

FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 07 at 7.30 pm at The Pavilion

PRESENT M Williams (MW Chairman) A Corby (AC) P Daines (PD) D Colley (DC) D Pascoe (DP) J Boothman (JB) F Jolley (FJ) D Clark (DMC) G Williams (GW)

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) PC N James and 5 residents

1. APOLOGIES J Jones J Hardwick H Mansell Ward Councillor J Pemberton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 07

The minutes were confirmed and agreed proposed by GW seconded by FJ and signed by the Chairman.

4. ACTION POINTS NOT ON AGENDA

PD reported on the Wye Valley Passport Scheme which also helps to support local business.

5. POLICE UPDATE

PC N James reported on matters related to Fownhope. In the Mill Farm area a police helicopter had been used. DC reminded the meeting that on 17 June 07 the Recreation Field will be used for a football tournament and warned of associated traffic and parking problems.

6. HEREFORD COUNCIL UPDATE None

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Clerk fee £716.50

7.2 Clerk travel £69.80

7.3 Exceptional expenses Code of Conduct and Register of Interests for Council members £33.40

7.4 Lengthsman work as instructed £377.00

The above items were proposed by DC seconded by PD and agreed by the meeting.

7.5 Finance Group report from DC

DC reviewed the main items discussed at the Finance Working Group meeting 29 May 07 (attachment of DC notes to record book minutes)

It was agreed new quotations would be prepared for the Track.

The skateboard ramp finances of donations, grants and payments made would be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance Group.

The Finance Group do not recommend a fence around the Boules area as it is not calculated into the present precept and the need for such an item is also questioned. The meeting agreed with this decision.

DC explained the need of a Safety Officer to satisfy the parameters required on risk assessment including the regular checks needed on Parish equipment such as the Venture Play Area and play area in the Recreation Field. DP kindly offered to take the role of Safety Officer and was thanked by the Chairman and Council members.

FJ reported that from donations of £750.00 made by the Council to the Recreation Field they in turn record £800.00. It was agreed FJ would investigate this.

Action: FJ

8. PLANNING

Reference was made to the Planning Sheet and comments made by the Planning Working Group on all applications received.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

This revised May 07 Code and all associated papers has been distributed to all members of the Council. The Clerk explained the amendments made in particular 12.2 regarding a Council member with prejudicial interest and the new approach which can now be taken. It was proposed by GW seconded by FJ and agreed by the meeting that the new Code be adopted by the Council, including Section 12.2 for prejudicial interests.

10. STREET LIGHTING

After discussion on methods available and possible locations, it was agreed by the Council not to proceed with any further actions on this matter.

11. PLASTIC BAGS

The use and present re-cycle actions being taken by businesses in Fownhope village was discussed. It was agreed a responsible approach was being taken. It was also agreed the Clerk should include an article in The Flag top maintain public awareness.

Action: Clerk

12. BUS SHELTER

It was agreed the Clerk contact Hereford Council for further confirmation and clarification on this matter. Most probably a further site meeting being required together with selected Council members.

Action: Clerk

13. RAISED FOOTPATH TUMP COTTAGE

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow comments from residents. It was considered that this raised pathway area was a safety hazard.

The Council agreed that a further meeting should be made with Hereford Council to discuss this matter and possible acceptable solutions.

Action: Clerk

14. PARISH PLAN ACTIONS AND PROGRESS

DMC agreed to take on this project to review progress made and have available for discussion at the December 07 meeting when further decisions and revisions could be made.

Action: DMC

15. LAND REAR OF HALL

The meeting agreed that definitive action was now needed to bring this prolonged project to a satisfactory conclusion. It was agreed MW JJ and DC would carry through this matter with our solicitors to achieve this result.

Action: JJ DC MW

16. CONSTITUTION RECREATION FIELD

After discussion on the principles of the present Constitution and suggestions for a revised model, it was proposed by PD seconded by DC and agreed by the meeting a working group of Parish Council members PD DC DMC and MW would be formed. Their conclusions and suggestions would be taken and discussed with the Field Group Committee.

Action: PD DC DMC MW

It was also agreed that a copy of the present Charity Commission insurance for the field would be obtained by the working group during these discussions and given to the Clerk for future reference.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from individual residents and Fownhope Resident's Association regarding state of pavements were discussed by the Council. It was expressed that residents should be encouraged to write the Parish Council and Hereford Council to gain greater impact and anticipated actions. The Finance Group will investigate costs involved to repair selected pavements.

Action: Finance Group

18. MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

West Villas

Court Orchard mesh on banking applied to other areas

Public have an opportunity to speak before the Council meeting

Scotch Firs fly tipping problems

Planning procedures

Terrier

19. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR RESIDENTS

Concerns were expressed at the volume of traffic and associated parking problems with the Football Club on Saturday events.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 4 JULY 07 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.30 pm

Signed.....Chairman

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