



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on June 16th 2025, at 7 pm
at The Hub, Balderton Hall, Fernwood

Present: Parish Councillors: Neill Mison, Leigh Rixon, David Mack and Oliver Phillips
Clerk: Darryl Flinders
Residents/Public 0
NSDC Councilors 1
County Councilors' 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.

- 457 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.
- 458 Apologies for absence** – District Councillors
- 459 Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Mison declared an interest in item 466
- 460 Public Open Forum (15 minute session)** - *Fernwood Parish Council is committed to community engagement and, therefore, warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. 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 to do so by The Chair, only matters on the agenda can be discussed during this forum.*
- 461 Approval of the minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on June 16th 2025
- 462 Councillors' and Clerk's reports**
- 463 County and District Councillors reports**
- 464 Finance**
a. Bank reconciliations up to 31st May 2025 - Noted
b. Items of income to be noted – Noted
c. Expenditure since the last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted - Noted
d. Approval of invoices due for payment - Approved

- e. Approval of expenses – None
- f. Items of expenditure for consideration – Gates for playpark expenditure approved
- g. Financial year end 2024/25 – To note Internal Auditor's report – Noted
- h. Financial year end 2024/25 – To approve the annual governance statement – Resolved
- i. Financial year end 2024/25 – To approve the financial return – Resolved
- j. Financial year end 2024/25 – To agree on the date for the Notice of Public Rights and publication of the unaudited AGAR – Resolved 18/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

465 Planning - None

- 466 (NB: Cllr Mison left the meeting and Cllr Rixon took the chair)** Cllr Mack is asking the council to agree to provide St John Ambulance with a single parking space for one community support vehicle in the fenced car park at the rear of the Village Hall.
It was Resolved that the space should be made available as above f.o.c. subject to ongoing review. The council accepts no liability, in whole or in part, for any damage or loss to the vehicle whilst the vehicle is on council property, and any such loss or damage is entirely at the owner's risk.

- 467 (NB: Cllr Mison returned to the meeting and took the chair)** Cllr Mack is asking the council to consider the positions of new dog waste bins within Fernwood North. It was noted that the Council needs to consider locations that may be on unadopted land.

- 468** Cllr Shepherd is asking the council to consider writing to Barrat David Wilson for an update on Allotment provision in Fernwood North. Resolved with The Clerk to action and report back to the council when a reply is received.

469 Correspondence – None received

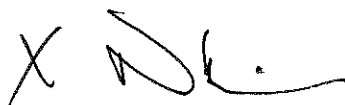
470 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960.

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:

It is recommended that the council consider to resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of specified item(s) **ITEM 471** as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Resolved

471 Staffing Matter

The Clerk is asking the council to consider the recommendations from the personnel committee held on June 12th 2025, and resolve to accept them. Resolved

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21/07/2025