

Fernwood Residents' Association (FRA)

Notes of the FRA Committee meeting
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 October 2015
Fernwood, Village Hall

Present:

David Heath (Chairman)
Jeff Hobson (Treasurer)
Sue Taylor - Minute taker

Sue Hobson
Janet Tindall
Reg Robinson
Barry Smith

Invitees:

1 WELCOME

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman, David Heath

2 APOLOGIES

None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 8th September 2015

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 8th September 2015

Position of Secretary to FRA - No volunteers at present. Advert to be placed in the next issue of the Fanfare due for delivery at the beginning of November 2015.

Media Distribution - A couple of volunteers have decided to stop or reduce their commitment of distribution routes after the next delivery. New volunteers will be required for delivery to houses on the left hand side of Dale Way, Pine, Gilbert, Rosefield, Marron Close, Marron Court plus Rubys Walk and Plum Way. Whilst these roads could be taken up by FRA Committee members after the next issue, it was felt that an advert for distribution volunteers should be placed in the next issue of the Fanfare to encourage new community volunteers. The village has grown and at the last count Fernwood distribute to 1133 dwellings.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Please see attached report showing a balance of £932.92 plus £26.83 cash in hand.

£1,000 receipt is still awaited which is to be allocated solely for use by Fernwood Neighbourhood Watch.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David Heath has advised that due to personal reasons and his many other commitments within Fernwood he is unable to continue as Chairman of FRA or as a committee member and is resigning. He will tidy up loose ends over the next couple of weeks.

No other Committee member felt able to take on the role, so the available committee position will be advertised within the next issue of the Fanfare.

7. VILLAGE UPKEEP AND CONSERVATION

Jeff reported on the work and ideas of the Conservation Group:

Bird hide - almost finished. Photos of birds to spot will be added inside the hide and the bird feeding tables still need to be erected.

The meadow - Jeff reported that he had been told by First Port that although the farmer had cut down and collected the grass, the farmer had charged First Port for doing so due to the amount of dog faeces. The amount of payment is unknown.

Dead Trees - Chris Penn from Barratt David Wilson Homes has advised that they will review and if necessary replace at their expense.

Restfil Way Planting Scheme - Chris Penn from Barratt David Wilson Homes has advised that they will review the agreed planting scheme and get back to us. Response still awaited.

ACTION

JH advert in Fanfare

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DH to write to BDWH to confirm the position of the meadow maintenance

8. DEFIBRILLATOR

It was discussed whether training of residents to use the two defibrillators installed in Fernwood is required. Apparently no-one needs actual training as the use of the equipment is managed by the emergency services and they talk the user through the process. However it was noted that the placement of the equipment should be highlighted to residents.

9. FERNWOOD MAINTENANCE STRATEGY GROUP (FMSG) UPDATE

A review meeting is to be held by the group next week.

The extra fees survey identified that 95.5% of the people who responded did not know about these additional charges prior to buying their house. Many used the solicitors suggested by the David Wilson Homes Sales office.

FMSG have written individually to all the Barratt David Wilson Homes board members outlining the concerns at Fernwood. The Chief Executive will monitor this 'formal complaint' and has forwarded the information to John Dillon the Managing Director for response by 16th October 2015.

The Newark Advertiser would like to do an article about the extra charges at Fernwood but as yet no one has come forward who has paid First Port for permission to install solar panels and is willing to pose for a photograph.

Barry advised that after a lengthy discussion, the NSDC Planning officers are now fully aware of the problem here at Fernwood. It was suggested that Fernwood hired a QC from London who is an expert in the field of dealing with Management Companies and Freehold properties.

10. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Bonfire and Firework annual event will be reduced to a Firework display only this year due to conditions being imposed by First Port to have a bonfire. The Fire Brigade and St. Johns Ambulance will both be in attendance. The Fire Brigade have pledged their support and will be providing needed sand buckets etc.

The Neighbourhood Plan is on-going and the next step will be to engage the residents.

North Build - planning has been postponed until November.

20 is Plenty - Notts.C.C. highways department are unhappy with the signs because of one complaint by a resident and one by a maintenance company. Highways have ordered the signs to be removed and offered '30 for a reason' signs. These have been provided free of charge.

Village Hall - A re-vamp of the hall layout will take place during November to join together the two meeting rooms to make a second sizeable hall.

Youth Survey - Regarding anti social behaviour, a youth survey is being conducted to find out exactly what the teenagers would like to see in Fernwood.

Winter Gritting - With the roads in Fernwood now adopted, it is believed the spine road of Goldstraw and Dale are now on the highways gritting route. It was considered that a 'polite notice' be placed in the next issue of Fernwood reminding people of sensible parking to ensure the gritter lorries could negotiate a route through.

Parish Council
notice in Fanfare

11. UPDATE ON DWH PROJECT FUND PROPOSALS

Only one application so far this year - The Mothers and Toddlers group wish to purchase £500 - £600 of equipment. The group has provided a list of the equipment.

An email has been forwarded to all on the 'DWH Project Fund' committee and when a decision is made they will let FRA know.

12. CAROL SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

St. Giles Church, Balderton are to provide the annual Carol Service in the village hall on Tuesday 8th December at 6pm. FRA has been asked if the committee would like to organise the refreshments.

The committee were not able to commit their time and so decided to decline. DH will reply suggesting that another community group within Fernwood may like to help.

DH to reply

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Manager of Newark Alarm Systems who is a Fernwood resident has written suggesting he would like to offer Fernwood residents discounts.

The committee decided that it was not suitable for FRA to be involved and agreed that a reply should be sent directing him to the Fanfare for business advertising rates. DH to reply

14. YOUTH REPORT

Janet reported on the issues with trying to engage with the younger generation and who is, together with Linda Cobb, looking at starting a group with 5/6 year olds who would then naturally progress up to a teen group. They first need to set up a Youth Group Committee of parental volunteers but this is proving difficult.

Barry provided the results from his initial survey of teenagers which suggested a Youth Council and trying to set up somewhere they could go to watch TV, play games or just hang out together.

It was suggested that a pilot scheme was set up once the village hall had been re-vamped. Barry and Janet to liaise re the way forward.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2015/16

PLEASE NOTE: ALTERATION TO NOVEMBER 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING VENUE

Committee meetings 7pm start –3rd Nov at Tawny Owl Public House

It was decided to wait until November to see if a committee meeting is required in December.

Public meetings 7.30pm start: 1st March at the Village Hall

Due to the committee having no Chairman or Secretary it was decided cancel the extra public meeting in December.

Agenda Suggestions:

CLOSE – David thanked everybody for their contributions and Sue Taylor thanked David for his work as Chairman and that the committee were sad to see him leave but fully understood the situation. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

ST to amend the FRA website

FERNWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (FRA)

1ST APRIL 2015 TO

6th Oct 2015

TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Bank Balance		1361.12
Receipts	No activity	
Payments		
06/10/15 Bird Hide construction		356.2
06/10/15 Bareflame website rental		72
		428.2
Net Receipts/Payments		
Closing Balance		932.92
Cash in Hand		26.83
Income due not received		nil
Payments due not paid		nil

Signed



Date.....

6th Oct 2015

Jeff Hobson
(Treasurer)

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