

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present Cllrs** Dunn, Eacott, Havard (Chairman), Holmes, Mrs Jones, Nunn, Swift and Turner.  
**In attendance;** Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). 1 member of the public.  
**Apologies** Wilts Cllr Mrs Green. PC Fergusson, PCSO Gary Chambers.

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

- Fovant Road Safety Group have recently discussed a new submission for a 20mph limit in the village. It would be helpful to see the winning submissions made earlier this year and wondered if there are any guidelines produced by CATG yet.  
*Clerk to ask for a copy of the bids and ascertain status of guidelines.*
- A parishioner asked about the hedges at the Rainbow Centre.  
*As the hedge in question was a boundary hedge and not affecting the highway it was suggested the parishioner contacted Wilton Estate who own the land.*

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies had been received. A report had been circulated concerning a recent concern of dog thefts.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green. Apologies received. No report received.

Cllr Havard opened the meeting at 7.58pm

**14/096. Apologies for absence.** None  
*Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)*

**14/097. Chairman's announcements.** None

**14/098. Declarations of Interest.** Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items.  
None received.

**14/099. Exclusion of the press and public.** None required  
*Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100*

**14/100. Council meeting minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.  
Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes which were taken as read and approved without amendment;

**14/101. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.**

Flood Warden – Cllr Holmes reported there is now a Deputy Flood Warden. Simon Martyn.

Working Party 4/10/2014. Three groups continued work in the brook, and started washing down the white guard railing near Sling Orchard.

Next month 1/11/2014 start to clear rubble from the brook to a trailer at Toads Pond provided by a local farmer. The replacement foot bridge at Fovant Chapel is fully funded by an anonymous benefactor, and work will progress as soon as the owners give their permission.

At the beginning of September, a serious pollution of the Brook took place, over the three days during which the gullies were being cleaned.

The process and equipment being used led to most of the accrued contaminated material being "washed through" into the brook, rather than being lifted out of the gully pots for decontamination at a later date by specialist contractors.

Cllr Holmes will give a report of this to the South Wiltshire Operation Flood WG as;

1. The members of the committee will react quickly
2. Other Flood Wardens and Villages are represented, so will be made aware of this potential problem in their

water courses.

3. A low key approach, at a high level, would get the best results.

Village Hall – Cllr Mrs Jones reported the work had been completed although there were some issues re the floor.

NHW – Cllr Holmes reported work has started in the east of the village, the first two groups have been formed, and will shortly each be given details of their groups other members.

With the publication of the Fovant flood plan, it, together with the EA "Living on the Edge" will be distributed to Riparian Owners at the same time as group forming in NHW.

Rights of Way – Cllr Holmes has reported a blocked bridleway at Touching Head Copse.

**14/102. Co-option of Cllr.** There is currently a vacancy on Fovant PC which may be filled by co-option. No one stood for co-option.

**14/103. Update of actions from the meeting dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.**

1. (14/082). Hedgecutting. Clerk had requested for the hedge at Sutton Rd to be cut and Cllrs reported this had been completed.
2. (14/083) Flood Plan. The insertion of a watermark and printing is still outstanding. Cllr Havard
3. (14/083.iv.b) Grant for a skip. Due to problems with licensing this item has been dropped.
4. (14/083.v.g) Chapel Bridge. R2 money was not available for the bridge project and
5. (14/087) The grant was sent to the village hall committee.
6. (14/090) The response was sent to WC regarding the settlement boundary.

**14/104. PLANNING.** To respond to WC on the following planning applications

- (i) 14/08738. Dean Lane Farm Dean Lane. Erection of livestock building and cover to dispersal yard. Fovant PC resolved to support this planning application.
- (ii) 14/08954. Red Cedars, Church Lane. Demolish existing dwelling and erect new 4 bed dwelling (revisions to 14/01608)

Fovant PC resolved to support this planning application subject to the materials being agreed by the conservation officer at WC.

**14/105 Tree applications.**

- (i) 14/09122/TCA. The Gables, High St. Fell T1 Sicilian pine and T2 Monterey pine. Fovant PC noted the tree application.
- (ii) 14/09231/TCA. Fell 3 Norway spruce trees. Crown reduce 1 ash tree by 30%. Reduce group of Hazel and Laurel trees to a height of 2.5m. Fovant PC noted the tree application.

**14/106. Fovant Triangle.** After many years Mr Alnutt has decided he is no longer able to plant the triangle.

Fovant PC resolved that the Clerk should contact Mr Alnutt and confirm that he is unable to continue.

**14/107. Clerk's computer.** Currently FPC does not provide a computer for the clerk.

- (i) To purchase a laptop for the Clerk.
- (ii) To pay a monthly fee to Dinton PC so that the Clerk may use their computer for Fovant PC work.

Fovant PC resolved that the Clerk Should get quotes for a new laptop to consider at the next meeting.

## **Finance**

**14/108. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.**

- (i) To note the balance of the accounts

A bank reconciliation had been circulated with the agenda. Fovant PC noted the balance of accounts stands at £5,966.37.

- (ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC authorised payments totalling £556.04

(iii) To confirm bank signatories and add more if required.

Current signatories- Cllrs Dunn, Havard and Holmes.

Clerk to send details to Cllr Mrs Turner of completing the online new signatory form.

*Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)*

*Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4*

**14/109. Telephone Box.** To receive an update.

Clerk had received one email asking for the telephone box to remain.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact BT and confirm whether the box can be relocated near the Elms (replacing the current modern box).

**14/110. To consider the Inspection reports of the recreation ground** and to authorise any work required.

Cllrs Havard and Swift will study the reports and report back at the next meeting. Cllrs Havard / Swift Fovant PC resolved to authorise a spend of up to £50 for purchasing wood to undertake minor repairs.

**14/110. Clerk's Report.**

Reports of pot holes and bad signage at Sling Orchard – advised they report to WC.

Reported concern of exit from private property – advised this is a personal and not a council matter.

Request for PC to place a hand rail on the steps leading up to the post box on Sutton Rd.

Request to look for funding to replace The Chapel bridge – have advised that a PC can't support this

Briefing re Fire Service consultation 13<sup>th</sup> October at Wilton.

SWWAB 8<sup>th</sup> October at Tisbury, this will be preceded by a health fair at 3.30pm.

Community snow warden training on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October at Teffont.

SWOFWG on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Wilton.

WALC AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Devizes

AONB Transportation and Planning – 6<sup>th</sup> November at Charlton.

**14/111. To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.45pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

Cllr Havard closed the meeting at 8.57pm.

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

4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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

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