

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present Cllrs** Dunn, Havard, Holmes (Chairman), Mrs Jones, Phillips, Swift and Mrs Turner.  
**In attendance;** Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Green and 21 members of the public.  
**Apologies** PCSO Huntley

Questions or statements from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.  
Simon Davies – Sutton Rd. It was a shock to find a surveyor in the field off Sutton Rd, further investigation found that the Rural Housing Needs Survey (2012) had identified a need for 7 properties in the parish.

Are there brownfield sites within the village boundary?

Have efforts been made to look for brownfield sites.

Core strategy states that clear support from the local community is required.

Cllr Holmes asked Mr Davies not to seek parish support at a parish council meeting, he was welcome to call his own public meeting.

Nigel Knowles – Brook St. There have been 2 surveys on affordable housing and both have shown a need for affordable homes. Land in the village has previously been looked at.

This is an opportunity for the village to get affordable housing.

Affordable housing may be built on exception sites, drainage may be a problem but the parish should not throw the offer away.

There is a need for a Parish Plan, 2 previous attempts failed but would be willing to be part of a steering group. There has been recent AONB funding for parish plans.

Howard Smith, representing the Landowner. The land was purchased in 2002 subject to an option agreement, if Wiltshire Council decides to take up the option then they will pay £1 for the land.

The site is larger than the need requires, unsure if Wiltshire Council intend to develop the whole site.

Quoted Core Policy 44 of the Core Strategy. It is important that Fovant PC understand the policy  
Feel the development will be a minimum of 10 houses.

Site is not ideal for additional development.

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

Only two reports in the last month;

29/01 A vehicle appeared abandoned and parked poorly in Sling Orchard. It was not causing an obstruction and there were no further calls so no police action taken.

04/02 Nottingham knockers. Wilton NPT dealt as I wasn't on duty. The male had already left the area and security advice was given to the caller. Please call on 101 and we will check out any unsolicited callers and advise them to leave area.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

The current position is in Wiltshire regarding Fracking is.....

There are 4 blocks in Wiltshire and licences from the OIL and Gas Authority (OGA) have been approved. These 4 sites are at Chitterne/Imber Range, Warminster/Longleat, Trowbridge/ Westbury and Erlestoke. Before a Licence becomes operational further permissions and consents need to be applied for.

These include Planning Permission, Environmental permits, Health and Safety Executive and further

drilling operations from the OGA.

WC has received NO planning applications or had any pre- application consultations from the Licensee to date.

The AONB's and National Parks and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) are 'protected areas' so any impact on these sites would require consent from Natural England.

I am receiving a good number of representations on the subject.

WASTE FLY-TIPPING is an offence, with a maximum penalty of £50,000 fine or/and 12 months imprisonment.

For small scale tipping a Fixed Penalty Notice (currently £75) can be issued plus legal costs and compensation.

House holders and Businesses must understand their obligation to dispose of their waste legally.

Always check that your rubbish is only passed on to Authorised Waste Carriers. If it is traced back to the householders address THEY could be prosecuted or fined for breaking the law. Always ask to see their Waste Carrier Licence, if they don't have one, don't use them!!

Call the Environment Agency 03708 506 506 for an instant waste carriers validation check or go online.

Keep a record of any paperwork they give you, dates, name and telephone number. Report anyone who is not registered to the Environment Agency. 03708 506 506.

It costs us Council Tax payers a huge amount every year tidying up after those who chose to abuse the law.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.17pm

**15/188. There were no apologies for absence.**

*Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)*

**15/189. Council meeting minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

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

**15/190. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Swift had submitted a dispensation requesting to speak on agenda item 15/191. Cllr Swift lives in Home Close but does not share a boundary with the site identified.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the request, allowing Cllr Swift to speak on the site in Sutton Rd, this will expire on the day of the next election in 2017.

Cllrs Phillips and Swift declared an interest in planning application 16/ as they were both involved with Fovant Badges Society.

**15/191. To respond to Wiltshire Council on the land south west of Home Close, Sutton Rd** which has been identified for potential development.

Mr Andrew Mead (AM) from WC, spoke to Fovant PC.

The land at Sutton Road is currently the only land under consideration and this is only in project initiation stage.

Fovant PC withdrew support of the Rural Housing Needs Survey (RHNS) prior to the survey taking place, do WC wish to have an open discussion?

What about the suitability of the site.

The timescale for response in the initial email was too short and not clear, what is Fovant PC agreeing to?

Fovant PC would like to work with WC.

*AM – affordability is the key and the site is affordable.*

Drainage can be sorted.

Site marked on plan sent with email is approx. 2 acres.

*AM – unaware of any intention for market value housing.*

Engineering costs may make the site unaffordable.

A recent report by the Town and Country Planning Association was read out, it states that starter homes should be included in affordable housing.

*AM – currently there is no Govt legislation re delivery of started homes. WC will consider shared ownership. Shared ownership is when the tenant can purchase a certain amount of the property and pay an affordable rent on the rest.*

Affordable housing for local people, what is that? A 2 bed affordable home in Tisbury is £250,000.00

*AM – affordable housing isn't an open market, the house must have a value to WC. To apply for affordable housing prospective tenants / owners must be on the Homes for Wiltshire register.*

Local people, it would be nice to be for people from the village, what evidence is there for ensuring locals get the housing being delivered?

*AM – housing for local people but need to ensure parishioners are registered on the Homes for Wiltshire register.*

Would like to see the data of how many people in exception sites are local. What proportion of "affordable" houses for "local" people in the Tisbury Community Area are currently occupied by residents who moved there from within that parish.

Would WC own the houses or would they be passed onto a Housing Association?

What about Right to Buy?

*AM – can't avoid the Right to Buy. WC intend to manage the site, ownership is subject to legal agreements. Will send information on Right to Buy.*

Currently there is no bus service for people working out of the parsh.

Can sites be brownfield / greenfield etc?

(i) Do Fovant PC support the use of the existing data from the RHNS 2012?  
Fovant PC resolved to support the use of the existing data from the RHNS 2012.

(ii) Is there a desire within Fovant for Affordable Housing within the Parish?  
Fovant PC resolved to support actual affordable housing for actual local people.

8.07pm. Cllr Dunn left the meeting.

(iii) Should Affordable Housing be supported within the Parish, at what location would it be supported? *Please note that the Parish Council can not put sites forward without consulting the landowner.*

Fovant PC was unable to answer this. To be discussed at the May meeting.

To resolve whether to call a public meeting to discuss the provision of affordable housing.

Fovant PC resolved that the matter should be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Andrew Mead offered to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Fovant PC thanked Mr Mead and accepted the offer to attend.

Fovant PC thanked Mr Mead for attending, Mr Mead left the meeting.

**15/192. Chairman's announcements.** There were none.

**15/193. Exclusion of the press and public.** None required.

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

**15/194. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.**

Cllr Swift attended the recent SWWAB meeting with Cllr Holmes, and spoke in support of the grant application. The grant was awarded and thanks were noted to Wiltshire Cllrs Mrs Green and Mrs Wayman.

**15/195. Co-option of Cllr.** A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advertised and maybe filled by co-option.

There was no one present to co-opt.

**15/196. To respond to Wiltshire Council's transport consultation.** A consultation is being run on all subsidised bus routes in the county. The following buses are listed as being subsidised, 25/26/27.

Fovant Parish Council resolved to send the following comment Clerk  
"rural areas require buses, not all those living in rural areas can drive or have access to a car so transport is essential in rural areas".

**15/197 Update of actions from the meeting dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.**

1. (15/173.i) The grant for the play area was awarded by WC.
2. (15/173.iii) Clerk has laminated the maps.
3. (15/179) Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk has contacted Ms Sarah Hughes who has confirmed she is able to attend the APM in April.
4. (15/183.iv) Clerk has the paperwork for the bank signatory addition. This was passed to Cllr Mrs Turner. Cllr Mrs Turner
5. (15/185) Litter picking equipment has been delivered to Cllr Holmes. The event has been registered with SWWAB. Clerk to send a risk assessment to Cllr Holmes. Clerk

## **PLANNING**

**15/198 To respond to Wiltshire Council on the following planning applications.**

Details of the applications are available on the Wiltshire Council website, please view the plans before attending the meeting. If anyone has difficulty viewing the plans, please contact the Clerk before 29<sup>th</sup> February.

**16/00994. Fovant Badges, Fovant Down.** Creation of a new commemorative, Centenary badge.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

**15/199. To consider how to respond to any planning applications** made after the publication of this agenda.

16/01935/VAR. Millbrook Trout Farm, Mill Lane, Fovant. Proposed removal of condition 4 of S/2013/0334 relating to temporary access.

Fovant PC resolved to make no objection but recommended a structural survey of the bridge.

## **Tree applications.**

**15/200. To respond to the following tree application.**

**16/01066/TCA. Old Fovant House, High St.** Works to trees in a conservation area.

Fovant PC noted the works, the Tree Warden had looked at the site and noted that Tree 10 (oak tree) would only benefit from the proposed pruning for a couple of years. The Tree Warden would discuss this with the applicant and owner.

**15/201. To consider how to respond to any tree applications** made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

**15/202. 20mph Bid. To receive an update.** At the recent SWWAB meeting the funding for the 20mph for Fovant was approved.

### **Finance**

**15/203. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted that the balance of the accounts stands at £9500.86 with £757.83 in un-presented cheques making an available balance of £8743.03

(ii) To resolve to authorise payments due.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise payments totalling £829.97

Fovant PC resolved to authorise Cllr Holmes to sign two cheques made payable to him due to the absence of another signatory. Cllr Holmes

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

**15/204. Internal Auditor for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.** To appoint an Internal Auditor for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Clerk to confirm name by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Clerk

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

**15/205. Fovant PC website and computer equipment.**

Cllr Havard is currently looking at a variety of websites.

Ongoing

**15/206. Applications for a grant from Fovant PC.** Two applications have been received.

(i) Three Towers request £250.

Fovant PC resolved to award the Three Towers magazine £250.00

Clerk

(ii) Fovant Youth Club request a donation.

Fovant PC resolved that the application should be submitted on the correct form and once received this will be considered at the next meeting.

Ongoing

**15/207. Plaque for the Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree planted at the cricket ground.** The plaque was supposed to be provided by the Tree Council but has never materialised and there is little information as to whether the plaques will ever be distributed. The Tree Warden has asked if Fovant PC would purchase the plaque.

Fovant PC resolved to purchase a plaque, cost approx. £40, for the Diamond Jubilee Oak.

**15/208. CPRE Best Kept Village Competition.** Details and an entry form have been received.

Fovant PC resolved to enter the competition.

Clerk

**15/209. Equipment purchased using R2 funds and donated to Fovant CC.** Following the demise of Fovant CC the equipment is no longer used. The Clerk has spoken to a member of Fovant CC.

Fovant PC resolved to ask local cricket clubs if they are able to use the equipment. Ongoing

**15/210. Clearance of Footpaths.** A Parishioner has offered to clear the rights of way footpaths. Costs are not known.

Fovant PC is reminded that prior to any agreement to clear paths the Landowner must be consulted.

As no costs are available this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ongoing

**15/211. Parish Emergency Plan.** The model plan was emailed to all Cllrs by the Clerk. Cllr Havard has sent a copy of the current plan to the Clerk, due to confidentiality it is only available in hard copies. Ongoing

**15/212. Clerk's Report.**

SWWAB meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 venue tbc.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – TCSP at Tisbury. Future of Wiltshire Policing.

NHP briefing on 16<sup>th</sup> March at Devizes. No one wished to attend.

SLCC branch meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March

WALC Planning training on 15<sup>th</sup> April at Lackham, no one wished to attend.

A commemorative gold coin has been received. Fovant PC did not wish to purchase any memorabilia for Her Majesty The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Attended.

SWWAB meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at Wilton.

WC budget meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February at the City Hall, Salisbury.

SW Operational Flood WG meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February at Bishopstone.

**15/213. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

**FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;**  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

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

**The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

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