



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2026, held at The Village Hall,
Rubys Avenue, Fernwood.**

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr Rixon, Cllr Philips, Cllr Wood, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Mison and Cllr Armstrong

District: 0
County: 0
Public: 1

MINUTES

- 566. Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting – None**
- 567.** Apologies for absence. – Cllr Mack
- 568.** Declarations of interest. – Cllr Mison declared an interest in item 579 as he is involved with St John Ambulance.
- 569. 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.***
- 570. Approval of the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on February 16th 2026 – The minutes were accepted by all councillors as presented. **Resolved**
- 571. Councillors' & Clerk's reports**
Councillors provided updates on their activities. The Chair announced the sad loss of Bryan Wood, a dear friend of the parish council staff and councillors. Brian regularly contributed to parish council meetings and volunteered to litter-pick around the village weekly. Brian will be sadly missed.
- 572. County & District Councillors' reports –** County and District councillors sent their apologies.
- 573. Finance**
- Bank reconciliations up to February 28th 2025. **Noted**
 - Items of income to be noted – **Noted**
 - Expenditure since last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted – **Noted**
 - Approval of invoices due for payment - **Approved**
 - Approval of expenses - **None**
 - Items of expenditure for consideration – **None**
 - To resolve the budget virement adjustments – **Resolved**
 - To resolve a change in the council's accounting method for the 2025/26 period and all future years from Receipts & Payments to Income & Expenditure (as advised by auditors). - **Resolved**
- 574. Planning**
To consider the following applications: **None**
- 575. Correspondence –** Email received from a concerned resident about the behaviour of larger children playing on the under-12 play equipment and riding scooters and bikes around it within the fenced area.

The council asked the Clerk to write to the school, and the Clerk also suggested that he would report the issue to the NSDC ASB team. The Clerk also highlighted that members of the public should report anti-social behaviour directly to NSDC at www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/asb/ or by calling 01636 650 000.

- 576.** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree (Resolve) to move to pre-planning on the Village Hall extension work, including sourcing suppliers and quotes and to set a budget and timescale for delivery. Cllr Shepherd is also asking the council to agree to any tasks relating to planning for the village hall staff team. It was **Resolved** to support both proposals.
- 577.** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to formally enquire about the mobile youth club and how Fernwood can gain access to the service.
The Clerk **agreed** to contact NCC and make enquiries.
- 578.** Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree to ask the Clerk to contact Democratic Services at NSDC and request that the number of councillors (seats) on Fernwood Parish Council be increased, in order that the extra seats can be included in the May 2027 council elections. **Resolved** that the Clerk would action as proposed.
- 579.** Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree that Newark Community First Aid and St John Ambulance are provided with the use of the Village Hall on a free-of -charge basis for one session each, to enable them to provide free community first aid training.
Cllr Mison declared an interest in this matter at the start of the meeting and left the room whilst the council voted on the matter. It was **Resolved** to support both organisations.
- 580.** Cllr Mack is asking the council to consider purchasing a jigsaw table for Mental Health Week May 11th-17th 2026. This would be placed in the reception area for anyone to have a go while waiting.
Deferred to the April meeting.

The meeting closed at 8 PM

Approved at the meeting dated: 20/04/2026

Approved by:

Cllr N. Mison (Chair)