

Fernwood Residents' Association (FRA)

Minutes of the FRA Committee meeting
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7 April 2015
Fernwood, Village Hall

Present:

Ray Dickinson
Janet Tindall
Barry Smith
Jeff & Sue Hobson

1 WELCOME

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting by the Acting Chairman, Ray Dickinson.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Proctor, John Popple, Reg Robinson & David Heath

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 3rd MARCH 2015

Proposed by Janet Tindall and seconded by Sue Hobson, the Minutes were accepted as an accurate record

4. MATTERS ARISING from the last meeting – 3rd MARCH 2015

Minute 4 – road adoption – to counter poor or irresponsible parking it was confirmed that instances to highlight could be posted on Facebook but without including visuals of the vehicle number plates. Parish Council have approached Highways Dept who have agreed to paint the wider pavement areas with dedicated routes for pedestrians, mobility users and pedestrians but leaving enough room for “two wheel” parking by motorists – although strictly speaking, in the latter respect, not permitted according to the regulations some provision had to be made for the poor design build in relation to the growth in the use of motor vehicles.

Immediately prior to the line painting the PC would issue warning cards advising that the owners of vehicles would be fined if they flagrantly abused or failed to show complete consideration for other pavement users.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

.No update was available for the meeting

6. WORKING GROUPS

6.1 – Group 1 – Life in the Village -

Most efforts had concentrated on the support development/strategy groups and primarily the proposals for the North build programme – there will be a presentation to residents at the village hall on Monday 27th April @ 7pm

6.2 – Village upkeep

The usual village wide report was not available for the current meeting – efforts had been directed towards proposals for the upkeep of the meadow area and outline plans had been drawn up by the Walkabout and Conservation Groups which provided for fenced off protected species/wild flower areas and for regular monthly mowing

ACTION

PC/All

**Walkabout &
Conservation
Groups**

6. WORKING GROUPS (cont.)

6.3 – Media

Efforts had been made to develop the village’s Facebook presence – and already some 200+ respondents had signified an interest in being kept informed of developments – specific ‘problem’ pages had been created for parking, dog fouling and maintenance issues
The Facebook presence and regular production of the Fanfare would, for the foreseeable future, be the regular interface to communicate village developments ie. in addition to the website presences for the FRA and PC

Barry S

6.4 – Projects

6.4.1 – Youth development initiative

John Pr and Janet had arranged a meeting with the Youth Action Group on the 10th April to try and progress youth interest issues – hopefully, the youth bus will be able to attend the Fernwood ‘Party on the Green’ – 25th July

John Pr & Janet

6.4.2 – DWH Bursary Fund

A meeting has to be organised to deal with any submissions for funding – refer Spring edition of the Fanfare for details on how applications should be made

John Pr/All

7. VILLAGE HALL – USERS GROUP

A meeting has been called for Thursday 23rd April @ 10.30am – village hall – to discuss arrangements for the ‘Party on the Green’

All

8. CONSERVATION GROUP

A meeting has been called for Thursday 9th April to discuss the placement and build of the Bird Hide near the meadow

Conservation Group

9. PETANQUE GROUP

Regular inter-club competitions now underway, and to encourage players of all abilities an intermediate group has been introduced

10. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Attention has been concentrated on the two working Strategy Groups – Neighbourhood Plan/North Build Group and the Maintenance Group – separate initiatives being considered are the “we are watching you” campaign to deter dog fouling and the acquisition of banners to highlight the key meetings of the FRA and PC

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report

12. AGM – NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER POSITIONS

Likely candidates are encouraged to express or confirm their interest for the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

All

13. FRA MEETINGS

Committee meetings: 2nd Jun, 7th Jul, 4th Aug, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov

OPEN Meetings: 5th May, 1st Sep

CLOSE – Ray Dickinson thanked everybody for their contributions to an interesting meeting