

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
4th October 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present Cllrs Dunn, Havard, Holmes (Chairman), Horne, Mrs Jones, Phillips and Mrs Turner.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk) Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Green and 1 member of the public.
Apologies Cllr Swift. Police

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 received, report will be circulated. The Tisbury Community Safety Partnership meeting was held on Tuesday 13th September.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

As I gave a rather lengthy report last month I will give just an update on the FREE van permits for 12 visits that **householders** can apply for. The contact telephone number for applications is.. 0300 456 0102 or register at the HRC site when you make a visit.

Currently 2633 permits have been issued and rising!!! This is for those who have vans and trailers, 4X4 and trailers under 1.8m long do not need a permit.

The Task Group I have been leading on has completed the scrutiny on the changes within the waste services. There are 18 recommendations for Cabinet to consider including a suggestion that a new location for the Churchfields HRC site should be looked into. Not only is the location wrong due to the conflict of the business units alongside the HRC but the layout of the site is not good.

Do visit the Nadder Centre in Tisbury, the Area Board had their first meeting there on the 5th October and it is proving to be very popular.

Cllr Havard asked about the WC policy not to fund travel to school for 6th formers despite the law now requiring children to remain in education until the age of 18. The policy not to fund grammar school students was also raised as this may exclude those from poorer families to attend the schools. Cllr Havard also asked for clarification on CAM funding which is reportedly only triggered after extreme circumstances have occurred.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.19pm

16/089. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Swift (conflicting social engagement). Fovant PC resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

16/090. Chairman's announcements. There were none.

16/091. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 6th September 2016.

One amendment under 16/ change 1963 to 1953.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

16/092. Interests.

(i) Cllrs to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests related to any matters to be considered in this agenda that do not appear in the Cllr's register of interests.

None declared.

(ii) In accordance with the Dispensation Procedure, any requests for a grant of dispensation must be submitted prior to this meeting.

None received.

Cllrs were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their register of interests on the WC website is kept up to date.

16/093. Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under. None required.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

16/094. Co-option of Cllr. There is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor that has been advertised and may be filled by co-option.
There was no one present to co-opt.

16/095. To receive brief reports from Cllrs. Please note that these reports are for information only and no decisions or resolutions may be made on any items not clearly stated on the agenda.
Flood Warden. Cllr Holmes reported that the Village Hall Management Committee has agreed to the storage of sand and sandbags in the hall grounds.
The last Brook WP of 2016 will meet on Saturday 8th.
CATG – Cllr Phillips reported that the 20mph proposal has been signed off and is now with the contractor. He also reported that Broadchalke are looking at removing a hedge by the Church and bridge which is part of their NHP.
WC Highways has looked at the pillars at the Pembroke Arms and confirmed the pillars do not encroach on highway land. As there was concern at the location of these pillars, Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Green was requested to contact enforcement so the positioning of the pillars could be clarified as being in accordance with the plans.

PLANNING

7.36 Standing Orders suspended to allow the public to speak;

The applicant confirmed that this application is exactly the same as the application S/98/1440 which was approved.

The Cross Keys currently has permission to reopen.

Two local residents have objected but both objections have incorrect information.

The WC Conservation officer objects yet approved the pillars at the Pembroke Arms.

7.42 Standing Orders reinstated

16/096. To respond to WC on the following Planning Application.

16/06519/OUT. Cross Keys, Shaftesbury Rd.

6 bedroomed unit to provide ancillary bedroom accommodation in association with the Cross Keys Hotel, with all matters reserved.

A new location plan had been uploaded to the WC that day.

Two resident objections

Two Officer objections (Drainage and Conservation).

Fovant PC considered the plans. The plans were not clear on whether the proposed unit falls entirely within the Housing Policy Boundary.

Fovant PC resolved to support subject to the following conditions;

- The proposed unit lies completely within the Housing Policy boundary (this is difficult to ascertain on the plans provided).
- The proposed unit is for commercial use only and may not be let or sold as a separate entity.
- The design and building materials of the unit must be consistent with the local area.
- The concerns raised by WC Drainage are resolved.

16/097. To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

16/098 Tree applications. To note the following tree application.

16/08997. Bridge Cottage, Tisbury Rd.

Weeping Willow - reshape and thin
Corkscrew Willow - reshape and thin
Magnolia tree - reduce crown to balance
Eucalyptus tree – fell
Maple tree – fell
2 unspecified trees – fell

Fovant PC noted the application. It was noted that there had been no response from the tree warden.

16/099. To consider any requests for tree work in the parish made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

Finance

16/100. Year ending 31st March 2017.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC resolved to note the following;

Opening balance £ 7,552.18

Receipts £13,308.65

Payments £12,174.24

Closing balance £ 8,686.59

£750 is currently ringfenced for the 20mph project.

The donation to the Youth Club has yet to be presented. Cllr Holmes reported the Youth Club was reopening shortly.

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise payments totalling £832.75.

(iii) To authorise the purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise the purchase of a poppy wreath, Cllr Holmes to arrange.

(iv) To note the External Auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2016.

This has been received and there were no matters raised. The notice of completion of audit is on the website and village hall notice board.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5). Account and Audit Regulations 2011

16/101. To respond to the current consultation on the proposal to cap Town and Parish Councils.

- Do you agree that referendum principles should be extended to larger higher spending town and parish councils in 2017/18?
Fovant PC resolved that it did not agree with referendum principles being extended as proposed.
- Do you agree with the proposed approach to take account of the transfer of responsibilities to town and parish councils?
Fovant PC resolved that it did agree with the proposed approach.
- Do you agree with the suggestion that referendum principles may be extended to all local precepting authorities
Fovant PC resolved that it did not agree with referendum principles being extended as proposed.
- Do you have views on the practical implications of a possible extension of referendum principles to all local precepting authorities?

Fovant PC resolved that as the Precept is set at meetings held in public by members who live in the area and that a high percentage could actually be a small sum which is nowhere near the cost of a referendum the possible extension should not be imposed on all local precepting authorities. The proposal contradicts localism.

In Wiltshire parishes are expected to contribute to improvements the parish wants, this would cease if referendum principles were applied eg Fovant raised an additional £750 and Quidhampton an additional £1750 because the residents wanted a 20mph speed limit.

The proposal could in fact keep precepts artificially high as councils would be reluctant to reduce the precept when reserves allowed in case it could not be increased sufficiently the following year.

16/102. Update of actions from the meeting dated 6th September 2016.

1. (16/076) The EA were unable to attend a meeting tonight but have sent contact details to arrange a meeting, Clerk will f/w these to Cllr Holmes.
2. (16/077) Clerk requested pedestrian warning signs using the Mywiltshire online service.
3. (16/078) The footpath running parallel to Dinton Rd has been reinstated.
4. (16/084.iv) Clerk attend the data protection training.

All other actions appear as agenda items.

16/103. Parish Steward Task List. Cllr Philips confirmed the list has been submitted and the Steward will visit shortly, Cllr Philips has requested he meets the Steward. Clerk requested the list is cc Clerk when being sent to Fovant PC.

16/104. To receive an update on the 20mph speed limit. The order has been placed for the work but is unlikely to be done until early 2017.

16/105. Rights of Way. To receive an update regarding the work required on rights of way in the parish. No work may be undertaken on private land without the landowner's permission. Cllr Holmes reported he had received a report of potential damage to private property from a large tree above the copse above the old Fovant school. Ownership has been looked into. The copse was purchased from Sid Wyatt by a group of parents from Fovant school, for the use of the children, but was given to the parish council for safe keeping. This information should be confirmed with the land registry office, Wilton Estate should be requested to remove the pedestrian access gate to the area. A plan of the area should be produced to see if the large tree is inside the copse, or the responsibility of the owner of the bridleway, and the appropriate action taken.

Agenda item for November.

Clerk

16/106. Clerk's Report.

SWWAB takes place on 5th October at Tisbury.

Information on Govt proposals to cap town and parish councils.

Attended;

WC the way ahead meeting – report attached

Data protection training – report attached

16/107. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Wednesday 21st October 2016

Cllr Holmes closed the meeting at 8.54pm

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;
1st November and 4th January

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

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