



**Dear Councillors David Mack, Ian McGregor, Neill Mison, Leigh Rixon, Kimberley Shepherd, Jim Weale, and Mollie Weale,**

You are summoned to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 15th April, commencing at 7 pm. This meeting will be held in the small hall of Fernwood Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3RS.

*Members of the public and press are entitled to be at the following meeting Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by the Local Government Act 1972 Section 100 unless precluded by the Parish Council by resolution during whole or part of the proceedings. Such entitlement does not, however, include the right to speak on any matter except at the beginning of the meeting.*

**Darryl Flinders – Parish Clerk & RFO, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## **A G E N D A**

- 264.** Declaration of any intentions to record the meeting – Note **The Clerk will record the meeting for notetaking and minute production accuracy.**
- 265.** Apologies for absence
- 266.** Declarations of interest
- 267.** Public Open Forum (15 minute session) - ***Fernwood Parish Council is committed to community engagement and, therefore, warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. It should be noted that in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, the maximum time permitted for contributions is 5 minutes per item. Unless permitted to do so by The Chair, only matters on the agenda (business to be conducted) can be discussed during this forum.***
- 268.** Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 269.** Councillors' & Clerk's reports
- 270.** District Councillors' reports
- 271.** Finance
- a. Bank reconciliations up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, to be noted
  - b. Items of income to be noted
  - c. Expenditure since last meeting under delegated powers/previously agreed expenditure to be noted
  - d. Approval of invoices due for payment
  - e. Approval of expenses
  - f. Spinal Point annual staff salary increase, in accordance with the Local Government Services Pay Agreement and in line with staff contracts, with effect from April 1st to be noted
  - g. Items of expenditure for consideration (see below)  
**Safety check of PV installation (see quotes)**  
**SCRIBE bookings module (see quote)**
- 272.** RFO requested a Resolution to appoint Internal Auditor (IA) for the 2023/24 accounting period. The previous 2022/23 auditor was Kenneth Goddard, and the approximate cost of using the same IA will be circa £300. ***This is subject to the amount of time taken to complete the audit.***
- 273.** Planning  
To consider the following applications: **None Received**

**274.** Correspondence

NSDC has written to the parish council to advise on consultation regarding modest changes to planning policy. Through the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), the District Council sets out the methods it will use for consulting the public and other stakeholders on planning policy documents and applications. Following the meeting of Planning Committee on 14th March 2024 amendments have been made to the speaking arrangements for the Committee, with the allowance for public speaking being introduced. (full letter circulated to all councilors).

The following was received via the Parish Council website

***Questions for the next Parish Council Meeting in April. 1.Last year there was a request by the Parish council for ideas from the residents as to how spend the CIL.Since then nothing .Is the council going to publish/action any results ? 2. Is there any progress on the land transfer. 3.Is there any progress on the clock tower developement. 4.John Jeys retires in May of this year,Can we have a mention in the Gazette in recognition of his contribution to Fernwood over the years. Regards NAME REDACTED***

A member of the public has enquired about what is happening regarding the scrapyard off Hollowdyke. Concerns have been raised about the site's clearance and the potential for dogs to escape as dogwalkers pass. Has it now got permission to operate as a scrap yard?

**275.** Cllr McGregor is seeking council approval to research the cost of replacing the PA system in both halls.

**276.** Cllr Mison is asking the council to agree to instruct The Clerk to order the framing of The Fernwood Coat of Arms from Hills of Newark at a previously quoted cost of £608.43+vat and to consider and agree a maximum figure of up to £800 for The Clerk to spend, should there be a cost increase.

**277.** Cllr Mack is asking the council to create a working group to collect information regarding the future of the Fernwood Gypsum site and the creation of a nature reserve.