

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
13th JANUARY 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present Cllrs Dunn, Eacott, Havard (Chairman), Holmes, Nunn and Mrs Turner.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). Wilts Cllr Mrs Green. 4 members of the public.
Apologies Cllrs Mrs Jones and Swift. PC Fergusson.

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

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies had been received.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

- Happy New Year.
- WC Core Strategy is up for adoption on 20th January.
- SWWAB on 4th February at East Knoyle.
- Budget setting meeting on 5th February at Salisbury.
- Cycle event will be held on 10th May, a repeat of last year.
- On the Help to live at home task group
- On the waste collection programme, the green waste survey had over 9000 responses and most favoured a 3 month suspension. Role is to communicate with the public and would welcome ideas of the best ways to communicate.
- SWWAB first aid project
- Car parking consultation – approx 4000 have responded so far, it closes shortly
- WC need to find a £30 million saving in the next financial year.

Cllr Havard opened the meeting at 7.08pm

14/139. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jones (recovering from an operation) and Swift (conflicting social engagement).
Fovant PC resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

14/140. Chairman's announcements. None.

14/141. Declarations of Interest. None received

14/142. Exclusion of the press and public. None required.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

14/143. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th November 2014.
Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

14/144. To receive brief reports from Cllrs. None.

14/145. Co-option of Cllr. There is currently a vacancy on Fovant PC which may be filled by co-option. There was no one standing for co-option.

14/146. Update of actions from the meeting dated 4th November 2014.

1. (14/121) Planning responses were sent to WC.
2. (14/124) Communication with the tree Warden is working well.
3. (14/128) Clerk has completed the Precept request paperwork and will submit shortly.

Other actions appear within the Minutes.

14/147. PLANNING. To respond to WC on the following planning applications

(i) **14/10985. Tricklethru, High Street.** RETROSPECTIVE. Rear decking.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

Clerk

(ii) **14/11696. East Farm, Fovant.** Erection of an agricultural building with integral grain drying and storage facilities within the existing farm unit. The roof to include 200 solar PV panels.

The applicant was present to answer any questions and informed the Council that the reason for the application was that the existing facility was not sufficient.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

Clerk

14/148 To consider how to respond to any planning applications received after the publication of this agenda. None received.

14/149 Tree applications.

(i) **15/00019. Down Cottage, Brook St.** Eucalyptus trees (x2): Situated in the named property's garden. Both trees are excessively high (approx 40ft) due to no maintenance by previous owners and have extreme lean which neighbours confirm is increasing. The aforementioned compounded with shallow roots are causing a potential danger personal property. Removal of both trees required by tree surgeon. Blackthorn (x2): Situated in the named property's garden. Removal of both trees to provide lawn required by tree surgeon.

(ii) **15/00074. Spring Orchard Surgery, High St.** Reduce one beech tree down to 2 metre height, level with the hedge.

(iii) **15/00075. Cross Keys House.** Crown reduce one ash by 50%.

The Fovant Tree Warden had looked at all applications and raised no concerns.

Fovant PC noted the applications.

The following tree work applications were submitted and determined since the last meeting. The Fovant Tree warden looked at the applications and had no concerns.

(i) **14/10879 The Post Office.** Fell weeping willow in rear garden

(ii) **14/10996.** Brook House, High St. Crown raise T1 ash to 5 metres. Fell T2 beech. Crown reduce T3 willow by 40%. Remove large lateral on north side of T4 ash at ten metres.

14/150 Wiltshire Core Strategy. The draft CS was passed by Cabinet in December and will be presented to Full Council in January. Cllr Havard attended the meeting and updated Fovant PC on the matter. The criteria set by SDC for classifying a large / secondary village no longer applied to Fovant

14/151 Storage of Flood equipment. Highways deemed the site by the Youth Club as unsuitable. Cllr Holmes reported that a suitable site had been agreed which is off the public highway and has space for vehicles to load sandbags.

Cllr Holmes reported that the flood equipment has not been delivered, Clerk will contact WC.

Clerk

14/152 Redundant Red Telephone Box by Fovant Youth Club. BT have confirmed that they will not relocate the phone box elsewhere in the parish.

To consider whether the redundant phonebox should be removed.

Fovant PC deferred this item until the Youth Club have been approached as to their view.

Clerk

Cllr Holmes reported that BT have applied to WC to install a cabinet for superfast broadband.

14/153 Gully Drainage from parking area at Weeping Ash, Tisbury Rd. Cllr Holmes reported the water has been tested and comes from piped water therefore Wessex Water are responsible. WC Highways are to refurbish the gullies.

Cllr Holmes is monitoring the issue.

The water flowing across the road is a safety hazard when temperatures fall.

Clerk to write to WW and WC Highways and insist that the leak is dealt with, raising safety concern on frozen road. Clerk

Water is also being pumped from Mill House and flowing across the road. Clerk to report this to Highways. Clerk

14/154. Clerk's computer. To consider quotes and approve the purchase of a laptop computer for the Parish Clerk.

Several quotes were circulated.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise the Clerk to purchase a laptop and office package. Clerk

Finance

14/155. Year ending 31st March 2015.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the bank reconciliation and that the balance of the accounts stands at £5545.21 with £63.00 in unpresented cheques leaving a balance of £5482.21.

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC authorised payments totalling £461.95.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5) Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4

14/156. To consider the Inspection reports of the recreation ground and to authorise any work required. Cllr Havard reported that all work had been completed.

Clerk to look into upgrading the older safety surface. Clerk

14/157. To receive a report on the National Flood Defence and Prevention Expo in London. Clerk and Cllr Holmes attended.

Cllr Holmes has lots of useful information. Some of the exhibitors were aimed at larger authorities but many would be useful contacts for householders.

14/158. Clerk's Report.

WALC AGM at Devizes on 27th January.

SWWAB meet on 4th February at East Knoyle.

WC budget meeting at Salisbury Guildhall on 5th February

SWWAB first aid information session. Cllr Mrs Turner will attend.

Letter from George Jeans reminding councils to budget for a contribution towards grant applications.

SIDs – parishes that benefit from the programme are being asked to contribute to the costs.

14/159. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Friday 23rd January 2015.

Cllr Havard closed the meeting at 8.42pm

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;
3rd February 2015 and 3rd March

All meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.