

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting
Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 26th February 2025
Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Present			Apologies
John Newton (JN)	Henry Micah (HM)		Nick Roberts (NR)
Barry Smith (BS)	Terry McSwiney (TM)		Brenda Wright (BW)
David Heath (DH)		AR = A Resident	

BW asked the Committee to note that she would be unavailable for meetings until October and had therefore resigned from the Committee.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2025 were proposed as a true record and carried unanimously.

3. Chairman's Report

JN reported that he had a list of publicity items for circulation via Facebook and would start their placement shortly. He suggested that the first one would be to explain why FCRA was separate from the FPC.

JN reported that the tree protectors that were no longer required were not wanted by Barratt David Wilson Homes for the new development. Whilst some could be re-used around Fernwood, others would be sold. FirstPort was unable to credit the Fernwood account. It was agreed that any income from sales would be credited to the Bursary account to be spent on projects within Central Fernwood.

4 Treasurer's Report

BS reported on his previously circulated accounts for FCRA that the only transaction since his last report was £2.99 for the internet hosting of our web site. He commented that the following month would incur an annual payment of £19.32 for web address provision.

5 Secretary's Report

DH reported that he had attended the FPC meeting on 17 February 2025. The topics included the Playpark refurbishment, where public consultation on the final designs was expected in 2 weeks. The meeting was held in "the Hub" with the official launch being scheduled for 30th March. A presentation on highways included the possible closure of the overbridge over the A1 at Fernwood to enable bridge widening as well as closure of the central reservation gap that enables northbound traffic to turn into Fernwood. The drains on the Southbound slip road had been cleaned to prevent further closure due to flooding. The FPC also discussed the request from NSDC to take on the maintenance of the Northbuild

open spaces. Based on the lack of information available, it was not possible for FPC to agree to the request.

6 Nominations for Post of Treasurer

HM offered to take on the role of Treasurer which was warmly approved unanimously.

7. The date for the May AGM was discussed and the date of Thursday 8th May 2025 agreed.

8 Deed of Variation Process

DH circulated a draft of the flow chart of the process that he had prepared after consultation with Innovus who manage the process for FirstPort. Details of the contact for Barratt David Wilson Homes were awaited.

9 FirstPort

It was noted that the final accounts were still awaited. Apparently, in some instances, sellers had held back £250 in case of adjustments to the accounts.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 7:15pm – Village Hall
Committee Meeting - Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 7:15pm – Village Hall
AGM - Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.00 pm - Village Hall
Committee Meeting - Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Meeting Closed 20:30 hrs