



FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT FOWNHOPE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2010 AT 07.30 PM

Present:

Parish Councillors:

D Colley Outgoing Chairman
G Williams Incoming Chairman
J Boothman
D Clark
P Daines
J Hardwick
F Jolley
M Williams

M Preedy Acting Parish Clerk

3 members of the public were present.

Ward Councillor Pemberton had apologised for being unable to attend owing to potential conflicts of interest during the pre-election period.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman gave tribute to two notable parishioners who had recently passed away.

Phillip Paton was a much respected policeman who was based in the village for several years. Phil will be particularly remembered for his generosity in the gift to Fownhope Parish of the fine Pavilion, which he continued to support both financially and as Trustee of the Fownhope Recreation Field Association.

Vera Biggs of Canon House, fondly known as 'Little Vera' to distinguish her from her name sake of Tan House, had a long career as administrator of Hereford General Hospital before becoming clerk to the Parish Council. She was a driving force behind the recording of public footpaths in the parish at the time of the creation of the Definitive Maps for footpaths.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Decisions:

Cllr G Williams was elected as Chairman for the next 12 months.

Cllr D Clark was elected as Vice-Chairman for the next 12 months.

Having duly signed the Acceptance of Office form Cllr G Williams took over the Chair from Cllr D Colley.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Decision: Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Corby, Jones, Mansell and Pascoe.

3. Declarations of interests. None declared

ACTION

4. Minutes of the last meeting. .

Decision: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Clerk

5. Public Consultation on agenda items. Members of the public were asked if they wished to comment on any of the agenda items. None responded.

6. Appointments to Working Groups.

Decision: Councillors would act as representatives and participate in Working Groups as detailed at **Annex A**. Representatives to the FRFA would be decided at next meeting

7. Invoices for Payment.

Decision: The following payments were approved - £1,251.80 for renewal of insurance, £251.80 to Tudors Building Ltd, £69.00 to M Dyer.

Clerk

8. Biggs Lane. The legal transfer of ownership had been confirmed and this was being registered with HM Land Registry.

Decision: Improvements to the ramp from the lane to the Memorial Hall car park would now be implemented.

Cllr Colley

9. Caplor Lane Parking. The Churchwardens were arranging for the no-parking signs to be raised so they were more clearly visible. It would also be beneficial if congregations were alerted to the problems created for access for farm vehicles and emergency services by parking beyond the church wall. An article could also be usefully placed in the 'Beneficial'.

Decision: A letter would be sent to the Rector encouraging him to continue his efforts to raise the awareness of his congregations to the problems with parking. He would also be approached directly on the subject.

**Clerk
Cllr Daines**

10. Disposal of Bulky Waste. Possible alternatives for the freighter service were discussed including the purchase of a skip or a trailer which could be taken once a month to Rotherwas. The cost of dumping this waste and whether permits could be granted for the Parish Council would also have to be ascertained.

Decisions:

Herefordshire Council would be approached to ascertain whether permits could be issued to a Parish Council.

Clerk

(Secretary's Note: Herefordshire Council's Waste Disposal management will only decide on fees after they know full details of what is being proposed. They are not aware of any other Parish considering this. They advise that a Waste Carriers Licence would be necessary together with appropriate insurance. They point out that commercial contractors have these and also include Waste Site fees in their charges.)

Enquiries would be made to determine whether neighbouring parishes had set up an alternative arrangements.

Clerk

(Secretary's Note: None notified.)

HALC would be asked if other Parish Councils have found alternatives to the freighter service.

(Secretary's Note: HALC are not aware of any.)

11. Recreation Area Posts. Proposals to widen the gap between the posts adjacent to the Recreation Field play area to allow pushchairs to pass between them were outlined. There would be little cost involved and the work could be carried out by the Lengthsman.

Decisions:

A sum not exceeding £100 was approved for the project.

FRFA agreement would be obtained before any action was taken.

12. Replacement Clerk. Having obtained the resignation of the current clerk the way was clear to consider choosing a replacement.

Decisions

The post would be advertised on the HALC website.

The Employment Group would meet in June/July to decide on the best course of action.

13. Minor items and Announcements.

A proposal to place a metal plaque on the church wall commemorating the reopening of the Stocks would be discussed at the next meeting.

An update on the FRFA AGM was given. The FRFA would be asking the Parish Council for a donation towards the costs of work for an improved soak-away, strimming and weed-killing. The next FRFA meeting would be on 14th July.

Slow progress was likely on the installation of an additional bus stop on the B4224.

A proposal to clear the footway between the Lucksall and the Holme Lacy bridge would be discussed at the next meeting.

The future of the old Tourist Information board would be discussed yet again at the next meeting.

It was reported that the circular bench around the tree at Court Garden had been extensively damaged and would need replacing. The matter was being investigated and would be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk

**Clerk
Cllr Colley**

Clerk

**Employment
Group**

G Williams Chairman

Annex A - Councillors Appointments

Cheque signatories:

Derek Colley
John Hardwick
Hilary Mansell
Martin Williams
Gareth Williams

Children's Play Area

John Jones

Common Hill Management Committee

Peter Daines
Gareth Williams
Jean Boothman

Emergency Co-ordinator

Fred Jolley

Employment

Martin Williams
David Clark
Ann Corby
Gareth Williams
John Hardwick

Environment

Ann Corby
Jean Boothman
Gareth Williams
Fred Jolley
Martin Williams

Finance Group:

M Williams (Head)
G Williams
H Mansell
D Colley
Peter Daines
David Clark
John Hardwick

Footpaths

David M Clark (Leader & P3 Manager)
John Hardwick
Peter Daines
Ann Corby
Derek Colley
Maurice Spratt (co-opted)

Co-opted Volunteer Waywardens:

Rodney Hill

Nick Kingsford
Pam Colley

FRFA

Vacancy
David Pascoe
Fred Jolley

Lengthsman Manager

Derek Colley

Memorial Hall

Peter Daines

Minor Highways

Gareth Williams
Derek Colley
Peter Daines

Neighbourhood Watch

Fred Jolley

Non Motorised Route Out of Hereford Reps

Peter Daines
Fred Jolley

Parish Plan Steering Group

Jean Boothman
David Clark
Fred Jolley
Martin Williams

Planning

John Hardwick
Ann Corby
John Jones
Hilary Mansell
Gareth Williams
David Pascoe
Jean Boothman

United Charities Trustees Reps

John Hardwick
Christopher Whitmey (co-opted)
Martin Williams

Venture Area

David Pascoe