

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
4th FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present Cllrs Dunn, Marshall (from 8.13pm arriving partway through item 13/171)), Roberts (Chairman) and Swift
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). 8 members of the public. Wilts Cllr Mrs Green.
Apologies Cllrs Ms Beck, Havard and Jones. PCSO Chambers.
Not present; Cllr Eacott

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

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies received, reported circulated;
There has been one reported crime over the last month and that was a theft. As always please do report anything suspicious via the 101 non emergency number. The weather is yet to improve and has caused many issues on the roads. Please remember to always drive carefully and to the conditions of the road.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.
SWWAB on 5th February at Tisbury, 2 applications for grants from Fovant.
Consultation out for youth provision – proposed cut of £500,000 (£1.2 mil - £700,000).
Pleased to see the asset transfer is progressing.
20mph policy
Flood Plan – WC are supporting parishes with a plan with signs, sandbags etc.
Potholes – please continue to report. Extra £8million put in highways
Core Strategy – Inspectors findings are increase of housing (12%), under supply of gypsy and traveller sites.
Drainage byelaws now adopted by WC, landowners are responsible for drainage – gullies, riverbanks etc.

Cllr Roberts opened the meeting at 7.46pm

13/163. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beck (work), Harvard (work), Jones (unwell) and Marshall (conflicting engagement).
Fovant PC resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

13/164. Chairman's announcements. The running order of the agenda was altered. Item 13/169 was followed by 13/171, 13/172, 13/175, then reverted back to 13/170 and the remaining items were dealt with in order.

13/165 Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items

13/166. Exclusion of the press and public.
Fovant PC resolved to exclude members of the public and press for item 13/186 for reasons of staff in confidence.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

13/167. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7th January 2014.
Please note there was an error reported at the meeting, it was stated that Fovant Road Safety Group had met with Highways, this was incorrect, it was the Working group that had met with Highways.
Additional line required under public comments – Cllr Dunn expressed concern of future planning following recent flooding in the village and to acknowledge the help received from Mr Paul Watling who helped deploy the pumps during the floods.
Clerk

Fovant PC resolved to approve the amended Minutes as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.

13/168. 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. Cllr Mrs Jones had circulated a report from the village hall. Cllr Roberts read out this report.

13/169 Co-option of Councillors. There is currently one vacancy which has been advertised and may now be filled by co-option.

Fovant PC resolved to co-opt Mr William Holmes from the High Street, Fovant. Cllr Holmes signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the Council.

13/170. Update of actions from the meeting dated 7th January 2014.

1. Clerk sent notices to the Three Towers for Flook Warden, Cllr contact details and grant request.
2. (13/148) Clerk contacted candidates for vacancy, one has withdrawn due to other commitments.
3. (13/150) Clerk sent all comments received to Highways. Clerk informed Highways of PC view. The meeting was not arranged for early Feb as Highways asked for longer. See 13/171.
4. (13/151) On agenda.
5. (13/152) The un-presented cheque for the playpark was destroyed and the payment entered on the receipts page of the spreadsheet.
6. (13/153) The meeting re 1914 anniversary took place, Clerk to circulate notes.
7. (13/154) Website is on the agenda.
8. (13/156) Clerk requested a Precept of £9,000 from WC.
9. (13/159) Playsafety report has arrived and on the agenda.

13/171. A30 Triangle. To receive an update. Clerk has sent a list of the concerns to Mr Thomas and also copies of all the correspondence received on the matter.

Mr Thomas has sent a response to the issues raised by Fovant, this was read out.

Clerk and Cllr Jones are meeting WC Officers tomorrow. Clerk to ask;

Clerk

- Why there is a mini roundabout on the A30 at the Sadlers Mead junction in Wilton.
- Do the new proposals offer better protection to properties?
- Why are these two options considered good?
- What evidence is there that the proposals are safer?
- Why was the trial (approx 3 yrs ago) discounted?
- What about a one way system at the current triangle

Mr Thomas asked Fovant PC to clarify the question re white line markings, it was agreed to leave this to the next meeting.

Fovant PC resolved to hold a public viewing of the proposals on Saturday 1st March from 10.30am – 3.30pm in the village hall.

Clerk to supply feedback form and circulate via email.

Clerk

13/172. 20mph Speed Limit. WC have recently approved a policy for these (circulated) and requests must be submitted by 15th February 2014.

Fovant Road Safety Group have met and considered the 20mph policy and submitted a proposal for a 20mph limit or zone.

Fovant PC resolved to request a 20mph speed limit as per the request received from FRSG - from the A30 High St junction to the Y junction (by the village hall) and the first 100yards of Tisbury road and approx 200 yards along Dinton road up to Middle Ground.

Clerk

Correspondence from the Fovant RSG - We believe that these roads would satisfy the criteria for consideration as 20 mph limits in the Wiltshire Council document 'Adopted Wiltshire Policy on 20 mph restriction, Appendix 1' in paragraph 5.2 especially in that 'significant pedestrian and cycle movements .. take place.' These roads seem to best fit the category Link Road Category 4A, being in a 'rural area[s] [where] these roads link the smaller villages to the distributor roads. They are of varying width and not always capable of carrying two way traffic'.

Traffic movements in these Fovant roads are often interrupted because of the narrowness in several places, the difficulty of the Y junction at the Village Hall, the numbers of slowing and parked vehicles using the doctors surgery and the village shop, and potential conflicts with the significant number of pedestrians, horses etc using the roadway in the absence of pavements. Because of the frequent congestion we expect these roads to be able to satisfy the mean speed criterion of less than 24 mph.

13/173 Rights of Way.

(i) To receive a report from the SWWAB Rights of Way meeting on 16th January.
Cllr Eacott and Clerk attend as did two parishioners. Clerk reported that the meeting was very well attended and SWWAB would like all paths in the parish audited and audits sent to SWWAB by 9th March.

Clerk to circulate the sample audit form and rights of way statement.

Clerk

Cllr Marshall will be the co-ordinator – Clerk to inform SWWAB.

Clerk

Cllrs to let Cllr Marshall know which paths they can audit.

All Cllrs

(ii) To consider any audits of Rights of Way in the parish. None to consider.

(iii) To confirm any requests for improvements arising from the audits. None to consider.

13/174. Flood Warden and Flood Plan.

Following the recent floods in the village it has been suggested to have a Flood warden and draw up a Flood Plan. There is help from WC and the EA with this.

Two volunteers have come forward and a notice asking for volunteers was printed in the Three Towers this month.

Fovant PC resolved to approve that Mr Bullard and Mr should act as Flood Wardens for Fovant. Clerk to contact landowners and Mr Watling asking if they wish to become involved.

Clerk

Fovant PC resolved that a Flood Plan should be drawn up.

Clerk

13/175. PLANNING. To respond to WC on the following planning applications.

If any member of the public wishes to view the plans, please contact the Parish Clerk (details above). All planning applications are available on the Wiltshire Council website.

(i) **13/07231. Clifton Cottage, Moor Hill.** Erection of a 3 bed detached dwelling (amendments to 13/04564).

Fovant PC resolved to make no comment on this application.

Clerk

(ii) **14/00045. Heron's Mead, Church Lane.** Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and erection of new 3 bed dwelling.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application subject to the adequate disposal of foul water.

Clerk

(iii) **14/00330. West Farm Barns, Fovant.** Conversion and extension of existing farm buildings to create shooting lodge and holiday accommodation including creation of new access.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

Clerk

(iv) **14/00565. Oak ridge, Dinton Rd.** Single storey extension.

Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

Clerk

13/176. Tree applications. There were no known requests for tree work in the parish.

13/177 To receive an update on the Recreation Ground transfer of asset request. The agreement has been sent to Wiltshire Council and the plan of the land agreed. The paperwork has been received and Clerk now has to complete land registry documentation.

Cllr Roberts asked whether there was a charge for this, Clerk to clarify.

Clerk

Finance

13/178 Year ending 31st March 2014.

(i) The balance of the accounts stands at £5,883.38 with unpresented cheques totalling £5,276.00 making an available balance of £342.16.

It was noted that there is a total of £2,125.00 to be claimed once the work has been completed at the recreation ground.

(ii) Terms of expenditure totalling £212.26 were approved for payment.

Cllrs Dunn and Roberts signed the cheques.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)

Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4

13/179. To consider applications for Grants. A notice asking groups to apply for Grants was published in the Three Towers.

One request received from Fovant New Age Kurling – Fovant PC will consider this application at the next meeting. Another request for an application form received.

13/180 Meeting dates for 2014/2015.

Fovant PC usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month, a suggestion was made to meet on the second Tuesday. This may cause an issue with the deadline for the Three Towers. To be discussed at the next meeting.

13/181. Annual Parish Meeting. To confirm the date as 1st April 2014 and to discuss the format of the meeting.

Clerk to contact the following groups;

Fovant Badges, FHIG, Church, Three Towers, WI, Village Hall, New Age Kurling, Dr David Swift (Great War), Flood Wardens, FRSG,

13/182. Commemoration of the Outbreak of WW1. Cllr Swift held a meeting on 11th January 2014. Notes of this meeting will be circulated. The term commemoration was favoured for this project. Cllr Swift reported the meeting was well attended and very positive. Clerk to circulate notes of the meeting. Clerk

There is also a suggestion from Dinton PC to have a Nadder Valley exhibition.

13/183. Website. To consider the upgrade to the Fovant PC website. Cllr Beck to lead. Item deferred to the next meeting.

13/184. To consider the report from Playsafety Ltd and act on any matters requiring attention. Clerk passed a list of issues to Cllrs Roberts and Swift who will look at the site as soon as possible.

Cllrs Roberts and Swift.

13/185. Clerk's Report.

Various correspondence on recreation ground transfer

Several phone calls re A30 changes.

Notice of road closure of A30 from Barford to County border – emailed and displayed by Cllr Ms Beck.

20mph policy – emailed to Cllrs

Communication with Woodthemes re recreation ground safety surface upgrade – delayed due to weather
Changes to audit and accountability bill – will confirm changes at the next meeting.

SWWAB weekly newsletters – circulated

WC newsletters – circulated

Daily updates on weather – none affecting Fovant

Details of the Cycle Race to be held on 4th May 2014, circulated. Launch takes place next week at Salisbury.

Planning application – 14/. Clerk will request an extension.

Attended

Fovant 1914 anniversary meeting

Shared space meeting at Wilton – re Wilton town centre

Rights of Way meeting at Dinton

CATG meeting at Dinton

Flood meeting at Salisbury – Mr Bullard also attended.
SLCC branch meeting – focus on insurance.

Meeting Highways on 5th February re A30 Triangle changes
SWWAB meeting on 5th February at Tisbury

13/186. Clerk's contract. Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated contract without amendment.

13/187 To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March, any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk before Monday 27th February 2014.

Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 10.14pm

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;
4th March, 1st April and 6th May.
All meetings will commence at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.