

# Fovant Parish Council

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## **Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm at Fovant Youth Club, High Street, Fovant, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

### **02.05.01 Those present and apologies for absence**

Present: T. Phillips (Chairman), D. Horne (Vice Chairman), W. Hobbs, M. Wallis, A. Cousley

Apologies: A. Havard, S. Barr, Wiltshire Councillor N. Najjar

In attendance: T. Culver-James, Clerk

### **02.05.02 Declarations of Interest**

None made.

### **02.05.03 Chairman's Introduction**

The Chairman reflected that the Annual Parish Meeting had been successful, if had required considerable work for the documentation. Also highlighted was the importance of determining policy initiatives for the council in the coming year, and he suggested that highways and traffic issues should be a priority. The report from the Highways Engineer regarding the A30 junction has not yet been provided, and the Chair would chase this again. Discussion ensued as to viability of additional measures to improve pedestrian safety at particular danger spots in the village. The council does have financial resources to support significant matched grant projects; it is important to ensure our funds are fully utilised to the benefit of residents.

### **02.05.04 Resolution of minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved and signed into the record.

### **02.05.05 Report from Wiltshire Councillor**

None given. However, a report from Mr Najjar was issued to the Annual Parish Meeting on 19 April, and is available in the new Engagement section of the Village Website, 'Annual Parish Meetings' .

### **02.05.06 Planning matters requiring Consideration/Resolution**

No current applications. The outcome of the appeal referring to PL/2021/09778 (Station Works, Tisbury) is still awaited, and its impact on Fovant will be further considered. Clerk is to provide councillors with details of the conditions associated with planning determinations at the Greater Good Public House. It was suggested that the relationship between the new letting building and the functioning of the main building as a public house would be important.

### **02.05.07 Financial Matters requiring Consideration/Resolution**

Income and expenditure report for the period 7<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> May was presented and is attached to these minutes.

Lack of progress in instituting Xero accounting system was noted and this must be done urgently. An Extraordinary meeting of the council will be held during June, following an Internal Audit, to agree the accounting report to be submitted to the External Auditors, PKF.

### **02.05.08 Other matters requiring Consideration/Resolution**

- a. Cllr MW updated the meeting on progress with a planned Highway Code awareness week, likely to be held in September when the new school year has started. The practicality of additional pedestrian footways in the village was discussed, and it was agreed that TP would formulate two further project applications to the LFHIG. "No Footpath" signage is still awaiting provision by the contractor.
- b. Both TP and DH will continue to apply pressure to Wiltshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner with respect to consideration of data submissions from the village SIDs. TP will write to confirm the policy of the Police on the format for data.
- c. MW reported on the working group's meeting with Wiltshire Council regarding plans for development or refurbishment of the Clays Orchard site. Wiltshire Council continue to stress their intention to improve the site, with the consideration of residents wishes as key. MW suggested that real progress may take two years.
- d. Correspondence from a member of the public about the impact on local reivers from a various run-offs was noted. MW referred to a recent incident of green and other waste being tipped into the Brook; the waste had been rapidly identified and the downstream material removed with the assistance of the householder. It was decided to write to residents pointing out riparian duties and responsibilities. TP recalled that about ten years ago the Council had written a booklet, reflecting advice from the Environment Agency, and delivered it to riparian householders; he would see how this could be updated.
- e. A particular issue of potentially obstructive green growth on the edge of High Street has been informally resolved. MW suggested that an unofficial approach to a relevant householder was the best approach, rather than a formal letter from the Clerk; the formal measure to be undertaken only if the initial approach is unsuccessful.
- f. AC informed the meeting that the Greater Good public house was likely to reopen, but limited to wet sales only, i.e. discontinuing the service of food. As noted, Clerk to provide details of planning conditions in this regard.
- g. MW reported on the distribution of the two page summary of local events news letter. Resident DD is particularly interested in the maintenance of a printed version of this, and it was suggested that he be encouraged to drive developments. Meanwhile, Dr Kinlin will be approached to ask if copies of the summary could be displayed in the Surgery.
- h. It was agreed (TP/DH unanimous) to provide funding of £300 to support Fovant Fete, being held on 19 August at East Farm courtesy of the Williams family.
- i. The Clerk has approached Wiltshire Council to determine the council's legal position regarding the recreation ground.

**The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.**