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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Gorse, Knowles, Mrs Law, Leppard (Chairman), Phillips (from 7.17pm), Potter, Privett, Roberts and Mrs Story and Mrs C Churchill (Parish Clerk).

In attendance: Seven members of the public were present; including Mr Steven Geveaux (WC Housing), Mrs Gorse (WC Good Neighbours Coordinator), Ms Hay (FODS) and Mr Davies.

Apologies: Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Jose Green

Chairman's Opening Remarks. Cllr Leppard opened the meeting at 7.15pm.

Public Questions: Mr Davies spoke on 11/079 (Removal of High Street Post Box)

11/075. Minutes of Council Meeting held on dated 11th October 2011 were taken as a true record and approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

11/076. Declarations of Interest A Declaration of Interest were received from Cllr Potter, minute 11/087, personal; being a resident of the Poplars estate. Cllr Potter abstained from the vote.

11/077. Report from Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme Coordinator. Mrs Gorse gave a brief presentation on her new role as Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme Coordinator (GNSC). The service has been running in Wiltshire for about a year and consists of 25 coordinators. The service will benefit local people, primarily aimed at older people in rural communities. The GNS is not a service provider but a provider of information. Please get in touch if aware of anyone who may benefit from this service. Currently Sutton Mandeville is not covered by a GNS. Cllr Story offered to insert a leaflet into the Three Towers saying that this was a wonderful service.

11/078 R2 Funding.

(i) Ms Hay from the Friends of Dinton School (FODS) informed Cllrs about a proposed plan to make the swimming pool available for public use outside of school hours, FODS would like £500 - £1000 of child R2 money. Resolved that FPC support FODS bid in principle on condition that the pool is guaranteed to be made available to all children of Fovant Parish whether or not they attend Dinton School. The amount donated being subject to review of available funds within the Childrens' section of the R2 allocation and other FPC priorities, the FODS detailed funding proposal and the Dinton PC / Wiltshire Council / School contributions to the project.

(ii) Another request has been received from Fovant Cricket Club (FCC) for boundary ropes and pitch covers costing a total of £1,040. Resolved that FPC would support the FCC bid, Clerk to send quotes to R2 department for approval, using adult funds. Action: Clerk

11/079 Removal of High St Post Box

Mr Davies spoke on the following agenda item having had correspondence with Royal Mail who confirmed that a notice was not displayed and that the post box will not be replaced because the percentage of the village population with access to a post box satisfied Royal Mail performance criteria. A copy of this correspondence was passed to the Clerk.

The Post Box was removed without notice being given to either parishioners or the Parish Council. The landowner had requested its removal and Royal Mail felt obliged to do this. According to Royal Mail there are sufficient post boxes elsewhere in the village and the box will not be replaced. The letters posted in the box at the time of removal were taken to the shop by the Royal Mail contractors. Shop / Post Office

are collecting post in a bag but have not been consulted by Royal Mail re doing this. The post box was within a conservation area, Clerk to contact conservation officer at WC.

Resolved that Fovant PC will try and get the post box reinstated at another location, Clerk to contact Conservation Officer and inform Royal Mail that the figures quoted for satisfactory access to the remaining two boxes are incorrect. **Action: Clerk**

11/080. No report received from the Neighbourhood Police Team.

11/081 No report received from Wiltshire Cllr Mrs Jose Green.

11/082 Highways

(a) Traffic concerns at the A30 junction with the High Street. Information on this item regarding the issues with the triangle and cars turning right towards Shaftesbury was circulated with the agenda. Fovant Road Safety Group have forwarded their recommendations and the public are asked to submit their own layout proposals to Cllr Phillips no later than 13 November. Resolved that:

(i) Cllr Phillips take this matter to the Community Area Transport Group. **Cllr Phillips**

(ii) Clerk to contact Motcombe PC and enquire re the 3 way give way junction in their parish. **Clerk**

(b) Reported that trees are overhanging the flashing sign, Clerk to contact landowners concerned. **Clerk**

(c) Reported that a lorry has been parking near the flashing sign and that solar power isn't sufficient in winter months, Clerk to enquire about additional batteries. **Clerk**

11/083. Action update (from the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11th October 2011)

- 1) (11/054) Clerk amended planning responses so correct statements were on correct applications.
- 2) (11/056) Clerk has been unable to find a hard backed blue declarations of interest book. It may be in the filing cabinet papers. **Ongoing**
- 3) (11/059/60/61) All planning responses were sent to WC.
- 4) (11/063.2) Cllr Phillips emailed transfer of assets paper, Clerk signed and sent hard copy to Community Area Manager (name unknown). Clerk hasn't heard back and will enquire. **Clerk**
- 5) (11/063.3) Article requesting a free survey was placed in the Three Towers, as yet no response. Need to look into other options. Cllr Leppard has a scanned copy of the lease. Clerk to enquire ensuring village hall management are kept informed. **Clerk**
- 6) (11/063.4) Still awaiting quote from stonemason for war memorial. **Ongoing**
- 7) (11/063.8) Cllr Leppard to email letter to Clerk **Cllr Leppard**
- 8) Footpath 5 – has been looked at and team are able to do the work, Fovant PC need to cover cost of materials and make a donation.
- 9) (11/063.11) It was confirmed there is a water leak in the area, contractors intend to do more work. **Ongoing**
- 10) (11/071) Trees in Dean Lane have been cut back. The seat near A30 junction in Brook Street will be refurbished in the spring. **Ongoing**
- 11) (11/073) Cllr Phillips contacted WC, notice re changed speed limit is currently with the legal dept.
- 12) (11/073) Cllr Knowles had sent the Parish Council's response to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation document.

All other actions appear within the minutes of this meeting.

11/084 Finance Clerk has not received a bank statement and hasn't access to parish account yet. The following cheques were authorised for payment:

(i) Ken Aylen	Grass cutting	£105.00	cheque no 873
(ii) Mrs C Churchill	Clerk duties	£139.16	cheque no 874
(iii) Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£25.00	cheque no 875
(iv) Mrs C Churchill	Clerk's telephone	£18.16	cheque no 876
(v) Wiltshire Police Authority	NHW signs	£75.00	cheque no 877

11/085. Budget for the year 2012 - 2013. Will be discussed at the January meeting. Cllrs Leppard, Phillips and Roberts will prepare a draft and circulate before the January 2012 meeting.

11/ 086 Precept for the year 2012-2013 from Wiltshire Council for the year ending 31st March 2013. This will be discussed at the January 2012 meeting.

11/087 Drop kerb stone on Sutton Rd by bus stop and Parking Issues. Cllrs Phillips and Potter have circulated a report on this item. Clerk contacted highways and the dropped kerb should be discussed at the Community Area Transport Group meeting. Mr Geveaux from WC Housing agrees there is a problem but there is no funding available for parking within the housing dept, Mr Geveaux supported attempts to obtain funding to resolve the issue and will look into whether grassed areas could be used for parking. Resolved that Cllr Phillips will put this scheme forward at the Community Area Transport Group meeting on 23rd November 2011, Mr Geveaux is to be kept informed on progress. **Cllr Phillips** (Cllr Potter abstained from voting on this agenda item).

11/088. Compacter Vehicle. This was booked for 29th October but failed to turn up, WC agreed to collect the items left at the site and a new date has been booked on 19th November. Clerk has confirmed booking via email, Cllr Story will arrange for posters to be displayed. Cllrs were asked to tell neighbours. **All**

11/089. Commemorative Tree Update. Arrangements for the planting of a tree to celebrate the Royal Wedding – nothing to report other than it is scheduled to take place at Clays Orchard in end November 2011.

11/090. National Events in 2012 and possible celebrations. In 2012 HM The Queen will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee on attaining 60 years on the throne. In addition the 2012 Olympic Torch will be passing through Fovant along the A30 on Thursday 12th July 2012, approximately 08.50 hours. Previous Jubilee events were afternoon tea in the Village Hall, walking treasure hunt and games as well as others. Ways to celebrate the Olympic Torch were briefly discussed including involving school children, hosting an Olympic breakfast and the putting up bunting along the A30 route. Clerk to contact all village organisations so that celebrations include the whole village. **Clerk**

11/091. Maintenance issues.

Cllr Story reported there is a new grit box by weather Oak / Moor Hill and she has requested the free bag of salt supplied by WC.

11/092. Councillor Reports.

To receive reports from Councillors representing Fovant Parish Council on external bodies, to include Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Law requested money from Fovant PC to purchase 6 signs for Neighbourhood Watch costing £75 in total. Balfour Beatty will erect the signs. Resolved that Fovant PC donate £75 for the signs.

Several Cllrs had been contacted regarding the condition of several horses kept in the village, Clerk will contact landowner and see if anything can be done but it was stated that this was not a parish council matter, residents should contact the RSPCA if they have concerns. **Clerk**

11/093. Clerks Report

- (i) Clerk attended National Conference, report has been circulated.
- (ii) Attended WALC AGM, neighbourhood plans and localism bill were discussed.
- (iii) Information on Jubilee Beacons, to be discussed at January 2012 meeting.
- (iv) Attended Olympic Torch meeting with the Parish Council Chairman.
- (v) Attended wash up meeting for Twinings bike race (August 2011); event was deemed a success with sponsors and competitors enjoying the challenge particularly of Fovant Hollow.

11/094. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 7 February 2012; 6 March 2012 and 27 March (Annual Parish Meeting)

After closing the meeting Cllr Leppard asked Cllrs to contact him if they had any comments on the format of the agenda. There was a brief discussion on whether reports should be written and circulated prior to the meeting or a brief verbal report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

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