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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs A Leppard (Chairman); Cllrs Story; Roberts; Knowles and Law

In attendance: WC Mrs J Green; Mrs E Young (Clerk) One member of the public was present

Apologies: Cllr Phillips (business); Tisbury Community Police

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and reported with some regret Cllr Mrs Harris had resigned from the Council as from 7th June. WC Mrs Green expressed her sadness at the news and remarked on Mrs Harris' length of service, her local knowledge and dedication to the work of the Council. The Clerk was asked to write. Notice of Vacancy would be published forthwith. **Action: Clerk**

11/11 RECONFIRMATION OF DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Mrs Story signed her Declaration which will be sent to the Monitoring Officer at Wiltshire Council for registration

11/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE AGENDA: there were no declarations of interest and the Chairman signed and dated the Register

REPORTS FROM: WC Mrs Green::

- She was concerned at the cost of car parking in Salisbury and that there was no longer a one hour slot. It was felt the rural communities would suffer and it was hoped the one hour slot would be reinstated
- The early morning bus service (6.35 a.m.) had been reinstated
- SCOP: there had been a meeting to discuss the setting up of the Tisbury Campus at the former Nadder School, on 2nd June and there would be a further one on 16 June. The SWWAB meeting would be on 22 June at Great Wishford and would be discussing grants amongst other things.
- Sure Start Centre had opened in Wilton
- Core Strategy for South Wiltshire: following discussion Mrs Green confirmed any submission submitted previously would be held over for the present consultation. The Chairman expressed his concern that communication could have been better.

Tisbury Police: PC Martyn Day tabled the following:

Since the date of the last meeting in Fovant there have been two crimes reported – 1 of criminal damage to car and the other a theft from an outbuilding. The latter was possibly preventable – so please keep garage doors, sheds and any other outbuildings where expensive items are stored, closed and preferably locked. We are suffering at present from thefts from other vehicles at beauty spots – so please lock your car and not leave anything in sight! PC Day is occasionally carrying out speed enforcement in the area which has resulted in several fixed penalty notices. If there is anything anyone wishes to discuss with him or Gary, please e mail using the NPY address@tispnt@wiltshire.policy.uk) or attend the TCSP meeting at the Elizabeth Hall on 14 June next.

11/13 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2011 (already circulated)
These were agreed nem con and signed and dated by the Chairman

11/14 MATTERS ARISING (from the last meeting and if not already on the agenda)

- (a) The Council were not able to nominate a representative for the Village Hall Management Committee at present
- (b) Speeding issues on the A30: it had been confirmed a section of A30 would be a 30 mph zone
- (c) Post Office: plans for the opening of the new post office were progressing. The Pembroke Arms had had approved in principle a pay point in the pub
- (d) Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge: Chairman had contacted Wiltshire Council and registered an interest. Proposed by Cllr Knowles and seconded by Cllr Story, Council agreed nem con to ask for a Community Asset Transfer of the recreation ground from Wiltshire Council to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**
- (e) Royal Wedding Tree; there had been no comments from the parish on the proposal to plant a tree to commemorate the Royal Wedding this year. Proposed by Cllr Knowles and seconded by Cllr Roberts, Council agreed nem con to fund the tree at Clays Orchard. To be arranged by Mrs J Bickerton, the Parish Tree Warden

Minutes subject to approval at the next Council meeting

(f) There had been nothing further regarding the co-option of a Councilor caused by the resignation of Mr Wyatt

11/15 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

There had been some interest. Further advertisements to be made in Three Towers and Focus magazine. The Chairman to send by e mail details of the post to all local serving parish clerks **Action: Chairman**

11/16 PARISH REPORTS

(1) **Highways:** Mrs Story reported:

Various matters had been dealt with. The Parish Steward had been tidying up and cutting edges etc. He was unable to clean the bus shelter at present as it needed pressure hose washing.

(2) **Rights of Way:** there was no report

(3) **Village Hall:** The Chairman had approached John Taylor to look at the problem in the roof. He had also approached WALC for advice on lease obligations. It was hoped to have a meeting with the Village Hall Management Committee to look at the problem once the lease obligations had been determined.

(4) **SWWAB:** Cllr Knowles reported briefly on the meeting of the 12 May:

a) Discussions had mainly centred on the formation of the Tisbury Community Hub and for the formation of SCOB. TAPCAP to assist in the questionnaire/consultation process. SCOB will be the Management committee on the site once it is set up

b) Core Strategy for South Wiltshire: a submission had been sent to Wiltshire Council proposed that Fovant should be designated to be in the small village group rather than the secondary villages group so that owing to lack of space around the village for development, the village could develop in accordance with the Localism Bill and the Council's own neighbourhood plans.

(5) **TAPCAP/SCOB:** Cllr Knowles confirmed that TAPCAP would be assisting with the preparation of the community questionnaire on the viability and use of a Tisbury Campus at the former Nadder School.

(6) **TCSP:** Cllr Mrs Law reported the next meeting would be Tuesday 14 June

(7) **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr Mrs Law reported she had now the costings for 6 signs for the village at £25 per pair plus fixing. Council asked Mrs Law to find out if funding was available. **Action: Cllr Law**

(8) **Youth Issues:** Cllr Roberts advised

- the telephone box was still decommissioned. The Clerk was asked to write to ask for a credit card format. **Action: Clerk**
- Four benches had been re-varnished and this left the one on the A30 which needed washing down.
- The Youth Club was now on a fortnightly basis although some adult help had been forthcoming.

11/17 REPAIR OF WAR MEMORIAL: a contractor had been engaged for this work

11/18 FINANCE

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| Balance as at May 2011: | Deposit a/c | £7427.87 |
| | Current a/c | <u>1620.22</u> |
| | | 8588.09 |
| | less allocated funding | <u>500.00</u> |
| | | <u>8088.09</u> |
| | Clerk's a/c (restricted) | 1271.34 |

(a) Bank statements had not been made available to the Clerk. Statement of Receipts and Payments to follow

(b) Audit papers: Council noted the Books of Accounts for the financial year 10/11 had been cleared by the Internal Auditor and all was in order. Proposed by Cllr Knowles and seconded by Cllr Roberts and approved nem con, Council signed off Section 2 of the External Auditor's paper Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of Elector's Rights to be placed on the notice board for the statutory period from 27th June 2011. Council also approved nem con payment of £75 to Mr Ridley as an honorarium for the work.

(c) AON Insurance: with the amendments to the policy, the premium had been reduced to £534.63 for 2011/12. Council note for the Assets Register for 2011/12 **Action: Chairman**

(d) S137 grants to the parish organizations: to be considered at the 19 July meeting

(e) Proposed by Cllr Leppard and seconded by Cllr Knowles Council agreed nem con to payment of the Clerk's Gratuity funding of £1270 on the resignation of the Clerk as at 30 June 2011

(f) Council approved the appointment of Mrs Debbie Cruyton of 7 The Mallards, Tisbury SP3 (01747871345) as Tax Officer to the Council

(f) Council approved the following payments:

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| 850 pv7 | AON Insurance 2011/12 | 534.63 |
| 851 pv8 | Kingsley House (advertisement) | 20.00 |
| 852 pv9 | Mr Allnutt (planting in the village) | 63.00 |
| 853 pv 10 | Mrs EA Young salary April to June Scale 21 9.941 per hour x 18 x3 | 531.42 |
| 854 pv 11 | Mrs EA Young payment of gratuity funding <i>(Tax on the Clerk's salary and gratuity funding: £360.28 to be paid by the Clerk to HMRC)</i> | 1270.00 |
| 855 pv 12 | Community First sub 2011/12 | 36.00 |
| 856 pv 13 | Mr K Ayles (grasscutting May) | 105.00 |
| 857 pv 14 | Mr C Roberts (repair of benches) | 42.53 |
| 858 pv 15 | Mr D Ridley Internal Auditor (honorarium) | 75.00 |

Council agreed to reduce the allocated funding for the provision of the kissing gate to £300.

R2 funding: Wiltshire Council have indicated there was £1593.92 (adult) and £909.34 (child) funding available at the present time. Council agreed nem con to ask Fovant Cricket Club to complete a grant application form to be returned to the Parish Council. Chairman to provide the form. **Action: Chairman**

11/19 PLANNING

Planning determined by the Parish Council

S/2011/0591 Valley View Dinton Road: remove hedge and pave area: supported
S/2011/0651 Heron's Mead, Church Lane: fell t1 pine tree; t2 pine tree; t3 walnut; t4 conifer, etc. not supported

Planning to be determined by the Parish Council

S/2011/11720 Russett House 3 Wyatt Orchard Moor Hill: remove garage roof for bedrooms

Planning determined by the Salisbury Planning Hub

S/2011/0516 Rivendell Dinton Road: extension to garage: refused

11/20 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Good Councillor's Guide (revised edition); three copies have been ordered

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman on behalf of the Council presented the Clerk with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her work with the Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 19th July 2011 at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. The public are always welcome

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: 6 September; 11 October; 8 November; 10 January 2012; 7 February; 6 March and 27 March (Annual Parish Meeting)

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