



MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 17th June 2024 at 7 pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors:	Neill Mison (Chair), Kimberley Shepherd, Lee Rixon, Jim Weale, and Mollie Weale
Clerk:	Darryl Flinders
Residents/Public	1
Newark & Sherwood District Councillors	1
County Councillors'	0

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- 307 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.
- 308 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Mack, DC Haynes & DC Kellas
- 309 Declarations of Interest** - None received.
- 310 Public Open Forum** – Nothing recorded
- 311 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2024**
The minutes were approved as presented and signed by the chair
- 312 Councillors & Clerk's reports**
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
- 313 District Councillor's Reports**
DC Allen presented his report, which was noted by councillors.
- 314 Finance**
- a. Bank reconciliations up to 31st May 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
Additional cordless office telephone expenditure approved £75.00
 - g. Update received from NSDC regarding CIL funds and required 'Spend-by' dates.
Schedule of CIL income and expenditure deadline dates distributed to all Councillors
- Items a to g have been considered, noted and approved as presented.**

315 Planning

To consider the following applications: None Received

316 Casual Vacancy

Casual Vacancy Notice was published online and displayed on the Parish Council's noticeboards announcing the resignation of Cllr Ian McGregor and that a vacancy now exists within the council and inviting the electorate to call an election. As NSDC Electoral Services did not receive the minimum required number of letters, calling for an election by the published deadline, the Parish Clerk has now been advised that the Parish Council are able to fill the vacancy by co-option.
The Council should now consider and decide how and when they wish to start the co-option process.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council would advertise the vacancy ahead of the September meeting. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Parish Clerk for more information or to express their interest.

- 317** Cllr Mack has proposed that the council consider costs for the replacement of bird feeders at the bird hide and to provide maintenance to the bird hide. To request an estimate from FirstPort to be considered at the July meeting.

Cllr Shepherd presented the agenda item in Cllr Mack's absence. It was agreed that Cllr Mack should approach FirstPort, as proposed.

- 318** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to purchase outdoor Festoon Lights for the Village Hall Garden/Pergola and agree to a budget. It was **Resolved** that a maximum budget of up to £1000 could be spent on lighting.

- 319** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to purchase 10 round tables for events at the Village Hall and agree to a budget of up to £2000 to allow this. It was **Resolved** that a maximum budget of up to £2000 could be spent on the tables, as proposed.

- 320** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to review the 2023/24 strategy for the year ahead. It was agreed this item would be moved to a future agenda.

- 321** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to purchase commercial-grade gazebos for Summer and Christmas events, markets and village hall events. A budget of up to £10,000 (CIL) is requested for additional and replacement gazebos as several of the council's old structures are damaged (broken, torn, mouldy).
It was **Resolved** that following the Council's requirement recommendations, The Clerk would order replacement components for existing structures and new shelters as directed. A maximum budget of £10,000 has been agreed.

- 322** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to a free hall hire for a charity event organised by One Stop on Friday, 2nd August, during the day.
It was **RESOLVED** that the event organiser could have free hall and garden use during the day in support of their event.
- 287.** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to use CIL funding to purchase event lighting for the summer and other events. Quotes to be obtained for suitable tripod-based floodlighting and interconnecting power cables. A maximum budget could be agreed if required.
It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of suitable portable lighting and cables and report back to the Council with quotes for consideration at the July meeting.
- 323 Correspondence**
A member of the public enquired about the availability of allotments.
The council agreed that the availability of allotments would be a great idea, but currently, no land is available to locate them.

The meeting closed at 8.05 PM.

Approved at the meeting dated 15/07/2024

Approved by :