

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOVANT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
3rd JUNE 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present Cllrs Dunn, Eacott, Havard (Chairman), Holmes, Mrs Jones and Swift.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk). 2 members of the public.
Apologies Wilts Cllr Mrs Green. PCSO Gary Chambers.

There were no questions or statements from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.

Report from the Tisbury Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies had been received.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mrs Jose Green. Apologies had been received.

Cllr Havard opened the meeting at 7.45pm

14/033. There were no apologies for absence to consider.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

14/034. Chairman's announcements. None

14/035. Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items. None received.

14/036. Exclusion of the press and public. None required.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

14/037. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 6th May 2014.
Fovant PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes with one amendment to Page 1 - *It was reported that historically someone was dumping grass cuttings in the Brook. Advice was get evidence as WC will prosecute.*
Amended Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

14/038. To receive brief reports from Cllrs.
Footpath from RAF houses to Church Lane has been diverted, the correct route is overgrown.

14/039. Co-option of Cllr. Following recent resignations there are three vacancies on Fovant PC. One vacancy may be filled by co-option and the remaining two vacancies are being advertised.
To co-opt a Cllr onto Fovant Parish Council.
Mrs A turner and Mr R Nunn stood for co-option.
Fovant PC resolved to co-opt Mrs Turner and asked Mr Nunn to stand at the next co-option which should be at the July meeting.
Cllr Turner signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council

14/040. Update of actions from the meeting dated 6th May 2014.
i. (14/014) Clerk is still waiting for details from the contractor re emptying the litter bin at the recreation ground.
ii. (14/015) Clerk yet to get costs for dog signs.

iii. (14/020) Planning responses were sent to WC.
All other actions appear as agenda items.

14/041. A30 Triangle. At the recent CATG meeting the modified option 2 preferred by the Parish Council was put on hold. A request has been made to support the reduced option of a build out by the Pembroke Arms and extra signage on the build out.

(i) To consider the request made by CATG.

Fovant PC considered the option proposed and following discussion resolved Not to support this option. Clerk to inform CATG and Highways.

(ii) To confirm how much of a financial contribution Fovant PC wish to make towards this scheme.

This item was not discussed as Fovant PC did not support the proposal.

14/042. Flood Warden and Flood Plan. To receive an update from Cllr Holmes, Flood Warden for Fovant.

The brook in Fovant has one function, to transport water from one end of the village to the other, which enables houses to be built and lived in in the original flood area. With regular maintenance the properties were kept dry. This responsibility has now passed to the riparian owners for the brook frontage, and the original concept has been lost or is being ignored, or through age or infirmity, not now considered as a priority.

I believe that the Parish Council must act to reverse this trend, organising direct action to clear the brook of obstructions in the water course, as well as informing owners of their responsibilities, and offering help as or when it is needed.

Listed are the priorities, in order of priority;

1 Weed removal/reduction

2 Plant and soil/rubble removal at Toads Pond

3 Planted and built obstructions in the water course (6 no to date)

4 Enlarge/increase flow at Sling Orchard bridge

5 Enlarge/increase flow at Mill Lane bridge

6 Remove derelict foot bridge opposite Old Fovant House

7 Rebuild all bridges which have supports in the brook

8 Remove the redundant sluice at Rose Cottage

A reserve of sand and sand bags will soon be available in the village, and a small work force, of people who will not directly be effected by flooding, will be required to fill and distribute filled bags to properties under threat, in-order that owners can stay with their homes and property.

Constant low key monitoring will be required, and an action plan drawn up, in-order that every one is fully aware of what is required of them.

Need to clarify with the EA when weed can be cut.

Need to do the flood plan.

SWOFWG meeting on 25th June. Cllr Holmes and Clerk will attend.

Cllr Holmes has spoken to Mr Russell.

14/043 Councillor Responsibilities. To confirm Cllr responsibilities for the current council year.

Flood Warden Cllr Holmes

Police / NHW Cllr Holmes

Highways Cllr Mrs Jones

Recreation Ground Cllr Swift

Rights of Way Vacant

Website Vacant

Village Hall Cllr Mrs Jones

14/044 PLANNING. There were no planning applications waiting on a response from Fovant PC.

Planning applications received after the date of the agenda. Only one application has been received and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

14/05400. The Spinney, Wyatts Orchard. Alterations to conservatory on west elevation of existing property.

14/045 Tree applications. At the time of publishing this agenda there were none.

Highway

14/046 Traffic speed along A30 travelling west between West Farm and end of the speed limit.

A concern has been raised at the traffic speeds on this stretch of road. Fovant PC resolved to request a metrocount for this stretch of road.

14/047 Condition of Church Lane, Fovant. A complaint has been made regarding the poor condition of this road. It also mentions the damage caused to all the local roads used by larger vehicles.

Cllr Mrs Jones will report this to Highways.

14/048 Use of the Parish Emergency Plan.

Clerk to locate an original electronic copy so that it may be reviewed and updated.

Finance

14/049 Year ending 31st March 2015.

(i) To note the balance of the accounts

Fovant PC noted the balance of the bank account which stands at £10,381.11 with a total of £507.48 in unpresented cheques making a balance carried forward of £9,873.30

(ii) To authorise payments due.

Fovant PC authorised payments totalling £1/098.29..

Cllr Mrs Turner to be an account signatory. Clerk to sort out paperwork.

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)

Account and Audit Regulations 2003 reg 4

14/050 Contacting the Clerk and response. A complaint has been made that the Clerk does not respond to parishioners when contacted.

No further action on this matter.

14/051 Information to be submitted to the Three Towers. The following email has been received;

the Clerk forwarding a lot to the Magazine without doing her job of making a proper advert as Elizabeth always did. I cannot print whole pages in large type with all FPC personal details.

Clerk was asked to try and keep submissions to the Three Towers as simple as possible.

14/052. Commemoration of the Outbreak of WW1.

A service is being held at Tidworth on July 30th.

14/053 Website. To consider the upgrade to the Fovant PC website. Cllr Havard will look into the cost of a new website and report back at a future meeting. To remain as an agenda item.

14/054 Clerk's Report.

Insurance schedule has been finalised, the new policy was considerably less than the previous policy but the excess is higher.

JSA report – Clerk to circulate

Invitation to Fovant Badges Drumhead service – Cllr Swift will represent Fovant PC and RSVP.

Enquiry re the Rainbow Centre and what the PC planned when they listed it as an asset of community value.

Attended CATG at Dinton.

SWWAB – 4th June at Broadchalke village hall.

14/055 **To note items for the agenda of the next meeting.** The next PC meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.45pm. Any items for the agenda should be sent to the Clerk before Monday 23rd June 2014.

Cllr Havard closed the meeting at 9.16pm.

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

1st July and 2nd September

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

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