

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
5TH JANUARY 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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 had been received.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

Firstly, and possibly most importantly, I wish you all a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Needless to say I'm very conscious of those that have suffered from the uncharacteristic rainfall. WC is endeavouring to keep up with the work required to prevent and to manage the consequences of the volume of water.

27 Syrian refugees (8 families and individuals) are now settled in Wiltshire.

70,000 rural households and businesses in Wiltshire now have access to high speed Broad Band. A further £3:86m will enable an extra 5,000 households to be connected.

Anyone wishing to check the progress, **enter your postcode at wiltshireonline.org for up to date information.** Wiltshire is one of the top performing Councils regarding their commitment towards high speed rural Broad Band.

Clean for the Queen weekend of 4th - 6th March (a special clean up weekend initiated by Country Life and supported by other notable National organisations) is being supported by the Area Board which will provide equipment if required. Please contact Stephen Harris for further information. I also hope the Waste services will be supportive in the removal of the gathered litter bags.

Keep Britain Tidy estimates more than 30 million tons of litter are collected each year, enough to fill Wembley Stadium 4 times over and about 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped on the streets of the UK every day!!! further fines are likely to be introduced.

Regarding efficiencies, savings and cuts....

9 part time Good Neighbour co-ordinators have been notified that there is a proposal to change the way of providing a service of accessing health and social well-being and information for those who might be prone to rural isolation. A partnership with Community First from 2010 is due to come to an end in April 2016, so a new approach is required including more involvement via the Area Boards.

A review of the under 5 yrs old children's Sure Start centres across Wiltshire means there will be changes, a suggestion has been put forward that staff might go out into the local community. There are 28 centres across Wiltshire and some could be turned into pre-schools or nurseries. The retention of the Wilton centre is being reconsidered, if, the local community are willing to support it and Tisbury will be retained also. 700 people responded to the consultation.

The last Full Council meeting was a lengthy one; 11 hours with one of the items being the Local Governance boundary review. The Netherhampton proposal for the Halfpenny/ Constable Way estate boundary to be moved into the City was approved.

2 new Council owned dwellings to be built in East Knoyle are to be considered in the near future at the Southern Area Planning Committee. There is still a long way to go to reduce the waiting lists!!

Unemployment in Wiltshire is at it's lowest since 2004.

The Square Café in Tisbury is open every Thursday from 5:30-8pm for 13-19 year olds. contact Zita 07444 834376 for further information.

The new Highways contract award is to be discussed at the **Environment Select Committee** on the 12th January. The new contract will start in April and hopefully the village Stewardship will be in place.

Finally, **the PCC, Angus Macpherson** is considering increasing the Police part of the Council Tax by 1.9%. This equates out at £3.12p a year or 6p per week on a Band D property. Band D properties currently pay £163.98p a year. Out of 43 forces across England and Wales only 2 receive less funding per head of population than Wiltshire. This proposal is out to consultation until February 2nd. The Police and Crime Commissioner is intending to visit all Area Boards but do access the Police website if you want to comment.
The £769,000 would be used to protect community Policing.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.20pm

15/140. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dunn (in hospital) and Swift (conflicting social engagement)

Fovant PC resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.

Fovant PC also wished to record that they sent best wishes to Cllr Dunn following his heart surgery,

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

15/141. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3rd November 2015.

Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes without amendment and they were signed by the Chairman.

15/142. Chairman's announcements. Cllr Holmes presented £60 in cash that had been given to Fovant PC to be spent on the village. The money had been found several months ago and despite being advertised and reported to the police it had not been claimed.

Clerk to bank.

Clerk

15/143. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Holmes, Philips and Mrs Turner declared an interest in item 15/155.

15/144. Exclusion of the press and public. None required.

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

15/145. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.

Cllr Holmes – Flood Warden reported that there had been a flood on the A30 which was resolved promptly by Wiltshire Council.

There was also flooding in Sutton Rd. Both incidents were due to a lack of maintenance.

The Brook has been high but has not overflowed.

Cllr Mrs Jones reported a broken kerb at Sling Orchard which was replaced the following day.

Fovant PC wished to record thanks to WC for their prompt response.

A damaged rail at the Rainbow Centre needs removing, Cllr Mrs Jones will inform Highways.

Cllr Mrs Jones

15/146. Co-option of Cllr. A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advertised and maybe filled by co-option.

There was no one present to co-opt.

15/147. Update of actions from the meeting dated 3rd November 2015.

- (i) (15/124) Clerk was unable to apply for the SWWAB grant before the deadline, it has now been submitted and will be considered at the next SWWAB meeting.
- (ii) (15/125) Clerk passed on the feedback re the SWWAB first aid course.
- (iii) (15/133) The donation to Fovant PCC has been sent and a thank you received.
- (iv) (15/136) A Precept of £9850 has been requested from Wiltshire Council.

15/148 To consider supporting a request from Fovant Stores to relocate two information signs on the A30 informing drivers that Fovant has a shop and post office. Fovant PC have yet to receive a formal request from Fovant Stores to relocate the existing signs.

Cllr Holmes will speak to the shop owners and ask for a written request, it was clarified that a request did not commit them to paying for the moving of the sign.

15/149. First Aid and Defibrillators.

- (i) To publish the names of parishioners who attended the SWWAB First Aid course. Cllr Mrs Turner reported that two of the three ladies were happy to be listed in the Three Towers.
- (ii) To consider running a First aid course in the parish
Clerk to contact those interested and check they are prepared to have their name and a contact number listed in the Three Towers. Clerk
Clerk to ascertain best time of the day to run the course. Clerk

PLANNING

15/150 To respond to Wiltshire Council on the following planning applications. Details of the applications are available on the Wiltshire Council website, please view the plans before attending the meeting. If anyone has difficulty viewing the plans, please contact the Clerk by midday on 4th January.

- (i) **15/11638. 2 West Farm Cottages, Fovant.** Proposed conversion of loft space into bedroom and bathroom with rear flat roof dormer.
Fovant PC resolved to make no objection to this application.
Fovant PC noted that this application had been approved by WC.
- (ii) **15/11231/LBC. The Pembroke Arms, Fovant.** Internal alterations and replacement front door.
Fovant PC resolved to support this application.

15/151. To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

Tree applications.

15/152. To note the following applications for tree work within the parish.

- (i) **15/11018. Oak Hill, 1 Bridge Gardens, Tisbury Rd.** Two Ash trees, remove one stem from each tree to maintain health of the trees.
- (ii) **15/11583. The Pembroke Arms, Fovant.** Apple tree x 2 – reduce crown by 40%.
- (iii) **15/11951. Vine Cottage, High St.** Lawson Cypress – fell. Willow tree – fell.
Portuguese Laurel – fell. Yew tree – crown reduce by approx. 4m, 2 x Holly trees – reduce down by approx. 4 – 4.5 m.

Fovant PC resolved to note the applications for tree work listed above.

15/153 To consider any requests for tree work in the parish made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

15/154. Rights of way. Fovant paths 07 and 08. To receive an update.

Clerk has spoken to Mr Cowan, he will attend a site meeting in the coming months. The work can not be done until late spring / early summer due to the conditions.

15/155. 20mph Bid. To receive an update if available. Nothing further to report.

Fovant PC resolved that the plans should be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Fovant PC resolved that the plans will not be published in the Three Towers but a note informing parishioners the item will be discussed at a Parish Council meeting.

15/156. To receive a report from the Flood Warden. Covered in 15/145.

Cllr Holmes attend the recent Flood Group meeting and is compiling a list of parishes with Flood Wardens.

Clerk to email village maps to Cllr Havard

Clerk

Clerk will laminate maps.

Clerk

Clerk to chase extra flood signs from WC.

Clerk

15/157. Dropped kerbs along the A30 in Fovant. Cllrs are requested to look at the site prior to attending the meeting. Cllrs Phillips made a site meeting and report had been circulated. Fovant PC resolved that the dropped kerb paid for by a parishioner was no longer usable. Clerk to contact Highways and request that the dropped kerb is attended to, so that it can be used. Fovant PC resolved request 3 dropped kerbs by the Pembroke Arms and request a dropped kerb for 10 feet either side of the pub corner. Fovant PC resolved to request white line hatching on the long dropped kerb either side of the pub corner.

Finance

15/158. Year ending 31st March 2016.

- (i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the balance of the accounts totals £8208.69 with £579.13 in unrepresented cheques making an available balance of £7629.56.

- (ii) To resolve to authorise payments due.

Payments totalling £406.27 were authorised for payment.

Fovant PC resolved that Cllrs Holmes and Havard would sign the cheques when they were the payee due to insufficient signatories attending the meeting.

- (iii) Training. To consider training for Cllrs and Clerk.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5). Governance and Accountability 2014

15/159. Annual Parish Meeting. This is held on the first Tuesday in April, which will be 5th April (second week of school holidays).

- (i) To confirm the date

Fovant PC confirmed that the meeting would be held on Tuesday 5th April at 6.30pm

- (ii) To confirm the format and consider whether to have a theme.

Fovant PC resolved that the 20mph speed limit, Neighbourhood Plan and Flood matters would be the main items on the agenda. Clerk will ask all groups to report. Clerk

15/160. Parish Emergency Plan. A meeting was held on 23rd November which Cllr Mrs Jones and the Clerk attended. The Parish Emergency Plan needs reviewing and updating. To resolve to set up a Working Group to review and update the Parish Emergency Plan. This WG should ideally consist of the Flood Warden, a member of the Village Hall committee and a representative from the Church.

Clerk will circulate model plan.

Clerk

Cllr Havard will drop a printed copy of the plan to Cllr Holmes

Cllr Havard

Fovant PC resolved to set up a working group – Cllrs Holmes, Mrs Jones and Mrs Turner would represent the parish council.

15/161. Litter Picking Equipment. The SWWAB has a new project to encourage parishes to hold community litter picking. The SWWAB has made available funds to purchase equipment. To resolve to request the free litter picking equipment from SWWAB.

Fovant PC resolved to request the free litter picking equipment.

Clerk

To confirm where it will be stored.
The equipment will be stored by Cllr Holmes.

15/162. Clerk's Report.

SWWAB meeting on 9th December at Mere. Clerk was unable to attend.
SW Operational Flood WG meeting on 16th December. Clerk and Cllr Holmes attended.
SWWAB meeting on 3rd February 2016 at Wilton. Cllrs Holmes and Mrs Turner will attend.
Copy of an email from parishioner re breach of planning conditions. The email was sent to Planning Enforcement.
Flood Warden training at Salisbury City Hall, details to be confirmed. Cllr Holmes will attend.
Minster St in Wilton will be closed on 25th January. This should be from 7pm.
Attended SLCC branch meeting on 15th November, presentation by WC Highways.
SLCC branch meeting on 21st January.

15/163. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before 25th January 2016

Cllr Holmes closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;
2nd February and 1st March 2016
All meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.