

Fernwood Residents Association

Committee Meeting 13th March 2018, 7:30pm

Fernwood Village Hall

1. Welcome

Meeting Opened at 7:30

Present:

- David Mack - Chairman
- Ian McGregor – Vice Chairman
- Andrew Armstrong - Secretary
- Luke Ashmore - Communications
- Tracy Ashmore - Events
- Steve Illingworth - Treasurer
- Ken Forbes – Maintenance Chair
- Cheryle Mack
- Leigh Richardson
- Benji Fennel-Ross

2. Apologies

- Mandy Knowlton-Rayner
- Iain Moulds - Communications

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman had nothing to report.

4. Vice Chair Report

Vice chair had clarifications to meetings that were held with First Port information received from DW Homes on the 30th January 2018 during a meeting at Chuter Ede (Fernwood) Primary School.

Clarification 1 – DWH own the open land around Fernwood and First Port manage the land.

Confusion arose that DWH were to sell or pass on the open land to First Port five years after the last house had been built. This has since been established as First Port do not own land and do not have a policy to buy land. This was stated by Gary Cox (Fernwood Development Manager). DWH also do not sell residential land they own. Ian McGregor will write to both First Port and DWH for written confirmation that this is the case.

Clarification 2 – The Residents' Association require 60% residential membership / support to be recognised by First Port as stated under ARMA (Association of Residential Managing Agents) Guidance

Fernwood is a mixture of both owned and let properties. ARMA at present only covers let properties, however Gary Cox at First Port has stated that First Port will apply the ARMA Guidance to the entire estate. First Port currently do recognise the Residents' Association. Luke Ashmore will contact ARMA for further clarification to how their recommendations cover mixed owned and let estates.

AA raised the point that all residents of Fernwood Village were automatically members of the Resident's Association and it was agreed that this information would be passed out at a later date.

5. Secretary's Report

Secretary had nothing to report.

6. Treasurers Report

The current Treasurer is happy to pass this role onto a new treasurer if there were any volunteers from the Fernwood Residents.

- a) With the recent changes to the Fernwood Residents' Association committee, new signatories are required. SI to contact HSBC to make SI, DM and BFR the new signatories.
- b) The budget is currently in surplus, with funds allocated for Youth initiative, Conservation Trust and the running of the Residents' Association. Further discussions are needed to allocate funds for future events.
- c) The Parish Council have verbally agreed to fund 50% of the events organised by the Residents' Association. A bid for funding is currently been written.

7. Maintenance Panel

KF reported back on the progress of appointing representatives from across the Fernwood village to work on the Maintenance Panel. So far he has 9 volunteers representing residents from all phases of the development and from both owned and let properties.

As agreed previously, all members will discuss how the maintenance of the village should be undertaken with a vote taken. Phase 1 members will not have a vote on issues that involve the spending of money as they currently do not contribute financially to the village maintenance charge.

The group will communicate and shared an agreed agenda with First Port regarding any maintenance issues within the development, likewise First Port will also share any development with the group.

8. Events Report

Summer Fete

This has been set for Sat 11/08/2018, 11am – 3pm.

Fireworks

Christmas Fireworks have been decided upon again. We are hopeful of the Round Table Santa to make an appearance again. Date TBC.

Christmas Market

The Provisional date for the market has changed due to a double booking of the village hall. It is now scheduled for 11/11 provided vendors are able to reschedule. Confirmation of the event will be published by the Communication team.

Pamper Night and Halloween Party

These have now been cancelled for this year. We are hoping to run these next year.

9. Communications Report

The Residents' Association, Fernwood Fanfare, the Fernwood Facebook page and the website are going to be rebranded as MyFernwood.org. This will all be rolled out as one concept once the next Magazine is ready to be published. These will become the main methods of communication with the residents of Fernwood.

10. Parking, Dog Mess and White Marks on Houses

Parking and Dog mess remains an issue within Fernwood. The Residents' Association recommend that residents continue to report issues to NSDC.

BBC East Midlands approached the Residents' Association for comments regarding white marks on residents' houses. The Residents' Association declined the interview.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Next Meeting set as 10th April 2018 at Fernwood Village Hall

12. AOB

The development of the Gypsum Quarry in Balderton

The Residents' Association were invited to view the plans for the expansion of the Gypsum Quarry. Ian McGregor attended on behalf of the RA and will share his notes through the communications team.

Planning permission will be requested with a 30 day consultation period with the village. Any residents with an interest should monitor the NSDC planning portal.

Any issues and concerns regarding the quarry should be passed through the Parish Council and not the Residents' Association.

13. Close

Meeting Finished at 21:43