

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting

Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 28th June 2023

Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

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

Three residents attended the meeting

2. Previous Minutes

Proposed – DH

Seconded - NR

As a true record – Carried 7/7

- Matters arising
 - DH – Petanque group. Parish Council have funded £200, invoice required by DH to make payment from Residents Association.

3. Chair's Report

- i. Attended Parish Council meeting on 10th June 2023:
 - a. Ongoing issue of rumble strips in Fernwood Central was discussed.
 - b. Speed limit on Hollowdyke Lane which is 60 mph with 20 mph advisory signs. Issues associated with this were discussed.
 - c. Approval of £200 to the Petanque Group.
 - d. Interactive speed sign for Dale Way discussed, but not agreed.
 - e. Discussion was had regarding a residents misinterpretation of the election leaflet, distributed by some of the new members of the Parish Council on the run up to the election. This was in reference to the MANCO in Central Fernwood.
- ii. Current issues with the FCRA website.

4. Secretary's Report

- i. Nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

- i. DH reported that there were no incomings or outgoings over the last month and the current balance in bank £4851.16.

6. Maintenance Report

- i. The following report was given by DH:
 - a. Queries made regarding the management charge and what is included. This charge cannot be renegotiated, further information is available on the Firstport website.
 - b. Update on additional charges has been requested. Costs incurred by residents when buying/selling their property or changing mortgage, email sent asking for update from Firstport solicitors reference these charges.
 - c. Communication to John Jeys reference the emergency telephone number usage and who uses this facility. Waiting for response.
 - d. General communication with John Jeys is good, he always responds. Communication with Firstport management is terrible, it is very difficult to obtain a response.

7. Conservation Report

- i. DVH – nothing to report.
 - a. Action – DVH to chase up Parish Council on timeline for the improvements to Costall woods.

8. Request by circus entertainment for 2024

- i. Discussion had regarding a request by a small circus to setup in Fernwood at the end of September 2024 and run from Sunday to Sunday. The following was discussed:
 - a. Human entertainment only, no animals.
 - b. John Jeys would be happy for the event to use the field.
 - c. Parking identified has an issue.
 - d. It would attract interest from outside of Fernwood.
 - e. Weeklong road closure of Rubys Avenue would not be an option.
 - f. Question that would need answering:
 - 1) What is the seating capacity?
 - 2) Would tickets be sold in advance?
 - 3) Advertising – who, how and when?
 - 4) What is the Parish Councils view on this event?
- ii. Action – DH to write to the Parish Council to ask for their opinion.

9. Spring Drive fence request

- i. Discussion had regarding a request from a Spring Drive resident, for a replacement fence. Various issues were discussed at length.
- ii. Decision by the committee was that due to the fence not being on Firstport land and it being located on private land, that Barrett David Wilson Homes should be approached to provide a replacement fence, due to it being located on land owned by them.

10. Hollowdyke Lane emergency access

- i. Discussion was had regarding the proposed emergency access from Fernwood to Main Street Balderton. The following points were raised:
 - a. N&SDC meeting that discussed emergency use.
 - b. Parish Council had raised the issue with the various stakeholders.
 - c. NCC VIA have stated an exemption would work.
 - d. There would be no barrier in place, just signage and possibly ANPR cameras.
 - e. Issues with increased traffic through Fernwood when the Southern Relief Road opens.
- ii. Action – DH to write to N&SDC reference Hollowdyke Lane and their Emergency Vehicle Plan for the area.

11. Correspondence

None received

10. Dates for Future Meetings

Committee meetings:

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

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

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 27th December 2023 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Public meetings:

AGM - (TBC)

Meeting Closed 20:35 hrs