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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present Cllrs Ms Beck, Dunn, Eacott, Havard (Chairman), Mrs Jones, Marshall, Roberts and Swift
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). 12 members of the public.. Wilts Cllr Mrs Green.
Apologies PCSO Chambers.

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

- Is there any news on the trout farm?

It was confirmed the planning application had been approved.

- Any news on the A30 triangle

This item is on the agenda and will be discussed during the meeting.

- Can a request for grants go into the Three Towers? Clerk
- Can a list of Cllrs with contact details go into the Three Towers and onto the website? Clerk
- Can the Neighbourhood Watch rep be on the Cllr list?
- Flood Warden – Clerk to put ad in the Three Towers asking for anyone interested in the post. Clerk

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Report sent via email;
There have 3 reported crimes in the Fovant area over the last month, these are-

- Theft from motor vehicle - High Street, Fovant
- Criminal Damage – A30, Fovant
- Theft – Fovant
- Can we ask that people remain vigilant in reporting any suspicious behaviour. I know that the local people of Fovant area are very good at reporting any suspicious persons/vehicles. Please keep this up.
- The weather is particularly bad at the moment please remember to drive carefully and to the conditions of the road.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green starting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

- Aware of local flooding issues.
- Has approached 1 or 2 residents in the area with salt shakers for use in icy weather, these are suitable for areas not near grit bins.
- A push along gritter is available, please contact Cllr Green if interested.
- The MBT plant at Westbury is now fully operational. Hoping to increase types of plastic collected kerbside from April 2014.
- Bin collection rounds are being reviewed.
- Footpath project – meeting on 16th January at Dinton. SWWAB looking to fund projects eg kissing gates.
- Neighbourhood Planning event in Salisbury on 11th February.

- Pleased to hear about the successful bid by the Badges Society for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Next SWWAB meeting is on 5th February
- Has circulated the latest on the 20mph project, it is expected each AB will be able to introduce two zones per annum.
- Drainage Byelaws taken on by WC, any litter in the Brook will be a criminal offence.

Cllr Havard opened the meeting at 8.08pm

13/142. There were no apologies.

Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

13/143. Chairman's announcements. Cllr Havard wished everyone a Happy New Year.

13/144. Declarations of Interest. None received.

13/145. Exclusion of the press and public. None required.

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

13/146. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th November 2013.

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

At this point item 13/150 was discussed in full.

13/147. 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.

Village Hall - Cllr Jones had circulated a report, there were no questions

Highways - Cllr Jones had circulated a report, there were no questions

Footpaths – Cllr Marshall confirmed that the issues reported at the last meeting were still an issue.

13/148 Co-option of Councillors. There is currently one vacancy which has been advertised and may now be filled by co-option. Any person interested in being co-opted onto Fovant PC should contact the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

Two members of the public contacted the Council wishing to stand, as neither was present it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. Clerk to write to both parties and ask them to attend.

Clerk

13/149. Update of actions from the meeting dated 12th November 2013.

1. (13/126) Clerk reported the blocked path to Wilton Estate but has yet to speak to the landowner re footpath leading to the Badges.
2. (13/131) Clerk sent the planning response to WC re Clifton Cottage.
3. Clerk contacted the contractor doing the upgrade to the play surface, it was scheduled to be done last week but the conditions were too wet.

13/150. A30 Triangle. A meeting has been held between Fovant Road Safety Group and Highways, as a result there are two proposals.

17 letters had been received from parishioners.

8.12pm Cllr Havard suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to make statements / ask questions.

- *Option 2 does not protect the Old Forge*

- *Cars hitting the new layout would take off; priority should be given to protect buildings.*
- *Could A30 be redirected around Fovant*
- *The new 30mph is the best thing to happen at the junction*
- *The A30 / B3089 junction is a similar junction but has far less accidents because the junction is well lit.*
- *Perhaps installing white lines to show traffic priorities may help*

8.41pm Cllr Havard reinstated Standing Orders.

Cllrs commented on the proposed options.

- Neither option met the objectives, would like to meet with consultants prior to a public meeting.
- Should take both options forward, get WC and Consultants to attend a public meeting.
- Asked Cllr Green to clarify the comment from Highways that if FPC reject both options and do not suggest an alternative that hasn't been rejected previously then nothing will happen.
- Prefer option 2
- Option 2 has merit but needs tweaking / modifications
- Don't think the objectives were met, option 2 is preferred with reservations
- Favour a T Junction

Fovant PC resolved to invite WC Officers and Atkins engineers to the public meeting, favouring option 2 as a proposal to develop. Clerk

Fovant PC resolved not to support option 1.

Clerk to arrange the Public Meeting on Saturday 1st or 8th February.

Clerk

13/151 To receive an update on the Recreation Ground transfer of asset request.

Cllr Havard signed the transfer form and this will be sent to WC as soon as possible.

Clerk

9.28pm Cllr Dunn left the meeting.

Finance

13/152 Year ending 31st March 2014.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the balance of accounts as £6,253.27 with un-presented cheques totalling £473.27.

(ii) To review and approve terms of expenditure as detailed in schedule of payment.

Fovant PC resolved to authorise payments totalling £5,437.56 for payment. The previously authorised payment for playpark totalling £264.77 is to be cancelled as the new surface is to be installed shortly and is included in the authorised payments.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)

Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4

13/153. Commemoration of the Outbreak of WW1. Cllr Swift has arranged a meeting to be held on 11th January 2013.

Cllr Ms Beck to contact Valley News, Blackmore Vale and Salisbury Journal.

Cllr Ms Beck

Cllr Havard to contact Sutton Mandeville Badges.

Cllr Havard

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

13/154. Website. To consider the upgrade to the Fovant PC website. Cllr Ms Beck reported that the ownership of the current website is not clear, she will investigate and report back at the next meeting. Clerk

Cllr Ms Beck

13/155. Budget for 2014 – 2015. To set a budget for the council year ending 31st March 2015. The proposed budget was looked at.

Fovant PC resolved to approve a budget totalling £10,737.00

13/156. Precept from Wiltshire Council. To confirm the Precept request for the Parish of Fovant for the year ending 31st March 2015.

Fovant PC resolved to request a Precept of £9,000. The reasons for the increase are; footpath improvement, recreation ground, probable contribution to A30 changes, First World War centenary, village hall and notice boards.

13/157. To note the report of the recent SWWAB meeting held at Bishopstone.

Fovant PC noted the report from the SWWAB meeting, there were no questions.

13/158. Footpath meeting on 16th January at Dinton. To confirm who can represent Fovant PC at this meeting arranged by the SWWAB.

13/159. To consider the report from Playsafety Ltd and act on any matters requiring attention.

Clerk has contacted and asked for a copy of the report to be sent but this has not arrived yet.

13/160. Clerk's Report.

Various emails from SWWAB – circulated

Several emails re A30 changes – circulated

Various emails received for information – circulated

Contact with the contractor doing the play surface at the recreation ground

Attended;

Visited the Great War exhibition at Trowbridge, details of this sent to Cllr Swift.

CATG on 18th November

Neighbourhood planning on 19th February

SWWAB on 11th December

Will be attending SLCC branch meeting on 24th January, there is a speaker on parish council insurance.

13/161. Clerk's contract. Item deferred until the next meeting.

13/162 To note items for the agenda of the next meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February, any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk before Monday 27th January 2014.

Cllr Havard closed the meeting at 10.09pm

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

4th February, 4th March, 1st April and 6th May.

All meetings will commence at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise on the notice boards.