

Fernwood Residents' Association (FRA)

Minutes of the FRA Committee Meeting
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 02 August 2016
Fernwood Village Hall

Present:

Treasurer - Barry Smith (BS)

Jim Gould (JG)

David Mack (DM)

Cheryle Mack (CM)

Mandy Knowlton-Rayner (MK-R)

Parish Council Representative:

Invitees: Dee Harrison

1 WELCOME

BS welcomed everyone for attending and informed the meeting that he would chair the meeting due to DH not being able to attend.

2 APOLOGIES

Parish Council Chairman Jim Weale (JW)

David Heath (DH)

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No questions or queries arose from the previous meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

No questions or queries arose from the AGM and a brief discussion on the contributors for the evening who were:

BS - Neighbourhood Plan

BS - Fernwood Youth Initiative

Molly Weale - FOFF's

Jeff Hobson – Conservation Group

5. TREASURER REPORT

Main FRA Account - Total : £1,397.39

Breakdown per group:

Committee/Bank	£589.43
Conservation	£94.96
Petanque	£0.00
Petty Cash	£0.00
FYI	£713.00

The conservation group - Cllr Sue Saddington was donating a further £100 to their general funds. Has not yet been received.

Fernwood Village Project Fund - Total £3,785.80.

No movement on the statement from this account at £3,947.80 but the fruit trees cheque of £162 is outstanding.

Internet Banking - Main FRA account only

This has now been setup.

6. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL (FPC)

No report from FPC

ACTION

7. Filling the vacancies of Chairman and Secretary.

The FRA have had no volunteers for Chairman and Secretary. DM mentioned to the meeting that he would not want the Chairman position, but would consider standing in for Vice Chairman (DH) whilst he is away.

DH will be away from Oct 16.

8. Report from the Conservation Group - JG

The following was reported to the group:

- Bird food/seed had been purchased by the group
- The purchase of squirrel proof feeders
- Possible clearing of flower beds pending the decision of the Fernwood Central Joint Maintenance Panel (FCJMP)
- Woodland path cleared and possible new path created near the tennis courts
- Wish to invite a speaker on Hedgehogs late September/October and a speaker from the Wildlife Trust to the group on how to attract wildlife.

9. Fernwood Fanfare update - Cheryl Mack

Bulletin pending, email has been sent to request contributions

DM discussed Photographic Competition:

- Two age groups
- Information to be given on Facebook
- Information on Village notice boards
- Prize for the best, contact resident who uploads various photos on to Facebook to ask if he will judge the competition.

10. Road Name Signs - Cheryl Mack

CM reported to the meeting that there were no road signs for Hunters Road. Contacted B/DWH along with DH and have not received a response. CM also reported that an ambulance had been called to the village and due to the lack of signage, was unable to find the house.

CM will put in an official complaint to B/DWH

JG will speak to Commercial Director B/DWH Chris Penn.

11. Responses from Local Government Ombudsman to the complaint made against NSDC.

The meeting discussed the correspondence to and from the Ombudsman and the fact that they (The Ombudsman) would not pursue the investigation any further. Points made by members included:

- JG – Issues due to solicitors not being able to pick up that Phase 1 do not have the maintenance company in their contracts. Maybe something to pass on to Robert Jenrick.
- BS needs to go back to the FMSG to discuss what can be done next.
 - N&SDC should have monitored the build better.
 - The need to have 50% of residents to vote to remove the current management company.
 - Consensus of opinion is that FP maintain the land well however, management costs are excessive.

12. Formation of the new Fernwood Central Joint Maintenance Panel

The final version of the policy was voted on. Proposer JG Seconded DM

For – 5

Against – 0

The following members of the FRA will sit on the panel:

Cheryle Mack (CM)

Mandy Knowlton-Rayner (MK-R)

13. Maintenance of the shops car park and shrub beds.

The following was discussed by the group:

- FP would be willing to maintain the car park and shrubbery
- FP would use manpower and machinery paid for by residents
- Would PC negotiate with shop owners?
- Would shops handover the land to PC and the area being maintained by the PC?
- Issue to be discussed by the FCJMP once formed

14. Correspondence

All correspondences were viewed and discussed during the meeting

15 Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings:

2016 - 6th Sept, 1st Nov, 6th Dec

2017 - 3rd Jan, 7th Mar, 4th Apr & 2nd May

PUBLIC meetings:

TBA in October 2016 and

February 2017

CLOSE –The meeting closed at 21.15pm.