



**MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on 18th May 2020 at 7pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Present: Parish Councillors: R. Cullen, D. Harrison, H. Micah, J. Newton, B. Smith  
 (Chair)

Clerk: Marion Fox Goddard

**53. Public Forum**

No-one joined the meeting.

**54. Apologies for absence**

Councillors J. and M. Weale (Technical issue)

**55. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**56. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

The Parish Council minutes were approved as accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.  
 Proposer: H. Micah, Seconder: J. Newton, RESOLVED unanimously.

**57. Councillors & Clerk Reports**

*Councillor Cullen – Has done a litter pick on the business park*

<b>Clerk's report</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
New Play Park – Clerk has asked Matt Lamb of NSDC to discuss bringing the park provision in Fernwood North forward with Barratt David Wilson Homes. <i>To be raised when we meet with Matt Lamb</i>	19/249a
Clerk has written to Saint-Gobain Formula/British Gypsum to pursue the idea of extending Cross Lane toward the Southern Relief Road. No feedback to date.	19/294
Printer contract – Draft contract has been received from Apogee and corrections made. Waiting for normal working arrangements to resume to arrange installation.	20/9d
Fernwood North – Awaiting draft agreement from NSDC. Matt Lamb (NSDC) has said he would like to hold a virtual meeting for an update on this. <i>Clerk to arrange.</i>	19/297e
Long term budget – Figures have been requested from NSDC to assist with this. <i>To be raised when we meet with Matt Lamb.</i>	19/309e
It has been established that the 2 streetlights which are out on the path between Rubys Avenue and Dale Way (through woodland) belong to Derry's. NCC are prepared adopt these if they are brought to NCC standard.	20/18
Meeting requests – Robert Jenrick. and John Robinson (NSDC). New dates to be organised after the Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted.	20/18
Great North Road (B6326) – latest update from Via: 'The asset management team are planning to carry out works that are over and above pothole fill but what kind of patching is still a little up in the air and especially at the moment I'm unable to give any	20/18

dates as we are unable to start work as yet. I've asked for an update and I will get back to you as soon as I can'	
Complaint regarding marketing signage. Planning enforcement has asked for much of the signage to be removed. Barratt David Wilson Homes are submitting a planning application. Their staff are furloughed so cannot remove the signs at this time.	PS20/13
The Council has sent feedback regarding the licensing application received for the unit previously occupied by Will's Place. Other concerns were raised about the potential noise near residential properties. NSDC has reported that the application has been amended to address concerns about noise but the times for the licence have not been changed.	PS20/13
Highways England yet to respond re. signage to Fernwood from the A1	PS20/16
Derry's woodland – tree survey and valuation to be organised after the Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted.	20/35e
Covid 19 Update – So far, the Parish Council has been able to help 1 resident in Fernwood with shopping and 5 non-Fernwood residents with prescription collections. The village hall is still closed but with the reviewed guidance the caretaker will be able to start doing more maintenance at the hall.	20/33
VE Day song written for Fernwood by Cliff McCardle can be accessed from the home page of the Fernwood Parish Council website.	20/46
Energy review – following the last meeting it was established the BG Lite quote wasn't applicable for properties with solar panels. The broker came back with a competitive quote from SSE which was comparable, so this option was taken.	20/48
Legal documentation regarding the transfer of ownership of the village hall from NSDC to the Parish Council has been received.	

## 58. County Councillor and District Councillors

None.

## 59. Finance

IIII. Bank reconciliations for April circulated to members previously – noted.

<b>b. Income 2020/21 Total</b>	<b>£</b>
Regular Hire	145.20
Other Hall Hire	-256.00
Commission	-
CIL	83,263.36
Feed in tariff	-
Precept	35004.00
VAT Rebate	-
Interest	60.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,496.47</b>

<b>c. Expenditure since last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure</b>					
Payee	Budget Area	Net £	VAT £	Total £	Payment Method
	Salaries (May)			3669.63	SO/BACS
<b>Village Hall</b>					
Brighter Bills	Mobile phones	27.98	5.60	33.58	BACS
1&1	Email provider & domain	17.97	3.59	21.56	BACS
Waterplus	Water	55.21		55.21	BACS
Blue Castle	Waste Collection	124.92	24.99	149.91	BACS

BT	Telephone and broadband	248.29	49.66	297.95	BACS
Viking Electrical	PAT testing	230.00	40.00	270.00	BACS

d. Items of Expenditure considered

Expenditure	Budget Area	Total £	
Parish Council Insurance	Insurance	282.	Unanimously Agreed Prop.: R. Cullen Sec.: D. Harrison
Village Hall Insurance	Insurance	1,310.97	Unanimously Agreed Prop.: J. Newton Sec.: H. Micah

*Clerk to arrange.*

e. Financial year end

- i. Annual governance statement 2019/20 - The Council unanimously resolved to accept the annual governance statement and this was duly signed by the Chairman and clerk. Prop: R. Cullen, Sec.: D. Harrison
- ii. Financial return for the year 2019/20 – The Council unanimously resolved to accept the financial return and this was duly signed by the Chairman. Prop: J. Newton, Sec.: R. Cullen.

## 60. Planning and Licensing

a. Applications considered

- i. TP2050447: Nottinghamshire County Council Consultation on proposed Toucan Crossing on the B6326

*Clerk to write to Via/NCC*

- i. *to ensure the work on the crossing and road repairs are done at the same time*
- ii. *to ask what children coming over the bridge from Balderton direction are meant to do and ask why the decision was made not to have the crossing nearer the Goldstraw roundabout.*

b. Planning decisions made by NSDC since the last meeting which were noted.

<a href="#">19/02125/RMAM</a>	Land North & East of Fernwood West & East of Spring Lane/Hollowdyke Lane South of A1 And West of Railway Line Fernwood	Re-plan on part of second phase.	Grant Reserved Matters Major
20/00576/TPO	3 Ainsdale Close Fernwood	Works to tree protected by TPO N302 identified as part of group W4; T1 Tilia (Lime) - 3m reduction in height and 2m	Grant Works to Tree/s Protected by TPO

		radial reduction from east side due to excessive blocking of light in small garden	
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#### 61. Policy Review

- a. Financial regulations – The updated regulations were unanimously agreed. Proposer: R. Cullen, Seconder: H. Micah

*Clerk to publish on the Council's website (with updated title).*

#### 62. Discussion regarding the Water Tower on Goldstraw Lane

*Clerk to contact the current owner to ask him to contact the Parish Council should the sale fall through.*

#### 63. [Government Guidance on Traffic Management Act 2004: network management in response to COVID-19](#)

*Clerk to write to NCC/Via to request 20mph limit within the village and 30mph limit from the A1 roundabout to Hollowdyke Lane.*

#### 64. Correspondence

- a. Response from Via regarding Great North Road between Goldstraw and Dale roundabouts – noted.
- b. Email requesting the Council contact NSDC regarding bringing the Water Tower under local council ownership – *Clerk to respond (see item 62)*
- c. NSDC Street Scene Introductory email – noted.
- d. Email objecting to the licensing application for 7 Rubys Walk – noted.
- e. Email from NSDC regarding Business rates being payable – noted.
- f. Resident request for allotment – *Clerk to respond (allotments are planned in future developments, but the Parish Council cannot offer an allotment currently).*
- g. Response from Via regarding signage for shops/ marketing signs cluttering the village – noted.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

**Next Meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, 7pm**