

MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 10th April 2024 at 4 pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Neill Mison (Chair), Kimberley Shepherd, Ian McGregor, Dave Mack, Jim Weale and Mollie Weale

Clerk: Darryl Flinders

Residents/Public 0

Newark & Sherwood District Councillors 0

County Councilors' 0

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261 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.

262 Apologies for absence – Leigh Rixon

263 Declarations of Interest - None

264 Public Forum

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 by The Chair, only matters on the agenda (business to be conducted) can be discussed during this forum.

265 Cllr McGregor is asking the council to urgently address the problem of overflowing dog waste bins which several residents have raised. In particular on Hollowdyke Lane, either to replace them with bigger bins or to install additional bins to meet demand.

The Clerk advised the council that the bins reported were small (approx 20L) and, despite being emptied twice weekly, the best value solution would be to replace them with larger (60L) bins. It was RESOLVED that six 60L bins would be ordered and installed by NSDC to replace the bins reported as overflowing, together with other small ones identified as too small.

266 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

To consider if any of the following item(s) should be considered in a confidential session and, if required, to pass a resolution stating the reasons for exclusion in the following terms:

It was **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of specified item(s) **ITEM 267** as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

267 Cllr Rixon is asking the council to consider the contents and to reevaluate communication that has come to the parish council's attention. This includes communication from NSDC, Barratt David Wilson Homes, Firstport, FPC's solicitor and from The Office of Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP.

It was **RESOLVED** that The Clerk, with assistance from Cllr Rixon, would write to BDW to clarify information contained within a letter received from them. Upon receipt of the clarification it was agreed that the council would meet again to discuss the matter further.

The meeting closed at 16:55 PM