



MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 16th May 2022 at 7pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

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

Clerk: Marion Fox Goddard

District Councillors: I. Walker and K. Walker

Agenda, reports and accompanying information for this meeting is available on the Council's website here: [FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL \(fernwood-pc.co.uk\)](http://fernwood-pc.co.uk)

73. Declaration of intentions to record the meeting

None

74. Public Forum

No members of the public joined the meeting.

75. Apologies for absence

District Councillor Mison and County Councillor Lee.

76. Declarations of Interest

None.

77. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25th April 2022

The Parish Council minutes were approved as accurate record and signed by the Chair. Proposer: R. Cullen, Seconder: D. Harrison, RESOLVED unanimously.

78. Councillors & Clerk Reports

Councillor Cullen – Had attended a Bantycok liaison meeting. As the blasting is closer to Fernwood at present, blast strength has been reduced but these have increased to 4 times per week (previously) 3. No complaints from Suthers school. 1 complaint about dust.

Councillor Harrison - Woodland behind the nursery – cow parsley is high and needs cutting down. (Clerk due to meet with NSDC on 19/5/22 to discuss initial work; we need to be mindful of ground nesting birds at this time of year. Advice will be taken to ensure any work required is done at a suitable time of year).

Raised concerns regarding antisocial behaviour that is been described on social media posts and asked if the police and NSDC antisocial behaviour team could be contacted. (Clerk explained that she and Cllr Cullen had spoken with PC Mead and PCSO Hewerdine prior to the meeting – they had been in Fernwood investigating a complaint).

Clerk to discuss this issue with NSDC's antisocial behaviour team. Residents are encouraged to report incidents to the police by calling 101 (non-emergency), 999 (emergency)

Councillor Weale – Has not received a bill from FirstPort

Councillor Smith – Now the woodland behind the nursery is Parish Council owned, the paths need clearing.

Councillor Newton – Suggested that before we clear the 'meadow area' we contact residents backing onto this area to let the know of plans. (Clerk said we will just tidy up the edges for now and wait until we have an action group running to discuss ideas such as the meadow).

Clerk's report	Agenda Item
Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDWH) transfer of the open spaces in central Fernwood as per the section 106 agreement to NSDC and then Fernwood Parish Council – Target date for completion: October 2022. Meeting has been held with NSDC to discuss this and joint letter being worked on.	21/46c
Derry's woodland purchase – Has completed. Clerk has ordered bins, instructed contractors to repair the lights, arranged a meeting with the grounds maintenance company. Quote has been requested for full tree survey..	21/30 20/114g 21/125di
Trees – Tree surveys for the Village Hall and Dale Green will be done on 11/5/22. A dead Elm tree will need to be removed from Dale Crescent Green as it is dead.	22/8dii - iv
Complaint regarding the grass/dyke maintenance at Hollowdyke Lane/Phoenix Lane - awaiting land transfer plans from BDWH which may help with clarifying who is responsible for the area in front of the substation.	21/87e
Townhill Square/Cormack Lane adoptions — BDWH have confirmed that Townhill Square has been adopted. NCC confirmed that the footpath at the end of Cormack Lane has been adopted.	21/87h
Youth Initiative – Youth Club has been well attended so far. Some concerns have been raised on local social media and these have been relayed to the Youth Services staff. A meeting has been arranged to see what can be done to help.	21/127
Antisocial Behaviour – Clerk has emailed the Police and Antisocial behaviour officer to see if they will help to build a business case for more CCTV	21/149
Meeting with local MP – has been booked for later this month.	21/154
Request for signage for Fernwood from the Balderton roundabout – NCC has now said they will install some directional signage for Fernwood which will be incorporated into the existing signage on the roundabout – see County Councillor report for further update	21/154
Coat of Arms – Fee has been sent and official request has sent to The Most Noble Edward William Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England.	21/154
Jubilee Celebrations – Event Management Plan has been written and submitted although a few additions will be required. Leaflet drop to all homes in the Parish will be done w/c 16/5/22.	21/159
Construction traffic improved directional signage – still not in place but a planning application has been submitted. NSDC are awaiting feedback from NCC.	

Water Tower, Goldstraw Lane – broken fencing to the rear of the tower was due to be fixed on 9/10 April but has not been done. The owner has been informed and has said this will be done within a fortnight.	22/6
Scrapyard – NCC has been asked to confirm if it is their responsibility or not and if so what action is being taken.	22/6
NSDC/NCC/National Highways were sent a letter regarding the concerns regarding all the traffic works and the closure of Hollowdyke Lane – When the Council met with NSDC this month, this was briefly discussed and it would appear if the Parish Council work with NSDC and NCC, we may be able to look at alternatives to closing Hollowdyke Lane.	22/24
Ditches responsibility on Hollowdyke Lane – a note has been sent to NSDC regarding this and they have asked their solicitor to investigate this. No further feedback at this stage.	22/16
Help for Ukrainian Refugees – NSDC have been contacted with the Parish Council's offer of assistance and a message has been added to local social media to reach out to families hosting refugees.	22/54
Bantycok Blasting concerns – Cllr Cullen attended the latest liaison meeting on May 3 rd . It was reported that blasting is within accepted levels and regular monitoring is taking place. The following email address was given for residents with concerns planning.enforcement@nottscc.gov.uk	22/55b
Since the agenda was published the Council has had meetings with Allison Homes and Welcome Break. They both have significant amounts of road works over the summer months on the B6326. They will be applying to Via East Midlands for road space but there are concerns that their works in addition to the work near the Tawny Owl may lead to delays for drivers with so much being planned at similar times.	

79. County Councillor and District Councillors Reports

District Councillor K. Walker – gave detailed of NSDC's new Cabinet system including how Councillors would need to get items on an agenda.

District Councillor I. Walker – detailed that NSDC is doing very well with the redevelopment of the M&S building, IASTI project, getting funding in place for the southern relief road and plans in place for the reworking of the A46.

Written Report sent by County Councillor Lee:

I'm still looking in for the signs on Fernwood But I'm asking for it to be put forward as part of next year's budget , The cost coming forward is a considerable amount; I'm not comfortable for the Parish Council to be covering this cost as it's something that should be done as part of the county council and signage of new villages .

I have no further update for the scrapyard on Hollowdyke Lane; all I can say is it is being looked at by the county and district Council and no more information can be given at the moment in time.

80. Finance

- a. [Bank reconciliation](#) – noted.
- b. Year to date income – noted.

- c. Expenditure since last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure was noted
- d. Items of Expenditure considered

Expenditure	Budget Area	Total £	Decision
i. Village Hall Insurance	Insurance	289.68	Prop.; J. Newton, Sec.; M. Weale, Unanimously approved
ii. Summer Play Sessions	Parish Council individual Items	400.00	Prop.; R. Cullen, Sec.; D. Harrison, Unanimously approved

e. Financial year end

- i. The Councillors noted the internal auditor's report.
- ii. Annual governance statement 2021/22 - The Council unanimously resolved to accept the annual governance statement, and this was duly signed by the Chairman. Prop.: R. Cullen, Sec.: H. Micah .
- iii. Financial return for the year 2021/22 - – The Council unanimously resolved to accept the financial return, and this was duly signed by the Chairman. Prop.: J. Newton, Sec.: H. Micah.

81. Policy

Current document that was reviewed:

- a. [Strategic Plan](#) – The Council agreed to update item 10 to reflect that the Parish Council owns the Village Hall and update the date of the plan.

New Policy

- b. [Tree Management Policy](#) - The Councillors unanimously adopt this policy. Proposer: J. Weale, Seconder: D. Harrison.

Meeting closed at 19:45

Next Meeting Monday 20th June, 7pm Fernwood Village Hall