

Fernwood Residents Association

Committee Meeting, Wednesday 30th September 2020, 7:30pm

Tawny Owl (socially distant complying therefore not open to public)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Dave Mack – Chair	Sophie Ward – Events Coordinator
Andrew Armstrong – Secretary	
Sharon Jordan – Treasurer	
Leigh Rixon – Maintenance Panel	
Jeff Hobson – Conservation Group	

1. Welcome & Adoption of last minutes

DM welcomed all to the meeting, the first in a considerable amount of time due to Covid-19 and the lack of availability of the committee members prior. As a result, there has not been any minutes for a long time. The last minutes were adopted.

2. Apologies

Sophie Ward sent apologies

3. Chairman's Report

DM informed the committee of his decision to stand down fully, but remain part of the committee. MD updated the committee on the developments between First Port, Parish Council and David Wilson Homes (New Development) and that the new homes will not pay any maintenance fee.

Fernwood have a new development manager, Craig Bromley. He shares our development with several others so will not be available on site as much as Rebecca Lawrence was. His contact details are craig.bromley@firstport.co.uk, 07711 469190. A new groundsman, Ryan, has been appointed and lives on Fernwood. Please say hello if you see him.

4. Secretary Report

AA informed the committee to the updates on the website.

4.1 – AGM Preparation

AA has prepared a letter to be delivered to all households in Fernwood regarding the committee holding an AGM, including alternative arrangements in light of Covid-19. Letter posted out to residents will cost £464.96 + VAT. Due to time constraints and the availability of residents to deliver the letter this was agreed to be the best way to inform all residents. Proposed by DM, Seconded by SJ, Voted unanimously. DM to arrange hall booking with Parish Council. AGM notices to be posted once the use of the Village Hall is confirmed.

5. Vice Chair Report

Position Vacant

6. Treasurer's Report

Financial report available from Treasurer. Current balance is very healthy and over £3000 due to the outstanding efforts of last years events generating a significant income.

7. Maintenance Panel's Report

No significant updates on maintenance. Leigh Rixon has decided to step down from the position at the AGM.

8. Event's Report

Due to Covid-19 and the Health and Safety risks associated with it and the lack of volunteers to police any social distancing requirements, it has been decided not to hold the Christmas Market or Christmas Fireworks this year.

9. Conservation Group Report

Jeff updated us on the forest walkways. DWH and Firstport offered to supply logs to line the paths, however due to Covid-19 this has not happened.

10. AOB

DM proposed a bench to commemorate the passing of Julia Smith, who pioneered the buses to Fernwood. All members of the committee thought that this would be a lovely idea and asked DM to speak to the family and First Port to see if this is something that could be done and to seek costings.

Meeting Closed 8:55pm