



FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT FOWNHOPE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2009 AT 07.30 PM

Present:

- Parish Councillors:
- M Williams Chairman
 - J Boothman
 - D M Clark
 - D Colley
 - A Corby
 - P Daines
 - F Jolley
 - H Mansell
 - D Pascoe
 - G Williams

Parish Clerk:
J Bateman

Ward Councillor Pemberton was in attendance.

Four Members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were accepted from Councillors :J Hardwick, J Jones
2. **Declarations of interest.** Councillor Jolley declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 5b.
3. **Approval of the last Minutes of the last meeting.**

Decision: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.
4. **Public Consultation Session on Agenda Items.** None received
5. **Finance.**
 - a. **Payments**

Decision: The following invoices were approved for payment.

£1,000 for Churchyard maintenance

Clerk's salary, £913.71, and expenses, £159.46

HALC Posters £6

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Court Garden expenses £68.92

b. FRFA Finances

The Council had received a letter from the FRFA requesting financial assistance.

Decision: The sum of £500 would be forwarded to the FRFA, this payment being dependant on

Clerk

The production of financial plan to include forecast income and expenditure including outstanding debts and intended adjustments to hire charges to bring the financial situation under control.

Production of bi-monthly reports summarising the current FRFA position.

More funding could be made available to secure the future of the field and pavilion should it be considered necessary after more information was available.

6. Tree Planting.

The environment group had met and considered potential sites. The only clear site at present appeared to be a corner of the Recreation field where it was possible a hazel grove could be planted.

Decision: The FRFA would be approached for comment on this proposal.

Clerk

7. Skateboard Ramp

Work had been authorised to repair the ramp but had not yet been carried out.

8. Church Croft Bus Shelter.

Decision: Herefordshire Council would be requested to provide a shelter.

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9. Meeting Dates.

Decision: Future meetings would take place on: 3rd June, 22nd July, 9th Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec, 3rd Feb, 3rd March, 7th April and 5th May.

All

10. FOI Model Publication Scheme.

Decision: The scheme was adopted.

Clerk

11. West Villas Pavements.

The highways dept were prepared to go ahead with the scheme to widen the pavements outside west villas. They would shortly be contacting the landowners involved to discuss the way ahead. The council would be closely involved in the negotiations.

12. Memorial Hall Parking.

Contrary to the agreement for shared use, the school had locked the gates preventing people using the hall from parking citing misuse of the shared area by badly behaved youths as the reason. A meeting had taken place with the school and an agreement reached that the gate would be left open and a sign erected by the school indicating the approved use of the area.

Decision: The school would be informed that the Council considered the appropriate wording for a sign would be: "Outside School hours this area is only to be used for Car Parking".

Cllr Colley

**Chairman
6 May 09**