

## DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st November 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Report to Fovant PC. NOVEMBER.2016

Anne-Marie Dean and Val O'Keefe have been appointed ***Health and Well-Being Champions*** for our area on a job share basis. They will therefore be continuing their previous work providing advise and information when they were known as the Good Neighbours. Please contact Val O'Keefe who lives in Dinton if anyone requires any help. Alternatively, contact Stephen.Harris@ [Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.Harris@Wiltshire.gov.uk) who will also help and give you their contact details.

***The AgeUK*** Information bus will be at Tisbury Nadder Centre 9th Dec 11am-1pm and at Wilton Market Place on Friday 25th November 11am-1pm. Available for all nature of information. Any queries phone Pippa Webster. 01722 335425.

Last month the PC asked if I would look into the criteria for concessionary bus fares for students attending schools within Wiltshire, I have circulated the answers but if anyone wants to have the information please ask me. The September term commenced with 98% of primary school children offered a place at one of their preferred schools. This is a 1.7% increase in the number offered their first choice. The PC also asked that I should make enquiries regarding the works in progress along the A30 at The Pembroke. Again, I sent the details to the PC and both Highways and Enforcement Officers gave me the assurance that the piers do **not** encroach onto the Highway and that the build **does** comply with the planning approval notice. In both cases the Officers made site visits.

WC has received positive comments from the Peer Group Review on the Highways service. The membership consisted of representation from Sussex, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Kent and Oxfordshire County Councils. Their recommendations and findings will be very beneficial to improving the service. Special mention was made about the CATG and the Steward Schemes. ***The MyWiltshireApp*** is proving to be the best way to report any issues or work that needs to be carried out. Using the App' saves WC about £5 every time it is used and is much more efficient.

The DCLG received 114 grant applications from ***Wiltshire flood victims***. Those approved enable householders to carry out flood relief measures. Totalling £483.536.

82 communities across Wiltshire have Flood Plans with 177 Flood Wardens. 1,690 sand bags, 2,760 gel sacs and 199 flood signs were distributed last year. With some heavy rain fall in August it showed that it is best to be prepared. £1m is budgeted for flood and drainage issues. WC works closely with other organisations, such as Defra and the Environment Agency.

At Full Council last week it was resolved that WC will accept the 4 year funding agreement from Government. Knowing in advance rather than year by year will enable the Council to make the necessary changes to balance the budget. Either way it will take prudent measures to enable the services we require are maintained.

Wiltshire Council does not agree that referendum principals should be extended to larger, higher spending Town and Parish Councils. Precepts should be decided locally and not by central Government. This opinion has been conveyed to Government!

I do hope it is not too premature to wish you all a healthy, happy and peaceful CHRISTMAS and New Year.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.12pm

**16/108.** **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Havard (family commitments) and Phillips (unwell).

Fovant PC resolved to accept the apologies for the reason given.  
*Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)*

**16/109. Chairman's announcements.** Cllr Holmes requested that reports are emailed to the Clerk within 24 hours of the meeting.

**16/110. Council meeting minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.  
Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**16/111. 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.

Cllr Holmes declared an interest in item 16/116(ii)

(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.

**16/112. Exclusion of the press and public.** None required.

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

**16/113. 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.

**16/114. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.**

Cllr Holmes – Floodwarden. Wiltshire Council has agreed that the line of trees on the A30 between Lever's garage and the lake is its responsibility and their tree officer will inspect them, together with our tree warden, Jenny Bickerton, and agree the work required to remove the threat of disturbing the flow of the Brook from falling bough.

SSE has agreed to pay a grant of £1418.00 to purchase two generators and other resilience equipment, as per our application, and will release the funds upon receiving our signed acceptance of their terms and conditions.

Philip Winslow, the Environment Agency enforcement officer will shortly be visiting the village and, with me, will inspect the brook and write to any riparian owner not carrying out their legal responsibilities.

Cllr Mrs Jones – Village hall. Will be applying for a grant from SWWAB to replace the kitchen. Fovant PC has budgeted £500 for this financial year to contribute towards village hall projects.

Cllr Horne reported sightings of a large cat seen in the field to the left of Jarvis' Wood.

## **PLANNING**

**16/115. To consider how to respond to any planning applications** made after the publication of this agenda.

Application received for Moor Hill Cottage. It was agreed that a Planning meeting would be held on

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Clerk to circulate an agenda.

Clerk

**16/116 Tree applications. To note the following tree application.**

(i) **16/09686. Fovant House, Church Lane.** Crown raise Hangerchief tree and 3 x Yew tree. Fell Horse Chestnut and Ash trees.

(ii) **16/09963. Brook House, High St.** Fell Ash tree.

(iii) **16/10073. Westway, High St.** Fell 3 x Ash, fell Hazel and reduce crown of Berlin Poplar

Fovant PC resolved to note the applications listed above.

**16/117. To consider any requests for tree work** in the parish made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

**16/118. Copse above Old Fovant School**

The copse was purchased by public subscription twenty years ago and is shortly to be disposed of. Has the ownership of this land of any interest to the village?

Cllr Holmes reported that he has requested each of the four Trustees to write to Fovant PC stating what they intend to do.

Clerk advised that Fovant Cllrs do not discuss the matter until all the facts are known.

**Finance**

**16/119. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC resolved to note the following;

Opening balance £ 7,552.18

Receipts £13,308.78

Payments £12,893.98

Closing balance £ 7,966.98

£2311.32 is currently ringfenced for transparency funding and the 20mph project.

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise payments totalling £870.83

Fovant PC resolved to allocate £500 (as allocated in the budget) towards the village hall kitchen refurbishment project.

(iii) To authorise the Clerk to attend Practitioners conference.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise the Clerk to attend on condition that the cost is shared equally between the 6 parishes.

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

**16/120. To resolve to set a budget for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**

Fovant PC went through the budget.

Fovant PC resolved to set a budget totalling £10,330.00

**16/121. To resolve to request a Precept** from Wiltshire Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Cllrs are reminded that of the precept requested is less than £10,000 it will be paid in full in April, if it is more it will be paid in April and Sept.

The taxbase is not available until 4<sup>th</sup> November so the draft figures are based on the 2016/2017 taxbase figure.

Fovant PC resolved to request a Precept of £9850, the balance to be taken from reserves. Clerk

**16/122. 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. Nothing to report.

**16/123. Parish Steward Task List.** To confirm items to be placed on the task list for the Parish Steward.

Cllrs were reminded that all tasks for the Parish Steward should be emailed to Cllr Phillips.

**16/124. Update of actions from the meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

1. (16/096) Clerk sent planning response for Cross Keys which was eventually uploaded onto the WC website.

2. (16/100) Cllr Holmes has organised the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

3. (16/101) Clerk sent the Fovant PC response to the Govt capping proposal.

All other actions appear as agenda items.

**16/125. Clerk's Report.**

Precept information, taxbase will not be issued until 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
WALC AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> November – Trowbridge.  
SWWAB meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November – setting priorities  
CATG on 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
SWWAB on 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Email from parishioner re late submission to the Three Towers.

**16/126. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Cllr Holmes closed the meeting at 8.58pm**

**FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;**  
3<sup>rd</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
All meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.

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