

FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 06 at 7.30 pm at The Pavilion

PRESENT J Jones (Chairman JJ) G Williams (GW) G Powell (GP) N Moorcraft (NM) M Williams (MW) D Clarke (DVC) S Wood (SW) A Corby (AC) J Hardwick (JH) late arrival.

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor J Pemberton (JP) PC N James (NJ) two residents.

1. APOLOGIES P Daines D Colley H Mansell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 06

The minutes were confirmed and agreed, proposed by SW, seconded by NM and signed by the Chairman.

4. FEEDBACK ON ACTION POINTS NOT ON AGENDA

9 Awaiting draft proposals.

12 Clerk has reported this matter.

13 Clerk has written an article for The Flag which has been published.

5. POLICE UPDATE

Latest West Mercia Police update has been received and added to correspondence file. Rumble strips situated in Fownhope are declared redundant and are no longer used as a method of speed indication. It is possible that in the future portable slow down signs can be loaned to the Parish Council. There are however, several conditions attached to such equipment.

Concern was expressed regarding Capler Lane that at night motorists are speeding causing a danger to walkers as there is no footpath. PC N James stressed the importance to the Council to bring any such matters to his attention promptly and not wait until a Council meeting as an information point. Disappointment was expressed at the lack of support from Fownhope Council and residents at the latest Forum meetings as this is a good opportunity to speak on matters concerning the Parish.

6. HEREFORD COUNCIL UPDATE

Ward Councillor J Pemberton informed the meeting of the following matters. Fownhope in 2007 will become part of the Leominster Constituency for the next General Election. This has been set by the Boundary Commission and is for geographical reasons. It was stressed Hereford Council had no legislation in this matter.

Planning issues. Reference was made to the new draft White Paper on Planning applications and Planning matters.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 The meeting confirmed the precept for 2007/2008 should remain at £16000.00. This was proposed by JH, seconded by SW and agreed by the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow two members of Fownhope Resident's Association to participate in the financial discussion. The residents required clarification and explanation of the Parish Council funds including reserve funds and to what end uses these funds would be used. These explanations were given by Council members including the Chairman and JH.

The Chairman opened the meeting. The following payments were proposed by JH, seconded by SW and agreed by the meeting.

- 7.2 Room hire £7.00.
- 7.3 Lengthsman's work £90.00
- 7.4 Lengthsman's work £32.00
- 7.5 Clerk travel £53.17
- 7.6 Clerk printer ink £23.38
- 7.9 Scotch Firs grass cutting £230.00
- 7.10 Stones for repairing track £83.76
- 7.11 Recreation Field Association contribution £750.00
- 7.12 Hacker Young Audit Fee £141.00

For information:

- 7.7 PWLB repayment December 06. £1158.84
- 7.8 Transfer £28000.00 from Nat West Account to Savings Account

8. PLANNING

JH reviewed all matters and relevant applications from the December 06 Planning Sheet.

9. PARISH LAND REAR OF HALL

The Clerk had recently received a letter from a resident with concerns on this matter which was read to the meeting. At the Council's request, the Clerk will reply to this letter.

Action: Clerk

JH explained the latest discussions regarding the legal procedure. We are now waiting for a draft agreement and transfer of land ownership. These will be sent to the Clerk by our Solicitors. The Clerk reported that to date no response had been received from the School.

10. RECREATION FIELD BOUNDARY

The Chairman and Council thanked MW for all his hard work and Community spirited effort in repairing the Track for the winter months ahead. It was considered that both the hedge and boundary trees were in need of trimming. The Clerk will gain advice on this matter. **Action: Clerk**

11. PARISH PLAN PROJECTS

There was nothing further to report at this meeting

12. VENTURE AREA

The Chairman is waiting for an opportunity to meet with Hereford Council to take advice on this project.

Action: Chairman

13. SALT BINS

The meeting reported that these were now prepared for Winter use.

14. PATHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS PAGET WOOD

The meeting reported that dogs are annoying people in this area, the Clerk will make this aware to the Footpaths Officer.

Action: Clerk

15. COMMON HILL UPDATE

The Chairman reported the latest development and meetings taken place. DVC reported on the two trees near Rock Cottage which have been inspected and require attention. It was agreed two quotations would be obtained. The meeting agreed to a cost of up to £400.00 to allow a fast response to this matter. The Clerk has negotiated a 50% participation of the costs involved for removing the tree near to Rock Cottage.

Action: Clerk and JH tree quotation

16. CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

The Chairman reviewed the December 06 correspondence.

17. MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Lane name suggestions GW
- Bus shelter NM
- Footpath West Villas JH
- AONB report DVC
- Committee Group representatives reports to Council meetings. SW

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 07 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.45 pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

