

**FERNWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (FRA)  
MINUTES OF THE FRA MEETING  
4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016  
Fernwood Village Hall – 7.30pm**

Present:  
Chair: David Mack (DM)  
Vice Chair: David Heath (DH)  
Treasurer: Barry Smith (BS)  
Jim Gould (JG)  
Jim Wheale (JW)  
Minute taker: Cheryle Mack (CM)  
  
Apologies: Mandy Knowlton-Rayner (MK-R)

**WELCOME**

DM welcomed everyone to the meeting this is his first meeting as newly appointed Chair.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were accepted as an accurate record.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The accounts remain as reported at the previous meeting, as shown below:

Main FRA account – Total: £1,397.39

Breakdown per group:

Committee/Bank	£589.43
Conservation	£ 94.96
Petanque	£ 0.00
Petty Cash	£ 0.00
FYI	£713.00

Regarding the donation to the Conservation group from Cllr Sue Saddington of £100 this cheque will be re-represented to Caron Parish Clerk to deal with.

There was no mention of the outstanding cheque of £162 fruit tree cheque.

(JG) advised that the school had approached the conservation group regarding a bog/pond area. In the first instance there will be discussions between the school and the conservation group on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm.

**FANFARE MAGAZINE**

(CM) Reported the magazine is collating news items. One of the main objectives is to make residents aware of the unknown quantities of building lorries that will come through Fernwood Village once the new build goes ahead.

The photo competition produced some lovely photos which were judged by resident Geoff Bowers a keen photographer. There were two under 16's and two over 16's. The photos will be framed and passed to Caron the Parish Clerk for display in the Parish Hall.

(BS) Advised there is a group running that has a lot of information regarding RAF Balderton/Newark and will send email details of the people involved to add to the magazine for interest.

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Regarding the 1800 builds from Persimmons concerns about the infrastructure cannot be raised in isolation, there has to be talks in addition with the North build of a further 1,050 builds. The new build itself is not the concern but how it is going to affect peoples lives while building is in progress.

The schools in the areas are over prescribed and there seems to be confusion over where the pipelines and gas lines are. There was never any mention in the past that the roads in Fernwood Village would be used for the construction traffic.

There is equally a concern of who owns different pieces of land in the village and it is not clear if the Parish Council has been involved in all the negotiations.

## **FRA DIRECTION**

Discussions took place whether the FRA should continue as a political body or a community body. It was agreed that there are two parts, one is community i.e. fetes, firework nights etc., in which case there needs to be a separate community body who will be happy to organise with the support of the FRA.

Secondly on the political side the maintenance of works, that is subject to approval from the maintenance group, as it has to be seen that people's maintenance money is spent in the best way for the residents of Fernwood Village.

From this discussion it was agreed that two public meetings would take place; the first one to be a take of the planning activities of the new builds and warning residents of the implications if we do not make our voices heard.

The second public meeting will be more for the community side of what the resident's would like in the village, and how to take forward.

Therefore, it is agreed that the Fanfare magazine will be delivered by the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 advising residents of the public meeting date and the key issues to the new build.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting for FRA  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2016  
At 7.30  
In the Fernwood Village Hall