

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
3rd JANUARY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present Cllrs Dunn, Havard, Holmes (Chairman), Horne, Mrs Jones, Phillips and Mrs Turner.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk) and Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Green, Mr C Rolfe and Mr J Ross.
No members of the public.
Apologies Cllr Swift. Police

There were no questions from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.

Mr Chris Rolfe from Wilton Estate and Mr Jonathan Ross (Architect) spoke to the Parish Council about a potential development at the Old School site, Tisbury Rd, Fovant.

Mr Rolfe briefly spoke about the site.

Mr Ross went through the plans;

- Will be sand cement render – greeny colour to match the area
- Brick will be appropriate to the area
- Trying to keep the village architectural
- Some sculpturing would be required at the rear of the site

Questions from Cllrs, Answers by Messrs Rolf and Ross:

Q1 One property will be rendered, why not use greensand stone?

A1 Economics, greensand stone is expensive.

Q2 Have you had a pre app meeting with Wiltshire Council planning?

A2 Not as such

Hope to continue to rent the Old School House and hope to rent the new properties rather than sell but can't confirm until final costs are known.

Q3 How long has Wilton Estate owned the site?

A3 The site reverted back to Lord Pembroke once there was no further use required by the Diocese.

Q4 Will the proposal put any pressure on the current sewerage system?

A4 No the impact of the development will be less than when it was used as a school.

Q5. Like the proposal but would prefer less variety of materials?

A 5 This can be looked at.

Mr Rolfe asked if the owner of the wood at the rear was known?

Cllr Holmes confirmed that the wood is held in trust for the village, there were four Trustees. Cllr Holmes will pass a set of the preliminary plans to a Trustee and send contact details to the Clerk to be forwarded to Mr Rolfe.

Cllr Holmes thanked Mr Rolfe and Mr Ross for coming.

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies received. Once the written report is received it will be circulated via email.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

FIRSTLY, A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

The run up to Christmas was very busy but just a short update to keep you informed.

At the SWW Area Board we agreed to transfer £10,000 across to CATG for some white lining to be carried out. A programme of necessary works will be carried out when the requests from PC's are all in.

We agreed in principal that Fovant Village Hall Committee's application for some improvements to the kitchen will be ratified at next month's SWWAB on February 1st before which their application form will be registered.

Insp. Pete Sparrow agreed to set up a meeting to discuss whether the Police should attend PC meetings or not? He was of the view that their presence is not vital when there is so much crime being carried out. He did agree however, that an Officer would always attend the AB.

We had a meeting with PC Matt Holland (rural policing team) and Charlie Chilton (community co-ordinator) and it was agreed that their time can be better spent if they submit a report to each Parish. As there has been no presence of a Police Officer at PC meetings over the last year hopefully we shall not notice too much of a change.

I have had a number of meetings with the Health and Wellbeing Champions and a HWB Group meeting which was attended by Dr Andy Hall. This was a first for me but can I say how privileged we are to have such a dedicated and caring GP. His knowledge and experience is greatly valued and having heard the relevant facts about the area the Board covers from Officers we came to the decision that ALCOHOL and the issues that arise from the consumption of, should be a priority that the HWB groups will concentrate on.

83 thousand homes across Wiltshire now have access to fibre Broad Band with a further 5,000 premises in the near future. It is a great challenge covering dispersed rural areas, fibre cabinets require a power connection which can prove problematical but WC is confident the rollout will be complete by summer 2017. Further details on the www.wiltshireonline.org and for specific queries please contact the team at broadband@wiltshire.gov.uk

A rigid Budget monitoring is being carried out at present. For Period 7 a further £4.040m savings need to be found. This gap represents 1.3% of the Council's net budget of £312m or 0.5% of the Council's gross budget of £850m. Therefore we must be confident that we shall have a balanced budget by the end of this FY. Over the next 4 years WC has to save an additional £45m. As we read and hear about daily, Social Care is the greatest commitment with demand increasing. Children and particularly 'looked after' and those at risk, disabled children and adults (including transport) will necessitate an increase in the Council's share of Council Tax this year. This will be set at the Full Council meeting in February. More next month.

To finish, can I highlight a local matter that I know causes problems to many residents. Recently, I received an anonymous letter telling me about the lack of parking at The Poplars, the same can be said at The Elms and throughout Wiltshire! Could the PC report it as an Issue on the MyWiltshireApp (as can anyone else who feels strongly about it) and I will assure you that I will emphasise it at every opportunity starting with the CATG (transport group) meeting.

I have photographs and a resurfacing project from several years ago which has never been implemented or progressed. Some solution must be found if at all possible.

Did the PC respond to the removal of the payphone kiosk at The Elms? No calls have been made from it in the last year.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.54pm

16/134. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Swift who had a conflicting social engagement.

Fovant PC resolved to accept the apology for the reason given.

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

16/135. Chairman's announcements. There were none.

16/136. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 1st November 2016.

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

16/137. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th November 2016.

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

16/138. 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.

Clerk requested to circulate the form with the next agenda.

Clerk

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

Clerk to circulate loggin details.

Clerk

16/139. Exclusion of the press and public. Not required.

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

PLANNING

16/140. To make comments on any matters sent to the council prior to submitting a planning application.

- (i) Fovant old school site. The agent for the landowner will attend the meeting to discuss the plans prior to submission.
To consider whether to make a response to the draft plans prior to submission to the planning authority by the agent.
Fovant PC had no comment to make on the proposal presented prior to the start of the meeting.

16/141. To note the following planning application.

- (i) **16/10452. Bowerbrook, High St. Fovant.** Single storey rear extension and associated renovation works.
Fovant PC resolved to make no comment.

16/142. To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

16/143. To consider any requests for tree work in the parish made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

16/144. Copse above Old Fovant School

The copse was purchased by public subscription twenty years ago and is shortly to be disposed of.

To receive an update if available.

No update was available.

Finance

16/145. Year ending 31st March 2017.

- (i) To note the balance of the accounts
Fovant PC resolved to note the following;
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| Opening balance | £ 7,552.18 |
| Receipts | £15,077.04 |
| Payments | £13,764.81 |
| Closing balance | £ 8,864.41 |
- £3729.32 is currently ringfenced for transparency funding, SSE emergency equipment and the 20mph project.
Fovant PC resolved to note the balance of the accounts.
- (ii) To authorise payments due.
Fovant PC resolved to authorise payments totalling £1695.36
The receipts for emergency equipment were not made out to Fovant PC and therefore the VAT could not be reclaimed, Cllr Holmes will try and rectify this. Cllr Holmes

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

16/146. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.

Flood Warden report – Cllr Holmes reported;

Still awaiting an action plan/proposal from Wiltshire Council concerning the trees adjacent to the Brook along the A30 from Levers garage and the lake and the debris falling into the Brook from them.

Just started discussions with the Rivers Trust and hope that a grant can be forthcoming to stop the runoff of silt from Green Drove entering the Brook via the A30 drainage system.

The work required will include excavating the existing longitudinal drains, and creating new lined and grated cross drains and soak aways.

Village Hall report – Cllr Mrs Jones reported;

A SWWAB grant was applied for but due to a technical error not finalised at the last SWWAB meeting, it should be confirmed at the next meeting on 1st February.

Highways – Cllr Phillips reported that the white lining request had been submitted. He also reported that the new Parish Steward system is fantastic and the current Steward is very good.

Cllr Phillips also said that he had been contacted by a parishioner who wished to repair the stocks, Cllr Holmes reported he had spoken to the parishioner and advised they speak to the owner.

Cllr Phillips attended planning training and will write a report. He felt it wasn't particular enough to our rural context in an AONB and Conservation Area; and he would not recommend it to Cllrs who had not already received basic training in the planning rules

Cllr Dunn had received complaints about an external light, and that the 20mph doesn't seem to be effective.

8.36pm Cllr Dunn left the meeting.

Cllrs agreed that external lighting is becoming a problem and an article will be written to go into the next edition of the Three Towers reminding parishioners they live within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that is currently applying for Dark Skies Status.

Cllr Phillips will write the article.

Cllr Phillips

16/147. Co-option of Cllr. There is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor that has been advertised and may be filled by co-option.

To co-opt a Cllr onto Fovant Parish Council.

No-one stood for co-option.

16/148. Rights of Way. Nothing to report, all paths are satisfactory.

Cllr Phillips commented on the well maintained paths within the parish.

16/149. Parish Steward Task List. To confirm items to be placed on the task list for the Parish Steward.

Removal of the school sign along Tisbury Rd.

Cllr Phillips

Cllr Phillips will email Highways thanking the PS for all his hard work and enquire about the removal of the signs.

Cllr Phillips

A brief discussion was held on the warning reflectors on the bridge 200 yards from the A30 on the road to Fifield Bavant, Cllr Phillips has been in discussions to getting these replaced and will keep this as one of the top 5 priorities for the parish.

Ongoing

16/150. Update of actions from the meeting dated 1st November 2016.

1. (1/121) The precept has been requested.

2. The planning response for the Land adjacent to Moor Cottage has been submitted, WC refused the application for the following reasons;

Unsuitable and cramped form of development affecting Moor Cottage

Loss of part of the characteristic banking and hedgerow along the south side of the rural lane.

16/151. Clerk's Report.

Confirmation that the Govt will not impose referendum principles on parish councils this year.

SW OFWG meeting was cancelled, the next meeting will be on 15th February.

Attended a meeting with Cllr Holmes re sediment being washed into the watercourse, will attend another meeting on 2nd February.

SWWAB meeting on 1st February at Mere.

The 20mph has been completed.

Enquiry re the positioning of signs for the 20mph, response sent confirmed the signs were positioned by WC Highways and not at sites chosen by Fovant PC. The information had been published in a copy of the Three Towers during the summer.

Enquiry about signs for a private residence thought to be on highway land, this has been checked and the sign is on private land.

Booked onto practitioners conference.

Elections in May for both Wiltshire Council and Parish Councils, attending a briefing on 20th Jan.

16/152. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Wednesday 25th January 2017.

Cllr Holmes closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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

7th February and 7th March 2017

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

Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017.

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