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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Parish Councillors Gorse, Knowles, Mrs Law, Leppard (Chairman), Phillips, and Potter.
Mrs C Churchill (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: Three members of the public were present.

Apologies: There were none

Opening Remarks: Cllr Leppard opened the meeting at 18.00 pm.

Public Questions: See Agenda Item 11/100 below

11/095 Minutes of Council Meeting dated 8th November 2011 were taken as a true record and approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

11/096 Declarations of Interest: There were none.

11/097 CATG Topographical Survey. Cllr Phillips reported that the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) had discussed the possibility of requesting the Highways Dept. to undertake a topographical survey of the A30/High St junction triangle layout with a view to proposing improvements. Wiltshire Councillor T Deane had advised that as this was SWWAB funding, they would require the Parish Council to make a contribution to the anticipated £2,000 cost. After discussion the Parish Council agreed in principle to make a contribution of £200, subject to receiving clarification from NALC Legal Advisors that this request by CATG did not constitute 'double taxation' and therefore be unauthorised. Action: Clerk

11/098 R2 Funding.

(i) A request has been received from Fovant Cricket Club (FCC) for the purchase of coaching packs/equipment for junior cricket. The Council agreed nem con. Clerk to arrange with the R2 Office for imminent time expired R2 Child Funds to be allocated for this requirement. Action: Clerk

(ii) Council took note that the Dinton School FODS detailed funding proposal for the school swimming pool upgrade would be made available to them for review prior to the February 2012 PC Meeting.

Planning Matters:

The following planning applications were reviewed by the Parish Council and comments and decisions made as follows:

11/099 S2011/1705 – No. 2 The Elms Fovant: Extension to rear

It was observed that the premises were not within the Conservation Area and that the proposed development was to the rear of the property; the development would not cause any over-looking of neighbours or be seen by the public and would have no adverse impact on the character of the built landscape. Fovant Parish Council resolved to support the application without conditions.

11/100 S2011/1734 Downesway, Brook St: Demolish existing single story dwelling and replace with two x 4 bed 2-story houses with double garages to frontage. It was noted that the proposed development was adjacent to the Byeway (RoW13) an unadopted unmetalled track leading from the Brook St Conservation Area towards Fovant Down and the badges. The character of development along the Byeway at this point was single dwellings in individual plots within large gardens. Three members spoke objecting to the

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development and it was noted that there were 4 letters of objection from local residents. The proposal increases the built footprint on the site by a factor of x4 by incorporating the garden, introduces 2 x large double garages to the frontage of the byeway, the whole development of which would create a 'massing' effect and increase urban development into the countryside. There were concerns that increased traffic to service 2 large 4-Bed dwellings would create more damage to the unmade track and increase dangerous parking and nuisance at the Brook St bridge to the A30.

Fovant PC resolved to object for the following reasons;

- Overdevelopment of the site
- Quadrupling the existing footprint
- Highway issues
- Contrary to Governments policy on garden grabbing.

11/101 S2011/1765 Vine Cottage, High St. & Listed Building Consent: Demolish existing rear extension and replace with new 2-story extension to rear, incorporating dormer window and roof lights, renovations to roof; removal of corrugated iron sheets and replace with clay tiles and replacement front porch and insertion of driveway gates. The Council viewed the development proposal documentation. It was noted that the works had been reviewed with the Planning Conservation Office and that the works in their entirety would not significantly damage the appearance of this Grade II Listed building.
Fovant Parish Council resolved to support the application without conditions.

11/102 S2011/1773 Fovant House, Church Lane: Tree works including fell of Tulip and reduce Ash stems to ground level leaving single strong stem. Fovant Parish Council resolved to support this application.

11/103 S2011/1774 The Firs, High St: Tree works including felling of Hazel and to reduce Laurel to five feet for ease of future maintenance.
Fovant Parish Council resolved to support this application.

11/104 Plaque for Commemorative Wedding Tree

The Parish Council noted that the commemorative wedding tree would be planted at Clays Orchard on Saturday, 3rd December 2011, at 09.00 a.m. The Fovant Tree Warden, Mrs Jenny Bickerton, and the Clays Orchard Manager would be accompanied at the ceremony by Parish Councillors Nigel Knowles and Darren Potter. The Parish Council agreed nem con that the commemorative plaque should be made of stainless steel for future ease of maintenance (£31.75 + £3.95 postage) and that the text on the plaque should follow the advice as provided by the Tree Warden.

11/105 Finance The following items were authorised by the Council for payment by cheque upon receipt of confirming invoices:

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| (i) Landford Trees | Commemorative Tree |
| (ii) Fovant Tree Warden | Tree planting & Plaque |
| (iii) Youth Credit Scheme | FP6 Improvements to steps (£200) |

It was noted that the Payment Addressee for the NHW Signs (Cheque No. 877) authorised on 8 Nov 2011 required correction by the signatories and this was carried out by Cllrs Knowles and Phillips.

11/106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall.

FUTURE PC MEETINGS: 7 February 2012; 6 March 2012 and 27 March (Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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