

Minutes of the
Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting
Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 25th September 2024
Fernwood Village Hall

1. Attendance:

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

2. Previous Minutes

Proposed as a true record – NR, Seconded - BW
 – Carried unanimously

Matters Arising

NR reported that he had contacted the County, District and Parish Councils regarding the broken fencing around the Clock Tower. The Parish Council was unable to help but NSDC confirmed that they would contact the owner. There has been no progress in 6 weeks. NR to progress.

3. Chair's Report

- i. JN reported that he had used the MyNotts app to report the kerblime weed growth but had not received any confirmation or action. It was agreed that DH would contact our District Councillor about this.

4. Treasurer's Report

- i. BS confirmed that in addition to the monthly cost of the web site provision at £2.99, we had purchased a replacement Noticeboard for £466 plus postcrete for £15.94 from the Bursary account.

5. Parish Council Freedom of Information Request

- i. The response of the Parish Council to the FOI request from the FCRA, previously circulated, was discussed. It was noted that every item of information requested had the response of Section 22 exemption with no intended publication date offered. The Committee agreed that it was good that every item of information requested would be provided, it was agreed unanimously that further opinion was required on the response and would therefore consult a local publisher.

6. Deed of Variation

JN reported that his legal contact had not provided any information. It was also reported that there had been no response to the Facebook request for information. TM reported that she had consulted with a solicitor about a DOV who had been doubtful that one was required. She was pursuing this and would report back. BW reported that she consulted a Barrister who had made enquiries and supplied a written report, which she circulated. The opinion was that no DOV was required. However, the difficulty is that this has not been the view of lenders who have required for one to be provided. It was agreed that the Facebook request would be repeated and that JN would consult his contact and that the information gleaned to date would be amalgamated.

7. Review of Proposed Meetings.

It was agreed that:

JN would consult with the Clerk to the PC regarding the meeting with the Chairman, to include representation on the Playpark Group.

DH would compile an agenda for a meeting with Vanessa Crane and contact her to agree a date.

The meeting with Robert Jenrick MP would be put on hold, pending his future availability.

8. Proposals For Playpark Replacement

Members expressed concern that despite the PC stating that consultation would be or has taken place, there has been no contact with FCRA despite the informal request made to the Clerk many months ago. As the body responsible for overseeing the maintenance of Central Fernwood, including the play park and equipment, the Committee expressed concern about the lack of consultation and also the potential impact on the future maintenance costs of a replacement play park without consultation with residents.

9. Replacement Noticeboard

As reported by the Treasurer, a replacement noticeboard had been purchased and it had been erected by FirstPort Team. Thanks were expressed to the FirstPort team for undertaking the work.

BS offered to provide a suitable heading for the board.

10. Correspondence

Following the report of broken fencing to the perimeter of the open space on Deeke Road, FirstPort was consulted about ownership. As this could not be established in the short term a temporary repair was made to the fence.

11. December Meeting

As the usual December meeting would fall on Christmas day, it was agreed that the December meeting would be held one week earlier on Wednesday 18th December, subject to room availability.

Future meetings:

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 7:15pm – PROVISIONAL

Meeting Closed 20:35 hrs