

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting
Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 31st May 2023
Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Present		Not Present	Apologies
Barry Smith (BS)	Henry Micah (HM)		Paul Janson (PJ)
Dee Harrison (DVH)	Nick Roberts (NR)		Sharon Atkins (SA)
David Heath (DH)	John Newton (JN)		

Seven residents attended the meeting

2. Previous Minutes

Proposed – HM

Seconded - NR

As a true record – Carried 5/5

3. Chair's Report

- i. Attended Annual Parish meeting representing FCRA, mentioned the following:
 - a. Liaison with Firstport (FP) is the remit of the FCRA and not the Parish Council.
 - b. Informed the attendees of the next meeting of the FCRA and that the FCRA are looking for volunteers to join.

4. Secretary's Report

- i. Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

- i. DH reported that the current balance in bank £4851.16.

6. Maintenance Committee Report

- i. Checked statements of accounts and £5000 has been taken out of the reserves following the tree survey.
- ii. Out of hours telephone service:
 - a. Cost £1600 per annually.
 - b. Not sure how often it is used.
 - c. Feeling is, it's probably more for those who live in the rented accommodation.
 - d. DH to follow this up with FP.
- iii. BS asked if there is any desire to review the management charge?
 - a. DH – we can query this – FP states that the charge is non-negotiable. DH happy to query but FP never discuss this charge, which amounts to about 50% of our overall costs.

7. Conservation Report

- i. DVH – nothing to report.

8. Petanque Piste

- i. Representatives from the Petanque group discussed the following:
 - a. The piste is located on public open space.
 - b. Maintenance of the open space is paid for by the residents of Fernwood who pay the service charge.
 - c. The sign at the front of the piste has been vandalised.
 - d. The piste as deteriorated over time due to public use and the riding of bicycles on it.
 - e. Four tonnes of gravel is needed to resurface the piste at a cost of £40 per tonne.
 - f. A number of volunteers have come forward to help resurface the piste.
 - g. Due to the location of the piste, shouldn't it be maintained by Central Fernwood?
- ii. DH said that Petanque was a private club and historically paid fees to maintain the piste.
- iii. A discussion was had regarding the donations and installation of the piste and due to it being an additionality to the area after the implementation of the management company, not within the remit of the management company to maintain.
- iv. DH proposed that FCRA pay 50% of the cost of the gravel, with the other 50% coming as a result of an application to the Parish Council. Seconded by NR. Unanimous.
- v. BS advised the group to speak to the Clerk to the Parish Council with regards to an application for funds.
- vi. BS mentioned that it would be useful to have a representative from the Petanque group on the FCRA committee, Brenda Wright offered to take up this role.
- vii. BS and DH offered space on the FCRA website if the group wanted an online presence.
- viii. JN suggested that the Petanque group ask the Parish Council about a replacement sign.

9. Correspondence

- i. Spring Drive Fence.
 - a. During the development of Central Fernwood BDWH installed a fence at the end of Spring Drive, to stop vehicles exiting the development vis this route. Over the years the fence has deteriorated and was removed by FP and they will be put hedging in its place. The residents of Spring Drive want a new fence installing.
 - b. DH to speak to FP.

10. Dates for Future Meetings

Committee meetings:

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Public meetings:

AGM - (TBC)

Meeting Closed 20:15 hrs