

Fovant Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at 7pm Tuesday 10th January 2023

At Fovant Village Hall, Tisbury Road, Fovant

10.01.01

Those present:

Parish Councillors T. Phillips (Chairman), D. Horne (vice Chairman), M. Wallis, A. Havard, A. Cousley.

Also in attendance T. Culver-James (Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor N. Najjar (until 7.32pm).

Apologies received from Councillors W. Hobbs, S. Barr.

10.01.02

Declarations of Interest

None made.

10.01.03

Chairmans Introduction

TP referred to the ongoing Station Works (Tisbury CP) application, having received from the Chairman of Tisbury PC an advance copy of a letter requesting financial support towards their legal costs in opposing this. Representatives from Wiltshire Council have agreed to attend the next FPC meeting to discuss to plans for refurbishment or redevelopment of Clays Orchard. A briefing to FPC in person from Wiltshire Police is still being sought. Also drew attention to the request from the Electoral Review Committee following his informal meeting with them on Thursday 3rd November 2022, regarding a request from FPC outstanding since 2019 to reduce the number of Councillors from 9 to 7. FPC is asked either to confirm this request or withdraw it.

10.01.04

Resolution of minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st November 2022, with the accompanying financial statement were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

10.01.05

Report from Wiltshire Councillor

Councillor Najjar highlighted five issues. These were the Station Works development and the classification of Tisbury as a Service Centre for the Nadder Valley. Also reference was made to Area Board funding applications still possible in advance of the next meeting in March. He further spoke

about the future of accommodation at Clays Orchard, stressing that minimal disruption to residents and their views being paramount. With regards traffic and speeding issues, he praised the efforts made by FPC. Finally, he would support a view regarding the governance of FPC, that the number of councillor seats should remain at nine.

10.01.06

Financial Matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

- a. It being decided to, in money terms, to not increase the precept, the application and the budget plan underpinning it were approved.
- b. Consideration made as to the viability of administering accounting software in house.
- c. Resolved to pay £438.25 for road signage. (DH/AH-unanimous)
- d. Resolved to pay up to £1,400 for installation of two Glasdon bins.(MW/AC-unanimous). Clerk to confirm emptying contract with idVerde.
- e. Resolved to pay £1,000 towards cost of new village notice boards at FVH.(TP/AC-unanimous)
- f. Income and expenditure November/December 2022 approved.

10.01.07

Planning Matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

- a. The request from Tisbury CP for a financial contribution was discussed in the context of the potential impact on Fovant and other neighbouring parishes by the proposed development at the Tisbury Station site. Focus on the Wiltshire Core Strategy and any issues regarding. Noted that the Planning Inspector's hearing will commence on 21st February. Resolved, at this time, not to make financial contribution to Tisbury PC legal costs in opposing the application. The Chair will reply to Tisbury CP Chair.

10.01.08

Other matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

- a. It was agreed that the number of Councillors on FPC should remain at 9. The Clerk and Chair will separately advise the Electoral Review Committee.
- b. AH reported that the updated heat pumps were performing satisfactorily in the Village Hall.
- c. DH emphasizes that police response to speeding issues are data driven, and progress seems to be made with informal contact by both he and TP with the Warminster NPT.
- d. The Warm Spaces initiative has not been in great demand, and will be kept under review.
- e. Options regarding A30 junction should be received from the Highways Engineer in February. Following this, it is suggested that the village be consulted in greater detail about the best way to proceed.
- f. MW and AC reported on the Emergency Plan. In particular, MW has liaised with the Parish S Steward to implement a regime of gully and drain clearance to mitigate flood risks. The Youth Club have agreed to act as a "safe haven", access through a key box, details of which will be available as required. Clerk to check on insurance implications for volunteers acting in events deemed appropriate for PC involvement.

- g. A letter drop to canvas interest in the future production of a village news sheet of 4-6 pages awaits assessment that the monthly printing costs would be justifiable and the distribution mechanism feasible.
- h. A resident has for some time been suggesting a highly detailed map of the village to be placed on the village hall. The idea does not seem to be viable.
- i. Along with matters arising, uniformed Police enforcement of traffic issues and the final budget will be on the Agenda at the next meeting.

10.01.09

Agreed that the national salary award agreed by the National Joint Council be implemented per the Clerk's contract.

10.01.10

Next meeting to be Tuesday 7th March 2023.