approval of furniture and appliance(s) budget and expenditure for The Hub. **RESOLVED**
 - h. Approval of building modification costs, alarm system and CCTV installation at The Hub
Items **g & h RESOLVED** together with a budget of £30,000 agreed
 - i. Approval of interim audit in November and related costs **RESOLVED**
 - j. Approval of Remembrance Wreath expenditure **RESOLVED**
- Items a to f have been considered, noted and approved as presented.**

370 Planning

Update on Reserved Matters application 24/01672/RMAN Persimmon.

Objections were submitted to NSDC as directed at the October 9th 2024 meeting.

Determination deadline 30/12/2024

- 371** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to a one-off event, free hall use for the Fernwood Ladies Choir on 12th December for their Christmas event in the evening (7:30<11:30PM)
Cllr Shepherd left the room (see disclosed interest). The council noted the event, and all councillors were in favour and **RESOLVED** to support the request.

372 Cllr Shepherd returned to the meeting to present the agenda item

Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to note the report from Cllr M Weale, Cllr Mack and Cllr Shepherd on a recent meeting with Persimmon regarding the Fernwood South Development.

Noted

- 373** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to note an update following a meeting with County Councillor Lee and a discussion of the council's recommendations based on the travel and Traffic survey.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cllr Lee to join in with the discussion that followed. Comments were noted, and Standing Orders were reinstated.

- 374** Cllr Rixon is asking the council to consider and propose the setting up of a working group to develop a wild natural trim trail within Costall Woods.
It was agreed that a working group would be set up to focus on the development of Costall Woods and ongoing maintenance. Members will include councillors Rixon, Shepherd, Mack and Mison.

375 Correspondence

None received

376 Parish Councillor Co-option

The council will consider all written applications received and vote on which candidate To co-opt as Parish Councillor for Fernwood Parish Council. Councillors may ask candidates questions, and candidates may also wish to ask questions as part of the process. Voting will be completed, and the council will confirm the appointment during the meeting.

The council received two written applications, and both candidates were asked Questions by councillors and candidates then asked the council questions. Both candidates left the room whilst councillors commenced the voting process. The council Resolved to appoint Oliver Phillips after receiving the majority of the support required to be appointed. Both candidates returned to the room, and it was announced that Oliver Phillips had been appointed. The Acceptance of Office form was then completed, and all councillors welcomed Cllr Phillips to the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.25 PM.

Approved at the meeting dated

Approved by :