



FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT FOWNHOPE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2010 AT 07.30 PM

Present:

Parish Councillors:

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

J Bateman Parish Clerk

Ward Councillor Pemberton, CSO Smith and PC James all sent their regrets at being unable to attend.

5 members of the public were present.

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies for Absence.</p> <p>Decision: Apologies were accepted from Cllr Daines.</p>	Clerk
<p>2. Declarations of interests. Non-prejudicial interests were declared as follows:</p> <p>Cllr Jolley in item 10 – FRFA Activities. Cllr Jones in Item 6a – Hope Springs Farm. Cllr Mansell in Item 6a – Mill Farm.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting. .</p> <p>Decision: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	Clerk
<p>4. Public Consultation on agenda items.</p> <p>Members of the public were asked if they wished to comment on any of the agenda items. None responded.</p>	
<p>5. Invoices.</p> <p>Decision: Payments were approved for Thorpes Solicitors (£341.50) in</p>	Clerk

respect of the transfer of Biggs Lane, HALC (£20) for a training course, the Clerk's salary (£1,163.72) and expenses (£132.90).

6. **Planning.** Un update on recent Planning Group activities was given. Two planning applications were considered.

Decisions:

Application DMCE/093291/F for a two storey extension and change of land use for an orchard at Nash House: The Council considered that the appearance of the proposed extension was in keeping with the existing building and also noted that it would not be visible from the road. A recommendation for approval would be made.

Clerk

Application DMCE/100004/FH for an attached link for a new garage and storage with ancillary bedroom and games/cinema room at Sunnybank, Mordiford: The Council was not opposed to an extension in principle but had reservations over the difference in materials and appearance the proposed structure would have compared to the existing building and over its size, especially as it would be visible from both the road and the river. In particular it felt that the use of a flat roof was inappropriate. It recommended that the Application should not be approved.

Clerk

7. **United Charities Trustees.** It was necessary to select a replacement Council representative.

Decision: Cllr M Williams would act as the Councils representative to the United Charities Trustees.

Cllr M Williams

8. **Common Hill Lane Phone Box.** If the Council were to acquire the Box it would have to pay costs for disconnecting the electricity supply and for removal, restitution of the site and of re-instatement elsewhere. The Council will also be subsequently responsible for insurance (including public liability insurance) and for any repair and maintenance to the Box.

Decision: The sum of up to £350 was approved to fund the purchase of the Box, which would be left in situ pending a further decision on its use.

Clerk

9. **Transport and Planning Development Questionnaires.**

Decisions:

Cllr Clark would respond on behalf of the Council to the questionnaire on 'The Local Transport Plan 2011-2026'.

Cllr Clark

The Planning Group would respond on behalf of the Council to the questionnaire on 'Shaping Our Place 2026'.

Hd Plan Gp

10. **Support to FRFA Activities.** It was reported the FRFA had formed a sub-committee to consider improvements to the Pavilion. Once the Council had heard from the FRFA on the matter it would be placed on the agenda again.

Action Ongoing

Clerk

11. **Annual Parish Meeting.** The Annual Parish meeting was scheduled to take place in the Pavilion on 5th May. The Clerk would be unable to attend the

meeting. A possible move to the Memorial Hall was not possible as it was already fully booked for that week. A greater number of parishioners might attend if a speaker on a topic of current interest could be obtained.

Decisions:

The Annual Parish Meeting would take place as scheduled.

Attempts would be made to obtain a suitable speaker for the event.

A replacement Clerk would be obtained.

Clerk

Clerk

Clerk/Chairman

12. Minor items and Announcements.

The Electricity Company would be carrying out tree surgery in the area to ensure the safety of its power lines. The Chairman had a set of maps showing where work on Council-owned land would be taking place.

The Lengthsman would be carrying out repairs to the wall on the Woolhope road and attending to overhanging brambles in Biggs lane.

Action was in hand to close a gap which had appeared in the Recreation Field Hedge.

Talks were taking place with Herefordshire Council on measures which might be carried out by the Lengthsman to address problems with Highland Stream in Common Hill Lane.

Footpaths and the provision of a wind turbine to serve the Pavilion would both be items on the next agenda.

**D Colley
Chairman
3 Mar 10**