



**MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7 pm**  
**at Fernwood Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors:	Neill Mison (Chair), Kimberley Shepherd, Ian McGregor, Dave Mack, Jim Weale, and Mollie Weale
Clerk:	Darryl Flinders
Residents/Public	2
Newark & Sherwood District Councillors	3
County Councillors'	0

**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.

- 229 Declaration of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members, members of the public or the press**  
The Clerk/RFO recorded the meeting.
- 230 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Rixon
- 231 Declarations of Interest** - In accordance with s31(4) of the Localism Act 2011 Dispensations have been granted to all Councillors living in Central Fernwood to allow them to comment and vote on matters relating to Central Fernwood Land (open spaces), its ownership, its use, its management and any interest that the parish council may have regarding this.
- 232 Public Forum**  
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 by The Chair, only matters on the agenda (business to be conducted) can be discussed during this forum.  
  
A member of the public, who had previously written to the parish council, expressed concerns about land ownership, Firstport, open spaces, precept and management costs.
- 233 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
The minutes were approved by the council as presented and signed by the chair.

## **234 Councillors & Clerk's reports**

The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.

It was noted that Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Services was unable to recruit staff to deliver and manage Friday evening youth club sessions at Fernwood Village Hall for the period April 2024 to March 2025. Unfortunately, as a result of this, the youth club in the Village Hall will not be able to operate after their last session on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

### **District Councillors reports**

None present

## **235 Finance**

- a. Bank reconciliations up to December 30<sup>th</sup> 2023
- b. Items of income to be noted
- c. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted
- d. Approval of invoices due for payment
- e. Approval of expenses
- f. Items of expenditure for consideration

**Items a to f have been considered, noted and approved as presented.**

## **236 Parish Council Precept Setting**

**The parish council are required to submit their precept request to the Charging Authority (NSDC) by the end of February 2024.** The council has considered its financial position together with budgeted income and expenditure projections and has RESOLVED, with all councillors in favour, to set its precept requirements for 2024/25 at £97645.

## **237 Planning**

No new applications were received.

- 238 Cllr Mack has proposed that the council allocate time (up to 10 minutes) for Matt Ridyard from Suthers School to give a presentation on their request for funding for a new AstroTurf multi-use pitch and to consider their request for funding.** The presentation was given to the parish council and various costs were highlighted. The council asked to be kept informed about the school's sponsorship and fundraising activities for future consideration.

## **239 Correspondence**

- a. Email & letter received from a member of the public regarding land ownership, Firstport, open spaces, precept and expressing personal views on various matters.
- b. Letter received from the Chair of Fernwood Central Residents Association regarding open spaces, land ownership and a desire to work closely with the council.

- 240 Cllr Mison is asking the council to note the recent correspondence from the new Chairman of the FCRA and agree that Cllr Mison (Chair) and the Clerk meet the Chairman for discussions about a working relationship between the council and the FCRA and areas of shared interest.** It was agreed that The Cllr Mison and the Clerk meet with the new FRCA Chair as requested.

**241 During the meeting the council may wish to consider the following - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

To consider if any of the following items ITEM 242 & 243 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 specified items as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

**242 Cllr Mison is asking the council to consider legal advice recently provided.**

It was Resolved that the council would review the legal advice recently provided.

**243 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to note the update from the playpark working group and to discuss recommendations.**

It was noted that the council were updated and those recommendations were discussed.

**The meeting closed at 10 PM – NEXT MEETING MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**I/We accept that the minutes above are an accurate record of the actions and decisions Taken by the parish council during the meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

**CHAIR** .....

**DATE** **March 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**