

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
FOWNHOPE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY AT 07.30 PM**

Present:

Parish Councillors:

M Williams Chairman
J Boothman
D M Clark
D Colley
A Corby
P Daines
J Hardwick
F Jolley
J Jones
H Mansell
G Williams

Parish Clerk:

J Bateman

10 Members of the public were present.

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Decision: Cllrs M Williams and G Williams would remain as Chairman and Vice-chairman for the next 12 months.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pascoe.

Ward Councillor Pemberton had sent her regrets at being unable to attend.

3. Declarations of Interest. The Chairman declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 13.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Decision: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.

5. Public Consultation Session on Agenda Items.

No takers.

6. Accounts.

a. Payments.

Decisions:

Payment was authorised for the following invoices:

£72 for swing seats
£140, £24 and £92 for Court Garden materials
£234 for HALC subscription

ACTIONS

All

Clerk

Clerk

£674 for insurance
£1,394 to reimburse cash purchases for Court Garden items
£970 for Lengthsman and Court Garden labour costs

Details of invoices known at the time of issue would be included in future agendas **Clerk**

Liaison would take place with the Field Recreation Association to ensure that the mowers were insured **Clerk**

b. Tan House Bridge Silt Investigation.

Decision: Payment of up to £120 was authorised for the hire of labour and materials to investigate the build up of silt under tan House Bridge. **Cllr Colley**

c. 07/08 accounts.

Decision: The Statement of Accounts at **Attachment A** was approved. **Clerk**

7. Appointments to working Groups.

Decisions:

The appointments to working groups detailed at **Attachment B** were approved. **All**

The requirement for representatives to United Charities would be investigated **Clerk**

8. Dates of future meetings.

Decision: Future council meetings were scheduled for 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 3 Sep, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec, 4 Feb, 4 Mar, 1 Apr and 6 May. **All**

9. To decide the winner of the Sports Award.

Nomination speeches were heard and a secret ballot taken.

Decisions:

The winner of the Sports Award for 2008/9 was declared as Phyllis Dinnie. **All**

The Chairman would write formally congratulating her. **Clerk
Chairman**

It was intended to present the cup to her at the next Heart of Oak Club walk. **Chairman**

10. Pavement Outside West Villas.

Agreement in principle on improvements had been reached with the owners.

Decision: The Finance Group, with Cllr Jolley as co-opted member, would progress the issue. **Hd Fin group
Cllr Jolley**

11. Tourist Information Notice Board.

The board belonged to Ross Tourist Information Board, who would remove it if requested, but would no longer maintain it. The board might be used by the Parish but its key was missing.

Decision: The suitability of the board for Parish use and the location of the missing key would be investigated.

Cllr Jones

12. Representation of the Council at Village Events.

After considerable discussion there was no consensus as to whether this was an issue or, if it was, what the solution would be.

13. Lea Brink Footpath.

As a landowner, the Chairman declared a non-prejudicial interest in the issue. Once it was known what actions Herefordshire Council were intending to take to clear the path a meeting of all those involved could take place to discuss possible courses of action.

Decision: The Rights-of-way Dept would be asked for clarification.

**Hd Footpath
Group
Clerk**

14. Minor information points.

The 4-drawer cabinet had proved unsuitable for the storage of community archives as it had no key. Consequently, the Parish had no use for it and it was being disposed of.

It was confirmed that wooden rails were being used for Court Garden and the intention was to stay within the budget set for the project.

Cllr Colley was given a vote of thanks for his excellent hard work on the Court Garden Project.

All

Items suggested for the next agenda included Speed Indicator Devices, Communications Policy and proposals for meetings of parishioners living in individual areas of the Parish.

Clerk

Jem Bateman

**Clerk
8 May 08**

Attachments:

- A.** Statement of Accounts.
- B.** Appointment to working groups.