

**MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**held on 12th February 2020
at Fernwood Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood**

Present: Parish Councillors: R. Cullen (Chair), D. Harrison, B. Smith

Clerk: Marion Fox Goddard

9. Public Forum

Two residents attended the meeting. One resident expressed concern regarding dog walkers and delivery drivers pushing through the hedge between Spring Drive and Tutt Close. Also, that there was a problem with traffic speeding on Hollowdyke Lane, near Spring Drive and this being dangerous for pedestrians including children. The issue of some dog owners not picking up after their dogs was raised and some that do pick up throw the bags into the dyke.

Clerk to ask Barratt David Wilson Homes to clarify who owns Spring Drive and the hedges between Tutt Close and Spring Drive.

Clerk to ask Barratt David Wilson Homes to move some of the speed signs/children crossing signs closer to Spring Drive. Also, to reinstate the wooden poles to reduce mud on the road.

Clerk to add a reminder on Facebook that Minster Vets do provide bags free of charge to their customers.

10. Apologies for absence

Jim Weale.

11. Declarations of interest

None.

12. Approval of the minutes of the last Planning and Strategy Committee on 8th January 2020

The minutes were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

13. Clerk's Report

- a. Inconsiderate Parking – Notice has been added to the newsletter which will go out in March.

Councillor Cullen to suggest on a map where kerbs could be dropped to alleviate the problem.

- b. British Gypsum have planned and publicised their open event for the public to look at their work (current/planned). Date February 24th – 4-8pm
- c. Planning and Maintenance Strategy has been published on our website.
- d. Bigger ‘No Construction Traffic’ signs have been requested numerous times – *Clerk to continue to chase and ask that all signage is checked as some have fallen down/be blown out of place.*
- e. Meeting has been arranged with David Albans of NCC to discuss how the different developers’ road provision will fit together.
- f. Empty Units on Rubys Avenue – Owner says they are updating their marketing literature and trying to get these into use; they have visited businesses in Newark to help with this. Business rates will not be an issue on most of them as they are below the rateable value. Small business could apply for relief too. They did request better signage to the shops.

Clerk to get costings for signs and ask what other improvements they would like to see.

- g. No decision has been made on the double yellow lines on the industrial estate to date. The Parish Council will be informed when a decision has been made.
- h. Complaint has been received about Barratts and David Wilson Homes signs on Dale Way. The Committee agreed there are a lot of these.

Clerk to ask NSDC and NCC about these.

- i. Due to a regular booking we need to change the day of the Planning and Strategy Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to hold the meeting on the first Monday of every month from 4th May. Until then, planning business will be added to the Full Council meeting agenda.

14. Planning Applications

a. Applications Considered

19/02125/RMAM	Land North & East Of Fernwood West & East Of Spring Lane/Hollowdyke Lane South Of A1 And West Of Railway Line Fernwood	Re-plan for 101 plots on part of second phase.	Unanimously Supported.
20/00118/S73M	Land At The Grange Cotham Lane Hawton	Variation of conditions 3, 9,	Unanimously abstained.

		12, 13, 14 and 19 attached to planning permission 19/01408/FULM (solar farm) to enable the sub-station only to remain on site permanently.	
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Clerk to write to NSDC with feedback

15. Screening Opinion Application – this was noted by the Committee. Fernwood Parish Council has not been consulted at this stage.

20/SCR/00001	Field at Great North Road Fernwood	Screening Opinion for proposed development of roadside services area
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16. Correspondence

- a. Feedback from Via East Midlands regarding the B6326 between the Goldstraw Lane and Dale Crescent roundabout – Via are aware of the issue and Jo Horton is supporting this for further works above general pot hole filling in the new financial year – noted.
- b. Feedback from Highways England regarding signage for Fernwood from the A1 – This has been sent to the relevant department but no answer – *Clerk to ask for a response.*
- c. Local Improvement Scheme Capital Fund 2020/21 – With the play park being owned by the developer and maintained by FirstPort, the Committee did not think it will be feasible to apply for this money at this time. A new play park is planned in the new development to the north of Fernwood. This will be on Council owned land so will make new installations more straight forward.
- d. Complaint regarding Spring Drive being used as a cut through – see item 9.
- e. Correspondence from Barratt David Wilson Homes regarding Liaison Meetings – Going forward the Clerk and Parish Councillors who can make daytime meetings will meet with the developer. *Clerk to arrange next meeting and let the Residents Association know the new plan for these meetings. Clerk to also reply to the letter from Fernwood Residents Association regarding an open meeting regarding FirstPort.*

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting date Monday 4th May, 7.00pm (Planning business will be covered in Full Parish Council meetings until then – these are on the third Monday of each month)