

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting
Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 14thth January 2026
Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

Present		
John Newton (JN)	Nick Roberts (NR)	AR = A Resident
David Heath (DH)	Terry McSwiney (TM)	
Henry Micah (HM)		

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 26th November 2025 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

Item 9 - DH confirmed that Freedom of Information Appeal had been received and we now await a response from the Information Commissioner.

Item 5 – DH confirmed that the Section 20B Notice was believed to have been due from FirstPort by the end of November but had not been received. This will be raised with FirstPort along with other outstanding issues.

4. Treasurers Report

HM reported that the only expenditures had been on the usual monthly Internet hosting fees and bank charges totalling £7.24.

5. Chairmans Report

JN reported that he would be discussing outstanding issues from correspondence with the Clerk to the Parish Council.

6. Questions From Residents

AR raised a concern about the parking in the small cul-de-sac by the One Stop shop. Parkers in that area inevitably reversed out onto the road where visibility was restricted by other parked cars and on several occasions the resident had nearly been run down by a vehicle as she was crossing the road. After discussion, it was agreed that FCRA would write to the Police to report the matter and ask for advice.

7. Maintenance Issues

Members raised maintenance issues with regard to the Rubys Walk central area, tree cages, footpaths covered in leaves in the wooded areas, the need for more litter bins, the number of grit bins and also the maintenance around the area of Goldstraw Lane to Johnsons Road. It was agreed that JN discuss the issues with the Facilities Manager during the following week. It was also agreed that this topic be kept on the Agenda for future meetings and that Committee Members take note of any maintenance concerns that come across between meetings so that they can be discussed and raised if required.

8. FirstPort Performance and Answers to Questions

Members considered the report on the seven failures of management to supply information requested despite reminders. Concern was expressed that neither of the two new supervisors to VC had answered emails or contacted FCRA.

It was agreed that a written report be submitted to Barratt David Wilson detailing the concerns and continued failures.

9. Government Survey on “Reducing the prevalence of private estate management arrangements”

Members discussed the survey that must be returned by 12 March 2026. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to respond. Of the 155 questions, 102 are for homeowners. It was therefore agreed that the questions would be divided between members and then a meeting be arranged in 2 to 3 weeks at which the answers would be amalgamated into one response. Whether the response would be an email of completion of the on line questionnaire was to be determined.

10. Date of Future Meetings

It was agreed that the March meeting be moved to 18th March to enable the Chairman to attend.

Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Meeting Closed 20:30 hrs