

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present Cllrs** Havard (Chairman), Holmes, Mrs Jones and Mrs Turner.  
**In attendance;** Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). Wilts Cllr Mrs Green and 2 members of the public.  
**Apologies** Cllr Eacott. PC Fergusson.  
**Not present;** Cllrs Dunn and Swift.

Questions or statements from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.

- A car rally was held on Saturday evening (between 10.30 and midnight), it had been organised by Devizes motor club and cars drove at inappropriate speeds along Dean Lane. Cllr Havard managed to record some of the registration details and these have been passed to the police.
- A copy of the letter regarding the Brookdale application was passed to Fovant PC. It should be noted in future planning apps that building a structure to the boundary may cause future issues re maintenance.
- Fovant Stores would like a sign placed on the A30 directing informing drivers that there is a shop and post office. Clerk will find out the process re requesting signs and inform the shop.
- Landowner of West Farm spoke on agenda item 4/189.  
The area concerned is woodland, there are plans to clear some but do not wish to destroy the wildlife habitat.  
Someone has been clearing the area without permission.  
Garden rubbish is being deposited by a Parishioner. Owner intends to put up a sign requesting this stops.

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

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

- Discussed sign with Fovant Stores.
- Is the notice board by the Pembroke Arms still used?
- Would like to commend the litter pickers in the community.
- Is Fovant entering the Best Kept Village Competition.
- WC have set the budget, no increase in WC element of the council tax.
- Car parking review has been completed.
- SWWAB on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Bishopstone.
- CATG on 9<sup>th</sup> March at Dinton.
- Footpath, Fingerpost and First Aid projects are ongoing.
- Big pageant on 15<sup>th</sup> June for the Magna Carta

A question was made regarding the times that concessionary bus passes may be used.  
Cllr Green confirmed it was after 9.30am except in particular areas.

Cllr Havard opened the meeting at 7.23pm.

**14/174. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Eacott (personal reasons).  
Fovant PC resolved to accept the apology for the reason given.  
*Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)*

**14/175. Chairman's announcements.** Cllr Havard informed those present that Cllr Nunn had sadly passed away, the funeral will be held at St Georges on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am.  
Those present held a minute silence in memory of Cllr Nunn.

**14/176. Declarations of Interest.** None received.

**14/177. Exclusion of the press and public.** None required.  
*Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100*

**14/178. Council meeting minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

**14/179. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.**

Highways – Cllr Mrs Jones reported that the gully emptier had visited. The pothole at Mill Lane has been reported.

Flood Warden – Cllr Holmes reported that the Brook restoration commences on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

**14/180. Co-option of Cllr.** There is currently a vacancy on Fovant PC which may be filled by co-option. No one was present to co-opt.

**14/181. Update of actions from the meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.**

1. (14/167.2) The PEAS pack has been delivered.
2. (14/168) Planning responses have been submitted to WC.

**14/182. PLANNING.** At the time of the meeting there were no Planning Applications requiring a response.

**14/183 To consider how to respond to any planning applications received after the publication of this agenda.** None received.

**14/184 Tree applications.**

- (i) **15/01320. St Georges Church, Church Lane.** Remove 1 copper beech tree.
- (ii) **15/01695. Oakhangar Barn, High St.** Thin G1 mixed woodland by 25%.
- (iii) **15/01702. Fovant House, Church Lane.** Fell T1 – T8 fruit trees.

The Tree Warden has looked at each application and has no concerns. There was some discussion on (i) but it was clarified that this work was required because the tree was deemed dangerous. Fovant PC noted the applications for tree works.

**14/185. Request from St Georges Church for funding.** The PCC has written and requested a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

WE have had 5 burials this year, three of which were ashes and two graves. The Churchyard is very much part of the community even among those who do not come to Church on a regular basis, so the way it is looked after means a lot to the residents. There are of course the overseas visitors as well.

There is £100 allocated in the current budget for this.

Fovant PC resolved to grant £100 towards churchyard maintenance.

Clerk

**14/186. Report from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February regarding housing allocation for the community area .** Cllr Havard attended this meeting and reported that the meeting focussed on how potential housing is planned.

An appointment has been made to attend a clinic on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to clarify where this meeting will be held. Cllr Havard and Clerk to attend.

Cllr Havard and Clerk

**14/187. Footpath sign at Cherry Lee.** A request has been made as to whether the sign could be relocated to the edge of the garden, a distance of about 4 feet, the owner has planted a new hedge, and the existing sign will, if left, be behind the new hedge.

Fovant PC agreed that the Householder needs to apply to WC in writing. Cllr Holmes will inform the householder.

Cllr Holmes.

## **Finance**

**14/188. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.**

- (i) To note the balance of the accounts.

Fovant PC noted that the balance of the accounts stands at £4,233.85 with £156.80 in unpresented cheques making an available balance of £4,077.05.

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC authorised payments totalling £590.21

*Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)*

*Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4*

**14/189. Work at West Farm.** The Parish Council has been asked to consider a project to clear the area around the east side of the lake at West Farm? The trees just get overgrown, fall into the lake and the area around the bridge is just a general dumping ground. Is there any money available for a village project to improve the look of this area and restore it to how it once was in the old postcards? Could we plant new trees of a more suitable type and perhaps bulbs underneath

To consider the request.

Fovant PC resolved to take no further action in this matter as the request was not made by the Landowner.

Clerk to inform parishioner who made the request.

Clerk

**14/190. Clerk's Report.**

SWWAB met on 4<sup>th</sup> February at East Knoyle. Report has been circulated.

WC budget meeting at Salisbury Guildhall on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Report has been circulated.

Invitations sent for the Annual Parish Meeting

Branch SLCC meeting at Westbury.

**14/191. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** The next PC meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm.

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

5<sup>th</sup> May

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

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