



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2026 held at The Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood.

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr Mack, Cllr Rixon, Cllr Wood, Cllr Mison and Cllr Armstrong

District: 3
County: 0
Public: 4

MINUTES

- 540. Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting** – None
- 541.** Apologies for absence. – Cllr Phillips
- 542.** Declarations of interest. - None
- 543. Public Open Forum (15 minute session)** - *Fernwood Parish Council is committed to community engagement and, therefore, warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. It should be noted that in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the maximum time permitted for contributions is 5 minutes per item. Unless permitted to do so by the Chair, only matters on the agenda can be discussed during this forum.*
- *Standing orders suspended at 19:15 to allow further questions from members of the public – **Resolved**
- *Standing orders reinstated at 19:25 - **Resolved**
- 544. Approval of the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on November 17th 2025 – The minutes were accepted by all councillors as presented. **Resolved**
- 545. Councillors' & Clerk's reports**
Councillors provided updates on their activities.
- *Standing orders suspended at 19:34 to allow questions from members of the public – **Resolved**
- *Standing orders reinstated at 19:36 - **Resolved**
- 546. County & District Councillors' reports** – County Cllr sent apologies. District Councillors provided their reports
- 547. Finance**
- Bank reconciliations up to December 31st 2025. **Noted**
 - Items of income to be noted – **Noted**
 - Expenditure since last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted – **Noted**

- d. Approval of invoices due for payment - **Approved**
- e. Approval of expenses - **None**
- f. Items of expenditure for consideration – **None**
- g. To agree the council's budget for 2026/27 – The council agreed it's budgets and **Resolved** to set them

548. Planning

To consider the following applications:

- a. **25/01947/FULM** – Land off Cross Lane, Fernwood.
Development of a Foodstore (class E) with associated access, car parking, hard & soft landscaping and other associated works. The council **Resolved** to object and instructed the Clerk to submit this.
- b. **25/01948/FUL** – Land off William Hall Way, Fernwood.
Development of a Coffee Shop with Drive-thru facility. The council **Resolved** to object and instructed the Clerk to submit this.
- c. **25/01939/OUTM** – Land off William Hall Way, Fernwood.
Outline planning permission for the development of a Drive-thru restaurant (class E/sui generis) with all matters except access. The council **Resolved** to object and instructed the Clerk to submit this.
- d. **25/02057/FULM** – Land off Great North Road, Fernwood.
Proposed development of 390 dwellings, including associated access, landscaping and infrastructure. The council **Resolved** to object and instructed the Clerk to submit this.

549. Correspondence – Grant application received from Chuter Ede Primary School in support of DAaRT programme for 30 year 5 pupils. Requested amount £324. The council **Resolved** to defer this item to the February agenda.

550. Cllr Rixon is asking the council to discuss and vote on the setting up of a steering group to collate, review and propose a FPC strategic policy for the existing and future development of Fernwood Parish. The council **Resolved** to defer this item to the February agenda.

551. Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree to ask the Clerk to obtain quotes to replace the current PA/sound and lighting systems with new systems in all areas within the Village Hall, including the new room that is proposed as part of the building works, with a budget of £20,000. The council **Resolved** to approve a budget of £20,000 and instructed the clerk to obtain quotes.

The meeting closed at 10PM

Approved at the meeting dated: 16/02/2026

Approved by:

Cllr N. Mison (Chair)