

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
2ND SEPTEMBER 2014 IN FOVANT YOUTH CLUB.**

Present Cllrs Dunn, Eacott, Havard (Chairman), Holmes, Nunn, Swift and Turner.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). Wilts Cllr Mrs Green . 0 members of the public.
Apologies Cllrs Mrs Jones. PC Fergusson, PCSO Gary Chambers.

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. Please be aware of non dwelling burglaries and keep outbuildings secure.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.
New CLARENCE number – 0300 456 0105
Report of an overgrown hedge – *PC are aware of this*
Concern about the drain opposite Orchard House.
Bus pass and green waste consultations – please respond
Working with parishes is desired particularly on flooding.

Cllrs Havard opened the meeting at 7.53pm

14/075. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Jones (conflicting social engagement).
Fovant PC resolved to accept the apology for the reason given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

14/076. Chairman's announcements. None

14/077. Declarations of Interest. None received

14/078. Exclusion of the press and public. None required.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

14/079. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 1st July 2014.
Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes with one amendment;
In Cllr Mrs Green's report the road closure for Glasses Lane should have read August not July.
The amended Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

14/080. To receive brief reports from Cllrs. Nothing to report.

14/081. Co-option of Cllr. There is currently a vacancy on Fovant PC which may be filled by co-option.
No one had come forward for co-option.
Cllr Holmes reported someone had approached him, Clerk to contact. Clerk

14/082. Update of actions from the meeting dated 1st July 2014.
Mr Ayles has confirmed he can do the hedgecutting and will charge £100. Cllr Holmes suggested the hedge is cut to a height of 3 feet but it was agreed to request a good cut for now and consider reducing the height next year. Clerk

14/083. Flood Warden and Flood Plan. To receive an update from Cllr Holmes, Flood Warden for Fovant. To include;
(i) Flood Plan for Fovant
A draft plan was circulated, it is hoped to add a watermark on the cover of a map of the village. Cllr Havard will see if he can add this. Cllr Havard
Fovant PC resolved to approve the Flood Plan.

(ii) The Brook booklet – update and reprinting

This has been fully reviewed by Cllr Holmes, Clerk and the Environment Agency. The second part relating to plants will be published as a separate booklet.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the Brook Booklet. Cllr Havard will arrange printing.

Cllr Havard.

(iii) Update on removal of flytipping at Toads Pond

The fly tipped material at Toads Pond has been removed, and an anonymous villager has offered a three seat bench for general use.

Fovant PC wished to record thanks to Cllr Holmes for his efforts in restoring Toads Pond.

(iv) Report of South Wilts Operational Flood WG meeting at Amesbury.

a. Completion of work at Toads Pond

b. The provision of a skip on 01/11/2014 at Toads Pond for the removal of brick tile and similar hardcore material at present in the brook, via Steve Harris WC. Clerk to investigate applying for a grant. Clerk

c. The inspection of Sling Orchard bridge which is still outstanding from winter.

d. The provision of sand, bags and signs for local use.

e. The removal of weed by WC after its removal each month.

f. The availability of the £5,000.00 grant via WC to flooded parishioners. This must be applied for by the householders affected.

g. The walk through visit by WC and EA on 27/08/2014.

(v). At the walk through visit of MATT BOON EA and DANNY EVERETT WC the following were discussed;

a. The white railings require refurbishment and repainting . This is a job for the bridge dept at WC.

b. Drainage slots are required to allow flood water to re-enter the brook beyond the Sling Orchard bridge. (This work was completed two days later)

c. Water flowing over the highway at Weeping Ash Tisbury Road/ Mill Lane, which may be a problem for Wessex Water.

d. The white lining at Toads Pond and bollards or cats eyes to define the road.

e. The discharge of spring water in the gardens of Rose Cottage and Waterside Cottage Church Lane, which is piped from the open fields in Sutton Road, owned by Wiltshire Council since 1919, and is about 30 feet short of the brook, and is causing erosion .

f. The condition of the gully outside Pond House Tisbury Road, which floods and requires clearing.

g. Matt Boon EA confirmed that the weed and hardcore removal from the brook were in keeping with the Environment Agency's requirements and Consent would be granted. Cllr Holmes will discuss the licence at a meeting with the EA on 5th September.

Cllr Holmes asked if R2 money could be used to replace bridges over the Brook. It was felt this would not be permitted but Clerk will enquire. Clerk

14/084 PLANNING. To respond to WC on the following planning applications.

(i) 14/05837. Cross Keys, Fovant. Erection of a 3 bed dwelling and associated access and parking.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application but noted that part of the proposal is outside of the housing policy and subject to the condition that WC also agree with SDC when they granted approval for S/2002/2196.

14/085 Tree applications. At the time of the meeting there were none.

14/086. To note the report from the External Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2014.

Fovant PC noted that there was one matter raised concerning the low reserve held – this has been addressed with the current budget.

Finance

14/087. Grant Application. To consider a request from Fovant Village Hall Management Committee for £347.98 to buy a projector and laser pointer.

Fovant PC resolved to grant Fovant Village Hall the amount requested.

Clerk

14/088 Year ending 31st March 2015.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the balance of the accounts stands at £8,398.58 with £239.00 in unrepresented cheques making an available balance of £8,159.58.

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC authorised payments totalling £1,193.37

(iii) To confirm bank signatories and add more if required.

The form previously completed was mislaid so Cllr Holmes has completed a new form which has been sent to Lloyds.

Clerk to sort out a form for Cllr Turner.

Clerk

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)

Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4

14/089. Telephone Box. The red telephone box situated in the High St by the Youth Club is no longer a functioning telephone box. Several years ago BT approached the Parish Council as to whether the PC wished to purchase it for a £1. Fovant PC declined the offer.

To consider requesting the removal of the telephone box completely.

Fovant PC agreed to wait for further information before requesting removal.

To consider placing a container for the storage of sand and sand bags for parish use on the site. This would be subject to permission from other parties including WC Highways.

Fovant PC resolved to approach the Youth Club to confirm they would have no objection to placing a receptacle for sand in the location. If highways are also in agreement then BT will be approached.

14/090. To receive a report on the changes to the housing policy boundary following meetings held by WC. Cllr Havard attended the meeting in Calne and gave a brief history on the issues relating to Fovant being classified as a Secondary (now known as Larger) village.

The Boundary was created by SDC for the District Plan and then fed into the South Wiltshire Core Strategy.

Fovant was classified as a secondary village and Planning Officers at the public hearing accepted this was a misclassification but if Fovant was reclassified it messed up the housing figures for the area. Officers were told by the Inspector to sort it out but nothing has changed.

Fovant fails the criteria set by WC for a secondary / larger village.

Fovant PC resolved to inform WC that the changes were very interesting but Fovant does not meet the criteria set by WC for a larger village and ask WC to explain why it is still classed as a larger village. Clerk

14/091. Report from the SWWAB meeting held on 23rd July. Cllr Mrs Jones and Clerk attended.

Presentation on waste – please complete the garden waste bin consultation, the deadline has been extended to 1st October 2014.

14/092. Consultations. There are currently two consultations being run by WC which could affect parishioners. To consider whether the PC should respond.

(i) Fire service consultation

(ii) Bus pass consultation

14/093. Website. To consider the upgrade to the Fovant PC website. Cllr Havard has updated the existing website and felt there was no need to invest in a new site at the moment.

Fovant PC resolved to continue with the current site.

14/094. Clerk's Report.

CATG.

SWWAB meeting on 8th October at Tisbury. There is a health fair beforehand.

Attended

CATG, SWWAB, Flood working group and service at Tidworth for the 1914 centenary.

14/095. **To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.45pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Friday 27th September 2014.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;
7th October and 4th November.

All meetings will commence at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.

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