

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present Cllrs Havard, Holmes (Chairman), Horne, Phillips and Mrs Turner.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.
Apologies Cllrs Mrs Jones and Swift. Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Green. Police
Not present; Cllr Dunn

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

Parishioner has replied to WC Green's request concerning affordable housing at the Sutton Rd site and questions why if there is a need for affordable housing the sites identified by the village group are not being developed. He has also contacted Andy Meade at WC.

Also asked about a neighbourhood plan.

The parishioner was informed that NHPs were discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in April following a presentation by a WC Officer. So far no one has come forward wishing to lead a steering group which is the first step in developing a NHP.

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team.

The Tisbury Community Safety Partnership meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th September.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green.

I am often asked about what is the current situation regarding *Syrian Refugees* in Wiltshire? particularly under Wiltshire Councils care. 27 arrived in the County in December, 14 extra in June with a further 6 later this month. Some are unaccompanied children and each has been allocated a volunteer to support them as they become accustomed to the British way of life.

The second *weed treatment/spraying* is currently taking place where required.

Work is now in process of the rural verge cut, if there are any areas that could be removed from the cutting programme without compromising safety, please inform the Council.

Priority sheets for the Parish Steward are for discretionary HIGHWAY works only.

The budget for litter collection has been increased to £2.5m.

Recently, I attended a meeting with Inspector Pete Sparrow to discuss and get up to the minute information on *Policing* in the rural areas and particularly in the Chalke Valley. A number of farmers, PC's and game keepers attended as they have great concerns on what and how the Police intend to deal with the poaching and gambling that has been taking place and which is a huge and worrying problem as guns are involved. Inspector Sparrow said that rural crime is low compared to the urban areas but although the Police are not up to strength yet there is a recruitment drive on at present. The intention is to continue with the night time surveillance, working closer with Dorset and creating an efficient way of working by promoting Community Messaging. Meanwhile all crime and suspicious goings on must be reported to ensure the statistics reflect what is happening in rural areas.

Wiltshire Council has a statutory duty to provide sites for *residents* to dispose of their *household waste*, free of charge. *HRC opening times are 10am - 4pm 5 days per week. Please check before you leave home as to what days are closed as different HRC's have different closure days.*

Vans and large trailers take longer to unload therefore a FREE permit is being introduced for up to 12 visits per year starting 5th September to cut down waiting times. The permit will be presented to staff who will stamp it to record the visit. The permit will not need renewing until all 12 visits have been made. 4x4's and small trailers under 1.8m will not need a permit.

This process has been proven to be successful with other local authorities.

Extension of the basic Broadband commitment scheme.

This scheme is designed to provide support for homes and businesses that are unable to receive speeds in excess of 2 mgbt's per second and to those who will not benefit from the superfast BB rollout.

The subsidy is for such premises that should not have to pay more than £400 over a 12 month period - the cost represents the monthly charges, installation, hardware and activation costs. Eligible residents are provided with a subsidy code and can choose from a number of retail providers.

Go to www.wiltshireonline.org. (as a first port of call) alternatively, there is a dedicated email address for queries....broadband@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Nadder Centre in Tisbury is now open and the library will be opened on the 10th September. The new equipment in the fitness suite is excellent as is the whole building and well worth a visit when you next go into Tisbury.

The Help to live at Home service....Mears contract is expanding after they successfully tendered. Two previous providers (including MiHome care which was not extended due to missed visits and an 'inadequate' CQC report) have reduced their coverage which MEARS will now take up. Nadder Close in Tisbury which is currently a sheltered housing scheme is soon to be upgraded which will enable residents to receive an extra-care facility, offering 24/7 care and support for new and existing residents. The new bungalow building programme creating accommodation for older people to live independently in their local area is proceeding with schemes starting in Rowde (6) Coombe Bissett,(4) East Knoyle (2) and Durrington.(4).

Finally, I received a good number of emails and telephone calls regarding my request for such in July's edition of Three Towers . Although many felt there is a need for Council properties to rent within the village a small majority felt the end of Sutton Road was not the location for such.

Cllr Holmes opened the meeting at 7.15pm

16/068. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Jones and Swift (both had conflicting social engagements).
Fovant PC resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

16/069. Chairman's announcements. Cllr Holmes reported he had been given a cloth made in 1963 to commemorate the Coronation, this cloth has been passed to Liz Harden for safe keeping with all the other Fovant historical items.

16/070. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7th June 2016.
Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

16/071. 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

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

16/072. Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under. None required.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

16/073. 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 standing for co-option.

16/074. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.

Flood Warden. Cllr Holmes reported;

Operational Flood Working Group - WC were unable to give the information requested at the last meeting, concerning the ownership of the trees on the A30 between Lever's Garage and the lake, but hope to have that information at the next meeting in October, as heavy pruning is urgently required.

The Environment Agency have been asked to arrange for their Enforcement Officer to attend a meeting

with interested riparian owners in Fovant as if the FPC working group licence is not renewed at the end of this year, individuals will be expected to carry out their duties, as required by law, directly with the Agency.

Highways – Cllr Phillips reported;

- The Parish Steward is about to start, notes and a list of potential tasks have been circulated.
- New pillars at the pub have attracted complaints about the location of the one nearest Salisbury, WC will look into the matter and ensure that the pillars have been built according to the planning permission.

16/075. To receive an update on the 20mph speed limit. The proposed change has been advertised and there were two comments made to WC. Although both comments supported the 20mph (both requested additional areas to be included) the matter had to go to the cabinet member for approval. The cabinet member has approved the proposed change as previously advertised.

16/076. Fovant Brook. To confirm the responsibilities of Riparian Owners. There are some individuals who are not maintaining their riparian responsibilities which is creating a problem for those downstream. At the recent Flood Operational WP meeting, a request was made to the Environment Agency for an officer to come and speak to Riparian Owners at a meeting to be arranged. Once the date is known it will be advertised and a leaflet drop undertaken to all those properties with riparian responsibilities.
Cllr Holmes

16/077. Pedestrian Crossing on the A30. To consider requesting a sign warning drivers travelling along the A30 of pedestrians crossing. The village amenities all lie on the north side of the A30 so residents have to cross the main road. The proposed Triangle scheme included relocating the pedestrian crossing but as the scheme failed nothing has been done. Fovant PC resolved to request pedestrian warning signs to be located on either side of the junction to warn drivers of pedestrians.
Clerk

16/078. Rights of Way. Cllr Mrs Turner had nothing to report. The path running parallel to Dinton rd needs reinstating, Clerk to contact the landowner.
Clerk

16/079. Fovant Parish Council website. Cllr Havard reported that the current website is working and a new website is ongoing. To be discussed at the January meeting.
Ongoing

16/080. Item requested by Mrs Pauline Story.
Agreement was reached that vehicles for Dinton Business Parks should not use Fovant as a short cut. It was part of the planning permission. Could the Parish Council remind the owners of these sites of their obligations. They in turn must sort out with companies and drivers that they must follow these rules. The signage on our road A30 clearly states this.
As a member of the PC in the past we have dealt with this. I do not accept it cannot be enforced because of new technology. The obligation was always on the owners of the sites
This year has seen a ridiculous number of excessively large vehicles, including car transporters and lorries towing lorries!
Fovant PC resolved that the Clerk should write a letter to all businesses in Dinton Business Park reminding them that the correct access route is via the A30 and B3089.
Clerk

PLANNING

16/081. To consider how to respond to any planning applications made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

16/082 Tree applications. To note the following tree application.

16/06585. Pound House, Brook St. Fell 1 Silver Birch. This decision was made under the powers of DDD and has been allowed.

Fovant PC resolved to note the application.

Fovant PC noted that a case of Ash dieback had been reported in the village.

16/083. To consider any requests for tree work in the parish made after the publication of this agenda. There were none.

Finance

16/084. Year ending 31st March 2017.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC resolved to note the bank reconciliation showing the balance of the accounts stands at £10,791.62 with in £1371.02 in unrepresented cheques and £750.00 in committed funds leaving an available balance of £9420.60.

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise payments totalling £734.24

(iii) To consider an application for a grant towards Churchyard maintenance made by Fovant PCC. Fovant PC considered a grant application.

Fovant PC resolved to grant Fovant PCC £100 towards churchyard maintenance.

(iv) To authorise the Clerk to attend data protection training.

Fovant PC noted that the Clerk would not be attending National Conference

Fovant PC authorised the Clerk to attend data protection training at a cost of £27.50 plus VAT plus travel.

8.06pm Cllr Havard left the meeting.

(v) To authorise the Clerk to attend planning training.

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(vi) To authorise Cllr Phillips to attend planning training

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(vii) To authorise the Flood Warden to purchase additional sand for sandbag use in an emergency. Fovant PCC authorised the Flood Warden to purchase additional sand for use in an emergency.

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

16/085. Update of actions from the meeting dated 5th July 2016.

1. (16/057) Cllr Holmes has submitted the grant application for £1418.
2. (16/060) There were no planning applications registered so no meeting was required.
3. (16/063(iii)) The agenda for national conference has been published and is not relevant to small parishes so the Clerk will not be attending.
4. (16/065) Details for the WW work has been received and published, the work is scheduled for early September 2016.

All other actions appear as agenda items.

16/086. Parish Steward Task List. To confirm items to be placed on the task list for the Parish Steward.

Remove the 2 school signs near the closed school.

Hedge on the Fifield Bavant rd before the bridge.

16/087. Clerk's Report.

CATG meeting at Dinton on 21st September

WC meeting to discuss the budget on 28th September

SWWAB meeting on 5th October at Tisbury.

The new Nadder Centre will be fully open as of 10th September.

Road closure from Teffont to

Best Kept Village competition results – Fovant came third in the south Wiltshire competition which was won by Dinton. The Clerk has requested the comment sheets.

Attended SWWAB meeting on 27th July, report attached.

16/088. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7.00pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Wednesday 21st September 2016

Cllr Holmes closed the meeting at 8.39pm

FUTURE MEETINGS: Fovant Parish Council will meet on the following Tuesdays;
4th October and 1st November
All meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.