

Minutes of the
Fernwood Residents' Association (FRA) Committee Meeting

Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 28th July 2021

Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Present		Apologies
Barry Smith (BS) - Chair	Sharon Jordan (SJ)– Treasurer	Andrew Armstrong (AA) – Secretary
Dee Harrison (DVH) - Conservation	Henry Micah (HM)	Mandy Knowlton-Rayner (MKR)
David Heath (DH)- Maintenance		

2. Previous Minutes:

Proposed – SJ

Seconded - DH

As a true record - Carried

3. Chair's Report:

Henry Micah was welcomed onto the committee.

Possible agenda items for the FRA Open meeting:

- Community Speed Watch
- ASB

Looking at contacting the following to invite them to the Open Meeting as guest speakers:

- Representatives from Suthers and Chuter Ed Schools
- First Port
- NSDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
- Nottinghamshire Police
- Representatives from local groups

4. Secretary Report:

No updates from the secretary

5. Treasurer's Report:

SJ provided a statement of accounts as of 28/07/2021.

Points to note:

- Transfer of funds from FYI and Forest School back into main account completed.
- Web Hosting over spend corrected and account set to zero.

- Current cash in bank - £1677.07
 - Conservation Group still has £145.93 allocated to them.

6. Maintenance Report

DH reported the following:

The notes of a meeting with FirstPort in January 2021 were supplied by DM. These notes showed that there were outstanding issues regarding the Deed of Variation and the naming of FirstPort on our deeds. I have emailed First Port to gain a response, particularly regarding a copy of a “Deed of Variation” that has been agreed by Barratts/DWH, FirstPort and a buyers’ solicitor. This would be helpful to buyers and sellers in order to reduce costs and the waiting time due to gaining multi party agreement.

Regarding the 2019/21 accounts. FirstPort clarified that outside work was being undertaken by staff employed at Fernwood but that this was accounted for by charging half a person to the outside work and was therefore not shown directly on the accounts. Firstport agreed that it would be beneficial for clarity to document this arrangement.

Whilst Reserves were mentioned in the foreword to the accounts and income and expenditure to reserves was shown, the amount of the reserves was not stated. This will be pursued with FirstPort.

Central Fernwood Firstport accounts and John Jeys monthly maintenance update discussed and noted.

7. Fernwood Village Projects Fund Proposals

No applications have been made this month.

Current cash in bank - £3085.80

8. Fernwood Bottle and Clothing Bank

Parish Council are looking into the possibility of replacing the cloth bank with an additional bottle bank.
(After meeting note: There are clothing banks located at the Tawny Owl and Sainsburys)

John Jeys has tidied up the area as the land belongs to Barrett David Wilson Homes and sent a message to Fernwood Residents, informing them of the work that has been carried out and requesting that if bottle bank is full not to leave bags of bottles. This message was also shared by one of the residents on the local Facebook page.

Discussion was had with regards to signage. Possible wording ‘*Please do not park in front of the bottle bank*’. DH to contact Firstport re: signage.

9. Events / Activities Schedule

DH circulated a list of possible future events, but due to some of the committee members not being in attendance, discussion on events was deferred until the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Committee needed to concentrate on the regeneration of FRA, the website and the open meeting. In view of this and the current covid complications, it was felt that organising social activities would take a back seat until next year.

A discussion was had with regards to the remit of the committee, it was agreed that the committee would help facilitate the organisation of events. Future events would only be possible if Fernwood Residents were to volunteer to organise and run events for the village.

10. MyFernwood Website

BS confirmed that the website had been terminated and at some point, the email system would also be terminated.

The old Hugo Fox website is now live but needs updating. Currently the MyFernwood.org domain name is not associated to this website, but the website can be found via the Hugo Fox communities area.

It was agreed to add all committee members to the Hugo Fox account as administrators. BS to send all committee members a list of pages.

It was identified that individual group representatives could be added to the Hugo Fox account as editors, so that they would be able to keep their own group information up to date.

Proposed by DH

Seconded by SJ

That once current email system is terminated BS to setup IONAS email at a cost of £2 per month - Carried

11. Fernwood Gazette

Entries to be submitted to Marion by end of August.

DVH agreed to write a piece for the Gazette and circulate before the next meeting.

12. Correspondence

No correspondence.

13. Dates for Future Meetings

Committee meetings:

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 7:15 – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 24th November at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Public meetings:

FRA Open meeting – Wednesday 27th October 2021 – Village Hall

AGM - Wednesday 13th April 2022 – Village Hall

Meeting Closed 21:10 hrs