



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held on 18th November 2024 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	1
NSDC Councilors	3
County Councilors'	1

**RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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- 377 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.
- 378 Apologies for absence** – Councillors M & J Weale
- 379 Declarations of Interest** - None
- 380 Public Open Forum**
- 381 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on October 31st 2024**  
The minutes were approved as presented and signed by the Chair.
- 382 Councillors & Clerk's reports**  
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
- 383 District Councillor's Reports**  
Received as presented
- 384 County Councillor's Reports**  
Received as presented
- 385 Finance**
- a. Bank reconciliations up to October 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. Internal auditors report – delivered and noted
- h. PKFL 2023/24 External auditors report – delivered and noted
- i. Draft budget proposal for consideration by the council – delivered and under consideration. The final budget is to be agreed upon during the January 2025 meeting.

**Items a to h have been considered, noted and approved as presented.**

**386 Planning**

None were provided for comment.

It was noted that NCC had applied for planning consent to extend the buildings and facilities at Chuter Ede Primary School.

- 387** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to purchase outdoor Xmas lights for the front and rear of the village hall. It was RESOLVED that a budget of up to £500 would be available for the purchase of lights, as proposed.

- 388** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to purchase a bigger bookshelf for the community library in the village hall foyer. It was RESOLVED that a budget of up to £500 would be available as proposed.

- 389** Cllr Mison is asking the council to consider safety considerations, turning right out of the Welcome Break services in Fernwood as a result of the new roundabout and if the council should ask VIA East Midlands, through NCC, as the highways authority, to assess if the visibility of the traffic turning right out of the services and if it meets the threshold for imposing a left turn only from the services.  
The council have asked the Clerk to send their concerns to NCC and VIA EM.

- 390** 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.

**391 Correspondence**

Further correspondence from Fernwood Central Residents Association regarding their previous FOI request has been received.  
The association's comments are noted, and the Clerk's previous response satisfies the requirements of the regulations.

**The meeting closed at 8.40 PM.**

**Approved at the meeting dated**

**Approved by :**

