

MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 18th March 2024 at 7 pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

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

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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- 244 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.
- 245 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Dave Mack
- 246 Declarations of Interest** - None
- 247 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.
- 248 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19th February 2024**
The minutes were approved by the council as presented and signed by the chair.
- 249 Councillors & Clerk's reports**
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
- 250 District Councillors reports**
The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.
Questions were raised about the proposed Country Park development access road and when project engagement would commence with Fernwood Parish Council.

251 Finance

- a. Bank reconciliations up to February 29th 2024
- 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.

252 Planning

No new applications were received.

253 Correspondence – None received

254 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree quote received for garden landscaping and maintenance.

It was **resolved** that after consideration of plans, quotes and services offered for garden landscaping and maintenance from suppliers, the council has agreed a supplier to work with and has approved the costs associated with the supply and delivery of the project.

255 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to consider the suggestion from the Events Working Group to hold a memorial event on D-Day morning at the Village Hall to unveil a memorial to those who played a vital part in the war efforts in Fernwood.

It was **resolved** that the council would provide a memorial and it would be unveiled as proposed.

256 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to new blinds throughout the Village Hall, at the request of The Village Hall Manager.

It was **resolved** that the council agreed to set a maximum budget of £1500 to allow new blinds to be supplied and installed throughout.

257 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to the summer event, Fernwood Party in the Park on August 25th 2024, and to agree to request staffing from The Clerk and Office Staff to organise the event with the support of The Events Working Group.

The Clerk agreed that he and the Office Staff would assist The Events Working Group with pre-event organisation and the booking of suppliers and services. It was **resolved** that the event would go ahead on August 25th 2024 with an approved budget of up to £6000, and the Clerk and Office Staff would assist the Working Group with pre-event organisation and the booking of suppliers and services for the event.

258 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to an Easter Egg Hunt in the village over the Easter weekend.

The council **resolved** to organise the Easter Egg Hunt event and a budget of £30 for the purchase of eggs, as prizes, would be approved.

259 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to agree to the proposed event calendar and estimated budgets for each throughout 2024.

The council **resolved** to accept the proposed event calendar and estimated budgets as presented, in line with the 2024/25 budget approved for events.

260 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to note an update from The Play Park Working Group.
Various suppliers have been contacted and have visited the site to explore options for the replacement of playpark equipment.

The meeting closed at 8.15 PM – NEXT MEETING April 15th 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 March 13th 2024.

CHAIR

DATE April 15th 2024