

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting
Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 25th February 2026
Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Present		Apologies	
John Newton (JN)	Nick Roberts (NR)	Henry Micah (HM)	(AR) A Resident
David Heath (DH)	Terry McSwiney (TM)		

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 14th January 2026 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Item 6 - Nottinghamshire Police had not responded to the communication through their message system. DH to follow up.

4. Chairmans Report

JN Thanked everyone for their contributions towards the Government Survey which had enabled FCRA to prepare the response for consideration at item 7.

5. Questions From Residents

AR raised a concern about dog bins being regularly full and requiring emptying. JN explained that NSDC had experienced staff shortages that had reduced the bin emptying frequency. All agreed that the Parish Council had regularly reviewed bin requirements and had provided additional bins but that litter bins were also regularly overflowing at weekends. It was also considered that it appeared that there was an increase in the number of dog walkers and therefore an increased need for bin capacity. It was agreed that the Parish Council be approached with a view to them reviewing dog and litter bins with a view to providing more dog bins and larger litter bins.

6. Responses to Government Survey on “Reducing the prevalence of private estate management arrangements”.

It was unanimously agreed that the FCRA responses to the survey were appropriate and would be returned to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

7. Maintenance Issues

Members raised maintenance issues with regard to the Rubys Walk central area, tree cages and one bench in the center that required a slat reinstating, with all benches requiring re-varnishing.

8. FirstPort Performance and Answers to Questions

Further to the concern expressed by members at the last meeting to the lack of response by FirstPort to the multiple questions that had been raised with them, a letter that had been submitted to Barratt had been tabled for discussion by the Chairmen of both Barratts and FirstPort but no information had been made available following that meeting.

9. Web Site Publicity

It was agreed that a future Gazette article be written to highlight the key elements of the web site.

10. Date of Future Meetings

Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Meeting Closed 20:00 hrs