

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
3rd NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Questions or statements from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.
Mr Rimmington from the Pembroke Arms.

Moved into the village 10 months ago after purchasing the Pembroke Arms (the purchase took 4 months). Have repaired the roof and dried out interior.

The recent planning application has been withdrawn. There is no intention of turning it into a dwelling or flats and they are aware of some horrible rumours all of which are untrue.

There are a lot of issues with the building, some have been done but a lot more to do. Feel that the car park resembles a lorry layby and they have had items stolen from outside the property.

Would like the village to support the project and considering changing the name of the pub.

It will continue as a pub, it is a commercial building. They don't want to open the pub too early, other pubs in the area are of high quality and this needs to be able to compete on the same level.

Another planning application will be submitted.

Would like Fovant PC to help move the project forward.

Cllr Havard explained the parish council role in the planning process.

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies had been received. One reported incident in the village.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

- Attended the Wiltshire Assembly in Calne, theme was "living in a rural county".
- Attended Gypsy and Traveller reference group
- Also attended the WC budget meeting.
- Environment select committee met on Tuesday and ratified the scrutiny of the HRC sites.
- Resident engagement task group to see how council tenants can be more involved.
Please could any council tenants in the parish consider getting involved.
- There will be an emergency planning workshop on November 23rd.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.20pm

15/115. Apologies for absence, none received.

An apology was left on the answerphone from Cllr Dunn but was not received before the meeting and therefore could not be accepted at the meeting.

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

15/116. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 6st October 2015.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes without amendment and they were signed by the Chairman.

15/117. Chairman's announcements. Cllr Holmes attended WC briefing on budgets, WC is looking to delegate assets to parishes so that the parishes pay for the assets. It was noted that Fovant do not have any assets that could be delegated. There are no plans to change the opening hours of the Household recycling Centres (HRCs).

15/118. Declarations of Interest. Cllrs Holmes, Phillips and Turner stated they live on the High St (15/129 20 mph bid).

15/119. Exclusion of the press and public. None required.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

15/120. To receive brief reports from Cllrs. There were no reports.

15/121. Co-option of Cllr. A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advertised and maybe filled by co-option.
No one present to co-opt.

15/122. Update of actions from the meeting dated 6th October 2015.

1. (15/102.4). Cllr Havard has sent the Clerk details for the war memorial.
2. (15/110) Clerk has raised the lack of dropped kerbs as an issue. This was also raised at CATG and Highways will look at the area.

15/123 To consider supporting a request from Fovant Stores to place two information signs on the A30 informing drivers that Fovant has a shop and post office. WC will not look at a request until the PC has confirmed support, Fovant PC is currently awaiting further details from Fovant stores, Cllr Holmes has a drawing for a proposed sign but noted that currently there are two signs back to back on the triangle. Highways to consider relocation of these signs. Clerk to contact Highways re costs and whether it is possible to relocate the signs. Clerk
Due to the changes with the highway contract, no work orders will be placed with contractors until April 2016.

15/124. Upgrade to safety surface at Fovant Recreation Ground. Three quotes have been received to upgrade the surface from bark to wet pour. All prices exclude VAT.

Quote 1 £8,4000. Reduced by £350 if parish removes existing bark.

Quote 2 £6,865.00

Quote 3 £10,321.84 Includes £ 637.20 for safety fencing.

There is a total of £5329.43 in available R2 funds, this includes £191.09 that has already been ringfenced for the project.

- (i) To resolve to proceed with the upgrade and confirm which quote to accept.
Fovant PC considered the quotes and resolved to proceed with the project. Quote 2 was the preferred quote. Clerk
- (ii) To resolve to apply for an Area Board grant (max 50% of cost, FPC must contribute remaining 50%).
Fovant PC resolved to apply for an Area Board grant of £3435.00. Clerk
Cllr Havard will attend the SWWAB meeting to support the grant application. Cllr Havard

15/125. First Aid and Defibrillators.

- (i) To consider running a First aid course in the parish.
Cllr Turner yet to speak to those who attended the SWWAB first aid course re publishing names in the Three Towers. Cllr Mrs Turner
- (ii) To note feedback received from a SWWAB first aid course.
Mrs Bickerton attended a recent first aid course run by SWWAB and had sent the Clerk some feedback. This feedback was passed to Stephen Harris, Community Engagement Manager for SWWAB. Fovant PC noted the feedback.

15/126. To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. The following application had been registered on the WC website. 15/10549. Greystones, Green Drove, Fovant PC felt that this application did not require a planning meeting and therefore no comment would be made.

15/127. Tree applications. To consider any requests for tree work in the parish made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

15/128. Rights of way. Fovant paths 07 and 08. To confirm what work is required in order to submit the request for funding. Clerk has yet to hear back from the Rights of Way Officer. Ongoing

15/129. 20mph Bid. To receive an update. The metrocount has been completed and results received by highways but the report has been delayed. Clerk has chased highways for the report. If the recommendation is for a 20mph limit then Fovant PC will be expected to contribute 10-25% of the cost.

To resolve to approve funding for the 20mph scheme, subject to receiving the report from WC. Fovant PC resolved to contribute 25% of the cost, £750, to the scheme. Cllrs Holmes, Phillips and Mrs Turner abstained from voting.

Clerk to confirm with SWWAB.

Clerk

Fovant PC wished to record thanks to Fovant road safety Group who drove the project forward.

15/130. To receive a report from the Flood Warden on the recent Flood Training Exercise and to authorise funding. The workers at the flood training on Saturday 17th October were excellent but some fundamental shortcomings were shown with the equipment at hand.

(i) Communication. This was intermittent due to the poor mobile phone reception. Communication would be enhanced with a two way radio costing £45.

Cllrs Havard and Holmes will do a test run of 2 way radios before a set is purchased.

(ii) Lighting A secure supply of torches and batteries is needed for night working. Cost £50

(iii) Helpers A larger list of helpers is required to ensure that help will be available when required.

(iv) Clothing A supply of water resistant poncho needs to be available to keep the helpers as dry as possible in adverse conditions. Cost £15.

(v) Equipment 2 additional flood signs and 2 extra Flood Warden tabards are required from WC.

It was felt plain tabards would be better than Flood Warden so that it is clear who the Flood Warden is.

To resolve to authorise the expenditure required (approx £110).

Fovant PC resolved that a maximum of £150 may be spent on the equipment.

15/131. To receive a report on the meeting held by WC on the Challenges Ahead. The meeting was held on 29th October at Salisbury Guildhall. This was covered under Chairman's announcements.

15/132. To receive a report on the SLCC National Conference that the Clerk attended. Another excellent conference with a lot of information including a lot on Transparency, Data protection and

Finance

15/133. To consider a request from Fovant PCC for assistance towards the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard. There are plans to expand the unmarked area for future burials and this will incur higher grass cutting costs.

To resolve to make a donation using the following power – LGA 1972. S.215(6)

Fovant PC resolved to make a donation of £100 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

15/134. Year ending 31st March 2016.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the balance of the accounts totals £9041.29 with £628.41 in unrepresented cheques making an available balance of £8412.88.

(ii) To resolve to authorise payments due.

Payments totalling £401.79 were authorised for payment.

Cllr Holmes stated he had not ordered a wreath for Remembrance Sunday, Clerk to arrange and Cllr Holmes will collect. Clerk

(iii) Training. To consider training for Cllrs and Clerk.

No Cllr training scheduled at the moment but Clerk to try and arrange something for early 2016.

Fovant PC authorised Clerk to attend Practitioners Conference in Feb 2016 on the condition that all of her parishes share the cost equally.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5). Governance and Accountability 2014

15/135. To resolve to set a budget for the year ending 31st March 2017.

Fovant PC resolved to set a budget totalling £9850

15/ 136. To resolve to request a Precept from Wiltshire Council for the year ending 31st March 2017.

Fovant PC resolved to request a precept of £9850 plus the council tax support grant. It was noted that the grant would be minimal this year and this would be the final year it will be paid.

15/137. Dropped kerbs along the A30 in Fovant. Clerk has reported the issue using the Wiltshire App. Service request number 427268.

Clerk reported the issue at CATG. Cllrs were asked to look at the site before the January meeting. All Cllrs

15/138. Clerk's Report.

SWWAB meeting on 9th December at Mere

SW Operational Flood WG meeting on 16th December

Road closures – Baverstock Lane – Horseshoe Lane (B3089) from 26/11 to 2/12

Dairy Rd to Hurdcott (B3089) from 2/12 to 8/12.

Stephen Harris has asked if the Parish Council would like to meet him and discuss the various SWWAB priorities. Fovant PC felt this could wait for a few months.

2 letters from parishioners stating support for the Pembroke Arms planning application.

15/139. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Thursday 17th December 2015

Cllr Holmes closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;

5th January, 2nd February and 1st March 2016

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