

# Fernwood Residents' Association (FRA)

**DRAFT** - Minutes of the FRA Committee meeting  
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 June 2015  
Fernwood, Village Hall

## Present:

David Heath  
Reg Robinson  
Janet Tindall  
Barry Smith  
Jeff & Sue Hobson  
Ken Forbes

## Invitees:

Jim Weale, Cllr - Chairman Fernwood Parish Council  
Mollie Weale, Cllr

	<u>ACTION</u>
<b>1 WELCOME</b>  All attendees were welcomed to the meeting by the Acting Chairman, David Heath.	
<b>2 APOLOGIES</b>  None registered for the current meeting	
<b>3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015,</b> The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record	
<b>4. MATTERS ARISING from the last meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015</b> Minute 4 – road adoption/[parking – Immediately prior to the line painting the PC, in conjunction with a PCSO, would issue warning cards advising that the owners of vehicles would be fined if they flagrantly abused or failed to show complete consideration for other pavement users. Still under consideration as a future action item by the PC	<b>PC</b>
<b>5. MATTERS ARISING from the public meeting of residents – 5<sup>th</sup> MAY</b> It was agreed that Draft Minutes to both the public and committee meetings should be posted on social media – cautionary note by Ken to the effect that this method of communication and use of social media to be carefully monitored, and which concerns would be discussed by the Media Group <i>Secretary's note: media Group meeting called for 18<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<b>Media Group</b>
<b>6. TREASURER'S REPORT</b> .No update was available for the meeting – Carol to be visited to determine if still interested in holding this position	<b>DH/JG</b>
<b>7. WORKING GROUPS</b>  <b>7.1 – Group 1 – Life in the Village -</b> Most efforts had concentrated on the support development/strategy groups and primarily the proposals for the North build programme – confirmation received to the effect that the PC wanted to manage the land instead of FirstPort and to acquire ownership of all communal areas.	<b>PC/All</b>  <b>FMSG</b>

### **7.1. (cont) – Group 1 – Life in the Village.**

Existing contracts between NSDC and DWH not in evidence, therefore it has been difficult to establish firm evidence of breaches of planned monitoring agreements which would (a) aid the PCs aim to seek restitution, and (b) to press claims for ownership without understanding initial conditions/understandings re. level of commitment to service on both sides. Ongoing investigations by the Strategy group which would enlist the services of Robt Jenrick MP as necessary

FMSG

The meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group – still supportive of the need to produce a development plan – grants to assist totalling £18k todate – enabling Fernwood residents to have a greater say in the future of the village. The attendant consultation processes (ie. the engagement of residents and all other interested parties) will require a lot of work and advertising/promotion of the Plan to ensure progress

FNPSG

### **7.2 – Village upkeep**

The usual village wide report was not available for the current meeting. However, and bearing in mind the misunderstandings that had arisen regarding the development of the meadow area it was agreed that the existing 'Walkabout Group (FWG) should have agreed Terms of Reference under which it should operate

The 'Walkabout Group' was now reduced in terms of supporters, and a call for volunteers should be made at the FRA AGM scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> June

PC/FWG

### **7.3 – Media**

It was recommended that the media Group should concentrate its efforts on promoting developments and communications within Fernwood via the Fanfare, Facebook and the Advertiser – with due regard to the concerns raised by Ken (refer Minute 5)

Over 300 potential respondents now accessing Fernwood related social media (Facebook) pages

### **7.4 – Projects**

#### **7.4.1 – Youth development initiative**

Janet advised that some real progress had been made – and all agreed that after many years the following initiatives would at last be able to engage the younger people of our village:

- (a) Tuesday evening gatherings at key points around the village eg. 9<sup>th</sup> June on Ruby's Walk @ 5.30pm - primarily aimed at the 5-13 year olds
- (b) meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June on the playground – same target audience
- (c) introduction of a specific presence on Facebook
- (d) attendance of the Youth Bus at the 'Party on the Green' scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> July
- (e) profile within the Fanfare

Janet T (and support from John Proctor)

(e) Jeff & Sue

#### **7.4.2 – DWH Bursary Fund**

So far only one application had been received – the purchase via donation of a defibrillator. Approximately £3k remains. Applications considered by a committee consisting of representatives from the User Groups – currently Chaired by John Proctor

## **8. VILLAGE HALL – USERS GROUP**

A meeting has been called for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July @ 10.30am – village hall – to discuss arrangements for the 'Party on the Green' – Agenda and Minutes to be communicated to the FRA committee. Need for the VH Users'Group to be re-invigorated

DH & Mollie W to have a word with the PC (Emma T)

## **9. CONSERVATION GROUP**

No activity reported – calls for volunteers at the next FRA AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> June

DH

## **10. PETANQUE GROUP**

Regular inter-club competitions now underway, and to encourage players of all abilities an intermediate group has been introduced. Generally going from "strength to strength"

**11. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Attention again has been concentrated on the two working Strategy Groups – Neighbourhood Plan/North Build Group and the Maintenance Group.

Next meeting of the Development Group (involving all stakeholders to the village to be held at the VH on the 25<sup>th</sup> June

**PC/FMSG/FNPSG**

**PC**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

Via PC – traffic movement along Ruby’s Walk – deterrents via placement of retracting bollards to be considered (mention of at the Development meeting)

**PC**

**13. AGM 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE @7.30pm – Fernwood School – NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER POSITIONS**

Likely candidates are encouraged to express or confirm their interest for the positions of Chairman (David H), Treasurer (Barry to take over from Carol - tbc) and Secretary (Jim G) – however, and to ensure effective coverage and continuity at meetings its was considered that the new position of Vice-Chairman should be created – (Ken F agreed to be nominated) .

Policing would be an issue (bearing in mind the proposed cuts in staffing) and Commissioner, Paddy Tipping has been invited to attend

Discussions centred around inviting FirstPort to make a presentation at the AGM, but it was discerned that this would be better dealt with at a separate meeting

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**13. FRA MEETINGS**

**Committee meetings:** 7<sup>th</sup> Jul, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Village Hall

**Public Resident Meetings:** 16<sup>th</sup> Jun (School) , 1<sup>st</sup> Sep (tbc)

**CLOSE** – David heath thanked everybody for their contributions to an interesting meeting