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## DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

**Present Cllrs** Dunn, Havard (Chairman), Mrs Jones, Marshall, Roberts and Swift  
**In attendance;** Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). 2 members of the public.. Wilts Cllr Mrs Green.  
**Apologies** Cllr Ms Beck.

There were no questions or statements from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. None received.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

Cllr Havard opened the meeting at 7.46pm

### **13/121. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms Beck (work).**

Fovant PC resolved to accept the apology for the reason given.

*Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)*

### **13/122. Chairman's announcements.** Richard Bullard has sadly resigned from Fovant PC to concentrate on the Badges project.

Cllr Havard attended the service at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Several approaches were made re the PC plans for the centenary of the Great War in 2014.

Need to chase up the upgrade to the play surface at the recreation ground.

### **13/123 Declarations of Interest.** None received.

### **13/124. Exclusion of the press and public.** To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under. Clerk was asked to leave the meeting during discussion on her remuneration.

*Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100*

7.48pm Cllr Havard temporarily closed the meeting to allow Wilts Cllr Mrs Green to make her report.

Pleased that the youth club were awarded their grant by the SWWAB.

Next SWWAB meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> December at Bishopstone.. There are three items re public health on the agenda.

20mph pilot is now going to scrutiny.

Changes to tree notifications (this won't affect Fovant who already have a Tree Warden who looks at all tree applications.).

Rural broadband programme going well.

WC have increased highway maintenance budget to £21 million for the next 6yrs.

SWWAB are looking at rights of way

Special SWWAB meeting scheduled for the youth.

Compton Chamberlayne have approached WC re joining a neighbouring parish – CC currently has a parish Meeting not a Parish Council.

Questions

Is there any WC money for WW1 events?

Would a grant application for projection equipment satisfy SWWAB guidelines? Yes

Sutton Mandeville Badges – is this a for life project, it needs to have a maintenance programme.

8.04pm Cllr Havard re-opened the meeting.

**13/125. Council meeting minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

**13/126. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.**

**Rights of Way** - Cllr Marshall updated the previously circulated report. Almost all of the paths had obstructions or blockages following the storm however several of the fallen trees have been cleared or part cleared.

The path by the Rainbow centre is blocked, Clerk to contact Wilton Estate.

Clerk

The extreme muddy approach to the footpath leading to the Badges is a concern. Clerk to speak to landowner.

Clerk

**Village Hall** – report circulated by Cllr Mrs Jones.

**13/127 Co-option of Councillors.** There is currently one vacancy which has been advertised and may now be filled by co-option.

Fovant PC resolved to co-opt Mr Chris Eacott onto Fovant PC. Cllr Eacott signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council.

**13/128. Update of actions from the meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.**

1. (13/098). Clerk emailed Tony Deane re Tisbury Campus but has not had a response yet. An update made at another PC was that the plans had come in way over budget so the plans are being revised to fall within budget. It is intended to have the Campus open by Sept 2014.

2. (13/105) Clerk has requested a metrocount for the A30.

3. (13/109) Highways confirmed that the community team could not maintain the newly planted trees, that is a separate dept at WC.

4. (13/116) Clerk attended the council tax support grant meeting as did Cllr Swift. Clerk submitted the questionnaire.

5. (13/117) Clerk is waiting to hear back from WoodThemes re the bark upgrade.

**13/129. A30 Triangle.** Nothing to report, CATG meet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**13/130 Recreation Ground transfer of asset request.** Nothing to report.

**13/131.** To respond to WC on the following planning applications.

**13/04564. Clifton Cottage, Moor Hill.** The restoration and remodelling of existing Clifton Cottage and the erection of a new detached 3 bed dwelling adjacent with parking and access.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

Clerk

**13/132 Trees along the A30.** Clerk contacted WC re the Community Team, unfortunately they can't undertake trees as that is a separate dept at WC. The tree dept only has plans to maintain larger planting projects and doesn't maintain the small planting schemes.

Mrs Bickerton reported that WC have agreed to cutting a 1m circle to allow the trees to be mulched and have offered to provide the mulch. Mrs Bickerton and Cllr Havard will meet to discuss the clearing of the area immediately surrounding the trees.

Fovant PC wished to formally thank Mrs Bickerton for all her work in ensuring these trees survive.

Mrs Bickerton reported that the last of the three Rowans planted at Clay's Orchard, to celebrate the Millennium has died.

**13/133. Request from Fovant Church for a donation.** A written request has been received for assistance towards the expense of purchasing new tube heaters for the church pews. The amount requested is £500.00, the total cost of the project is £1649.00.

Clerk confirmed that the Council has no power to fund items inside of the building, Clerk had informed the person responsible for the application.

Fovant PC resolved not to donate money to Fovant PCC for this project.

**13/134 Request to place Geocaching units in the parish.** A request has been received to place these at various points within the parish, no locations have been given but the Badges were mentioned. According to the request Fovant PC have to give permission.

Fovant PC felt the applicant should contact the Landowners involved.

## **Finance**

**13/135 Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.**

**(i)** To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the balance of the accounts stands at £7,019.61 with a total of £646.57 in unpresented cheques.

**(ii)** To review and approve terms of expenditure as detailed in schedule of payment.

Fovant PC resolved to approve payments totalling £593.38

*Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)*

*Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4*

**13/136. Commemoration of the Outbreak of WW1.** Clerk attended a meeting at Salisbury Playhouse on this. Fovant Badges Society have been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Mrs McKenzie is organising an open weekend at the village hall.

Cllr Swift offered to lead on this project, Clerk to send notes from the Centenary meeting to Cllr Swift. Clerk

Fovant PC felt a meeting should be arranged with all village groups to gauge ideas and get a way forward. Cllr Swift and Clerk

**13/137. Budget for 2014 – 2015.**

The draft budget was discussed and initial figures agreed. It was agreed that the Precept needs to increase to at least £8,000.

Budget and Precept to be confirmed at the January meeting once the council tax base and decision re council tax support grant is known.

**13/138. To consider the report from Playsafety Ltd** and act on any matters requiring attention. Clerk to chase Playsafety for this report.

**13/139. Clerk's Report.**

PCC grant application

Geocaching request

Update on A30 speed limit – works started and change is being advertised.  
Various information on council tax – capping has been mentioned several times.  
Swimming pool usage information from Dinton school  
Details re Fovant PC registration with Information Commissioner  
WALC newsletter – forwarded to Cllrs  
WC newsletter – forwarded to Cllrs.

Attended SWWAB meeting at Mere on 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Attended National Conference 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October – report circulated.  
Attended Council tax support meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Salisbury (am)  
Attended Flood Warden briefing on 2<sup>nd</sup> October (pm)  
Attended WW1 Centenary meeting at Salisbury Playhouse.  
Will attend CATG on 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Will attend meeting re neighbourhood plans on 19<sup>th</sup> November

WALC AGM rescheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
SWWAB meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December

**13/140. Clerk's contract** to be discussed at the next meeting.

**13/141. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** This meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>TH</sup> January, any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk before Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

**FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;**  
7<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May.  
All meetings will commence at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.