



**MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm**  
**at Fernwood Village Hall**

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

Clerk: Darryl Flinders

Residents/Public 5 Members of the public

Newark & Sherwood Three  
 District Councillors

**RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Under the Openness of Local Govt. Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public may now film, photograph and make audio recordings of the proceedings of the formal Council meeting. In the interests of protecting privacy, it is asked that filming of the public seating area is not undertaken. Recording activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting, and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted

**169. Declaration of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members, members of the public or the press**

The Clerk recorded the meeting.

**170. Apologies for absence** - Parish Councillor David Mack

**171. Declarations of Interest** - None.

**172. Public Forum**

A member of the public raised questions regarding the transfer of funds from the council CCLA investment account to their day-to-day account.

**173. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

*With the exception of Item 150, where it has been noted that Cllr J. Weale objected to the Motion.*  
 The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record, and Councillor Mison signed them.

**174. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 2nd October 2023**

The minutes were unanimously approved as an accurate record, and Councillor Mison signed them.

**175. Councillors' & Clerks reports**

Councillors' and clerk's reports were presented and noted by the council.

**176. District Councillors Reports**

District Councillors' reports were presented and noted by the council. The Clerk requested copies Of future reports so they could be posted on the council's website.

**177. Finance**

- a. Bank reconciliation up to 28/08/2023 – Noted and accepted as presented
- b. Items of income to be noted – Noted and accepted as presented
- c. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure.  
- Noted and accepted as presented
- d. Approval of invoices due for payment - Noted and accepted as presented
- e. Approval of expenses - Noted and accepted as presented
- f. Approval of bank mandate changes - Noted and accepted as presented
- g. Items of expenditure for consideration – Two Payroll Quotes received and a further quote to be obtained by The Clerk.

**178. Planning** - No new applications have been received..

**179. Cllr Mison proposed** that the Council agree to review the current SaaS (software as a service/Cloud based services) and Email licenses currently purchased and future requirements for Fernwood Parish Council. To also agree that Cllr Mison will be the lead Cllr for this project, with assistance from The Clerk. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mison take the lead and the Acting Clerk would assist.

**180. Cllr McGregor Proposed** that The Council agree to step up the dialogue with both Lincs. & Notts. County Councils on the potential for improving Fernwood bus services. It was RESOLVED that Cllr McGregor would take the lead, liaise with existing service providers and explore ways of achieving this.

**181. Cllr Shepherd proposed** that The Council agree to purchase, and take delivery of, Three Remembrance Day Wreaths from Royal British Legion ahead of 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was RESOLVED that The Acting Clerk would order these, ready for collection by Councillors ahead of Remembrance Day.

**182. Cllr Shepherd proposed** that The Council consider arranging quotes for adding landscaping, planters & shrubbery to the outside gardens at The Village Hall. The Council discussed the proposal, and it was agreed that quotes would be sought and the consideration of the proposal should be aligned to other Village Hall development ideas.

**183. Cllr Mack proposed** that The Council agree to the Fernwood Christmas Firework Events. The Council agreed that whilst the event found some approval it felt that insufficient time and detail was available at the meeting to obtain accurate quotes to support approved expenditure this year.

**184. Cllr M. Weale proposed** that The Council consider Fernwood Resident Association's request to extend the use of the tennis courts to other Fernwood residents, subject to the views of residents and operating a membership scheme. This proposal was discussed, and a number of questions were raised for consideration. The consensus was that further information was required before the proposal could be explored further.

**185. Correspondence**

- a. Email received regarding the suspension of FPC website – Now actioned
- b. NHS Nottingham & Notts. Are gathering evidence to help shape the discussions about optimum opening hours for the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at Newark Hospital.

**186. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

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

*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 items 187 and 188 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

- 187.** Discussion on Personnel Issues and to consider a report from the personnel committee.
- 188.** To consider & agree to the proposal from Cllr Mison regarding appointment of new Clerk & RFO. It was RESOLVED that, having given consideration of the report provided by the personnel committee, The Council would offer the post to an experienced Clerk and RFO who had already expressed interest in the post and was available to them at relatively short notice.

**The meeting closed at 9.10 PM.**

**The next scheduled Parish Council Meeting is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**