



MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 15th January 2024 at 7 pm
at Fernwood Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Kimberley Shepherd (Acting Chair), Ian McGregor, Lee Rixon, Dave Mack, Jim Weale, and Mollie Weale

Clerk: Darryl Flinders

Residents/Public 2

Newark & Sherwood District Councillors None (apologies received)

County Councilors' 2

Observing

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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213 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.

214 Apologies for absence – Cllr Mison

215 Declarations of Interest - None.

216 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.

No items noted

217 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 20th November & 18th December 2023

The minutes were approved as presented and signed by the acting chair

218 Councillors & Clerk's reports

The reports were presented and discussed by councillors.

District Councillors reports - None present

219 Finance

- a. Bank reconciliations up to November 30th 2023
- b. Items of income to be noted
- c. Expenditure since 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

220 Planning

Application 23/02020/FULM SAINT GOBAIN FORMULA

New mixing and packaging facility and internal access changes to create a new area of hard standing.

The council agreed that Cllr Rixon would investigate this further, attend a site meeting and report his findings back to the council.

- 221 Cllr Mison has proposed that the council agree to ask Hills of Newark to frame the Fernwood Coat of Arms.** It was resolved that the revised quotation of £571.60 should be accepted and Hills instructed to frame it accordingly.

- 222 Cllr Shepherd has proposed that the council approve the quotation for the painting of the village hall.** Standing Orders were suspended to seek confirmation of the final quotation. Standing Orders were resumed, and the figure of £3935 was confirmed. It was resolved that the re-decoration of the village hall be carried out with minimum disruption to hall bookings.

- 223 Cllr Rixon is asking the council to agree to implement a working group to progress The legacy project of developing and expanding the children's recreation and play area.** It was resolved that the working group would be implemented and report back to the full council with its findings and suggestions.

- 224 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to consider key events during 2024 and agree to form an Events Committee with a minimum of three councillors to work on event projects and make decisions and recommendations (subject to terms of reference) moving forward.** It was resolved that a Working Group should be formed and report back to council with recommendations and event expenditure approval.

- 225 Cllr Shepherd has proposed that the council agree to new village signage, which would showcase the Coat of Arms.**

It was resolved that the council would seek quotations for two new village signs and new signage for the village hall. The precise location for the new signage is yet to be agreed but the purchase of these is formally agreed.

- 226 Cllr Shepherd has proposed that the council agree to hold a second community litter pick, Subject to availability, on Sunday 25th February from 12 noon to 1 PM.** It was resolved that the litter pick could proceed as suggested.

- 227 Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to consider if Fernwood Parish Council should Continue to subsidise the Youth Club at the village hall. A resolution is required to action any decision as financial support to deliver the club via Notts. County Council (NCC) is currently only in place until March 2024. Any decision will impact budgets and possibly the council's precept requirements for 2024/25.**

It was resolved that if NCC Young Peoples Service can continue to deliver youth club services at Fernwood Village Hall, the parish council, would financially fully support this via a partnership arrangement for 2024/25. This would allow for the expenditure of CIL funds to provide youth service provision to young people and would not impact the parish precept.

- 228 The council have been provided with financial information and guidance by the RFO to assist with the decision-making process required when setting financial budgets for the year 2024/25. The council are required to resolve to set a budget based upon their requirements, both committed spending and likely spending during the financial period 2024/25.**

The council resolved to agree on all budget lines of income and expenditure after careful consideration.

The meeting closed at 10.15 PM – NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 19th 2024