

Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review 2019 – 2037

Policy SB6 Using Scarce Employment Land Efficiently

Supporting Evidence SB6.EV5

FERNHURST CENTRE (9/8/19)

Information gathered at a meeting at the Fernhurst Centre on 30th July 2019

Present:

Pauline Colcutt (Administrator); Malcolm McKenzie (Trustee). Geoff and Sue Talbot (SPNP Volunteers)

Information Gathered

Location: 2 Crossfield, Vann Road, Fernhurst. Haslemere. GU27 3JL. 01428641931

Within footfall of Village shopping centre – chemist, greengrocer, tobacconist/small convenience store. Post Office has closed but concession may be taken by unit in Vann Road.

Parish population: approx 3,000 in 2011; approx 1800 households.

Registered Charity: 1097445; 8 trustees;

Fernhurst Centre Limited: Limited Liability Company.

Established: 2003

Property: comprises one shop unit (including masonette above) on 5 year lease in block of 6 all owned by Chichester District Council; leased area comprises ground floor which is divided into 2 areas – **main room** and **training room**.

Finance: Reduced rent on shop unit through CDC grant (applied for every 3 years) and retention of 1/3 of rent from masonette located above the shop unit; grant from Parish Council; contribution from annual “May Revels Fair” (Village Hall Trust); other grant funding.

Parking: easy access to free public car parking to rear of unit – 60 spaces.

Open: Mon - Fri: 10:00 – 17:00; also **Fri:** 09:00 – 17:00 during school term time; **Sat:** 10:00 – 12:00.

Staff: approx 40 volunteers; volunteers undertake 3 hour shifts with 3 shifts per day. Requires a lot of effort to make facility work & practicalities of meeting requirements.

Facilities/size:

Main Room: (65 sq m/700sq ft) with seating (capacity 28/30 people), café with small kitchen area, small retail displays selling bespoke goods (scarves, cards/Christmas cards and Village calendar – produced by Village art group), toilet, walk-in cupboard space and 4 hot desks with PCs.

Training Room/small Room: (19sq m/205sq ft) IT purpose built ground floor extension with folding 7 computer desks allowing use as meeting room.

Uses: Events; Courses (tablets/mobile phones, IT courses/applications; free information workshops, craft and leisure courses & workshops social media; languages; will & probate advice – all well attended 30); other workshops; small business use; Co-working.

“GELI”– small business run by 2-3 people for children group up to 5yr olds for 1 day per month. Aim to hold 6 topical talks, one every 6 weeks

Availability of Rooms: Small Meeting Room – at all times of the day;

Main Room: available for hire: **Mon – Fri:** from 17:00; **Sat:** from 12:00; **Sun:** all day.

Charges:

Slightly below market value.

Training Room / Small Meeting Room (as from 1 April 2019)

Village Organisations and other local Charitable Bodies	Small Local Businesses
£7.00 per hour	£11.00 per hour
£11.50 per hour if using the Fernhurst Centre's computing facilities or other digital equipment	£23.50 per hour if using the Fernhurst Centre's computing facilities or other digital equipment

Meeting Room (as from 1 April 2019)

Village Organisations and other local Charitable Bodies	Small Local Businesses
£8.00 per hour	£13.00 per hour
£10.00 per hour if using the Fernhurst Centre's computing facilities or other digital equipment	£20 if using the Fernhurst Centre's computing facilities or other digital equipment

Main Room

4 Computers (Windows10) with Fast Fibre Optic Broadband and Office 2010;

access to:

Laminator

Heavy Duty Guillotine

Printers/scanners

Tea and coffee making facilities (supplies available at extra charge or bring your own), crockery and dishwasher

Training Room

7 Computers (Windows10) with Fast Fibre Optic Broadband and Office 2016;

access to:

Digital Projector and Screen

White Board

Printer/scanners

Tea and coffee making facilities (supplies available at extra charge or bring your own), crockery and dishwasher.

IT: Support bought in.

Other Community facilities available in the Parish

- **Village hall** – not Parish Council – separate trust; hall and stage; capacity 100; Parish office; Committee Room; kitchen; Hall provides 2 x lunches per month.
- **Extensive sports ground** – pavilion, full size football pitches, full size cricket field; childrens' play area and equipment.
- **Local societies** – approximately 15.
- **Primary School** – 180 pupils; **Pre School Nursery** – 30 pupils; both on same site.
- **Village Community Committee (CC)** – includes Fernhurst Centre as member; CC provides help with e-security; art work, school meal clubs etc

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