

Fernwood Residents Association

Committee Meeting 6th June 2018, 7:30pm

Fernwood Village Hall

Present:

David Mack - Chair
Ian McGregor – Vice Chair
Andrew Armstrong - Secretary
Ken Forbes – Maintenance Chair
Benji Fennel-Ross - Signatory
Steve Illingworth – Treasurer
Cheryl Mack - Resident
Barry Smith - Resident
Mark Henson - Resident
Mary Heath - Resident
David Heath - Resident
Dee Harrison - Resident

Apologies:

Luke Ashmore – Communications
Iain Moulds - Communications
Sophie - Events
Leigh Rickson
Mandy Knowlton-Rayner
Sue

1. Correction in February minutes

David Heath asked that we make a correction to the February minutes. Any Fees for changes to deeds are set by First Port and not by DWH / Barratts. Thank you to David for researching that point and bringing it to our attention.

The March minutes voted to be accepted.

Proposed by Dave Mack, Seconded by Steve Illingworth

2. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report by the Chairman.

3. Vice Chair

A funding bid was given to Parish Council as per previous minutes. £2000 grant was asked for. £1200 has been granted for cost of fireworks, but not first aid or events insurance. The remainder of the money will be found through sponsorship where possible to relieve the financial pressure on the FRA.

Part of the application was to pay for Fanfayre / MyFernwood magazine. Unfortunately, funding was not allocated for this. Dave Mack has been researching alternative funding arrangements and predicts that 4 x A6 adverts, at £25 each, will pay for the magazine; an 8-page black and white magazine. Adverts and website would provide a revenue stream for the FRA.

Bantycok Quarry Site / British Gypsum, visit for residents will be Thursday 5th July around 1pm.

4. Secretary's Report

AA noted that the FRA Notice board was looking neglected. AA to request that First port update it – AAR to contact First port to action if possible.

5. Treasurers Report

DWH community fund has £3200 available. This money is to be allocated to FRA projects. Jim Weal mentioned that this funding may be used for any project we like, with no limitations.

Bank balance of £2200 – allocated to conservation, youth initiative, forest schools and website.

£830 available for FRA spending after allocation.

SI highlighted that the funds are tight.

Barry raised that he is still receiving statements. SI to investigate further as all mandates have been changed several months ago to the new treasurer and committee members.

6. Maintenance Panel

Minutes from the panel will be distributed later.

The summary of the points is:

- Land ownership is an issue. It is still owned by the developers. Ken, as a personal issue rather than FRA issue, is going to speak to Robert Jenrick, MP, regarding the legality of owning the land and not developing it or handing it over to the parish council. Green paper has been passed discussing this by government and a white paper is currently going through parliament. David Heath stated that this issue has already been looked at by a specialist Barrister. Ken is willing to look at the issue still. Dave reminded the meeting that we, as the FRA, are only looking at the present issues with the FRA and First Port.
- Ken reiterated the rationale of the Maintenance Panel, as discussed in previous meetings.
- First Port responsibility – Open spaces mainly in Phase 1. Ken has requested written confirmation from the appropriate director why monies have not been collected from this phase. We are awaiting responses
- Accounts – we've not received either. We are asking for a copy of the previous accounts for the development. We are awaiting response
- Meeting with Gary Cox – Very keen to work with the FRA to sort issues.
- First Port remortgage charges – investigations still ongoing.
- Notice to transfer and registration £130 and certificate of consent £120 and certificate that no financial liability is on the homes.
- Barry queried about the regularity of grass cutting as it does not seem to be as often as previous years. Is service been cut to serve other areas in Newark at our detriment? Ken to investigate.

7. Events Report

No events representatives available

8. Communications Report

Dee Harrison raised a question regarding the new Website – why not use previous site and buy a new one? Dave explained that the website was going to be the communication hub with everything in one location, with email addresses that the FRA can use to respond to. The old website was unable to do these actions at a secure enough level.

We will also investigate if the maintenance panel can have their own emails – Phase1@MyFernwood, etc, for residents to raise issues directly with the phase representatives

9. Parking and Dog Messing

Not discussed due to time issues

10. Date of Next Meeting

July 4th @7:30 Village Small Hall

11. AOB

AGM: Proposed as September 19th @ 7:30

12. Close

Meeting finished at 21:39

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