

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT FOWNHOPE  
PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2008 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

Parish Clerk:  
J Bateman

Four Members of the public were present.

Prior to the meeting a member of the public expressed concern over the siting of bus stops. The Clerk undertook to ask the Highways Dept clarification.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mansell, Pascoe and G Williams

Ward Councillor Pemberton had expressed her regret at being unable to attend.

**2. Declarations of interest.** Cllrs Colley, Jolley and Jones all declared non-prejudicial interests in Item 10.

**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.**

Members of the public were invited to comment but declined.

**5. Accounts:**

**Decisions:**

Payment was approved for:

Clerk's salary £657  
Clerk's expenses £182  
RoSPA Safety Inspection £52  
Lengthsman £486

**ACTION**

**Clerk**

Approval was given to spend up to £600 to hire the Freighter skip between the hours of 8 and 10 on the first Saturday of each month throughout 2009.

**Clerk**

## **6. Planning Applications**

Application DCCE2008/1521/K for tree work at Stone house was considered. The Tree Warden had advised that, whilst the clearance of dead wood was appropriate, the proposal to reduce the crown would have a detrimental affect on the shape of the tree and leave it more prone to disease.

**Decision:** Recommended for refusal.

**Clerk**

## **7. LDF Options Consultation Paper**

**Decision:** Councillors would put forward their comments on the Paper to the Planning Group which would forward a composite reply.

**Hd Plan Gp**

## **8. Publicity for Fownhope Activities**

There was scope for increased publicity for Fownhope activities in the Hereford Times

**Decision:** A councillor would act as the focal point for advice and assistance to Fownhope organisations desiring increased publicity.

**Cllr Pascoe**

## **9. Nover Wood Drive**

Walking along the Green Lane at Nover Wood Drive was becoming difficult due to the encroachment of undergrowth and foliage.

**Decision:** Clearance of the lane would be arranged by the Footpaths Group using P3 funding.

**Hd Footpath Gp**

## **10. Recreation Field Track Parking Restrictions**

The FRFA was reluctant to cut the grass around the posts on either side of the track at the entrance to the Recreation Field.

**Decisions:** By a majority vote (3 for, 2 against, 4 abstentions) it was decided:

For a 2-month trial period the posts along the right hand side of the track, going into the field, would be removed and replaced with a no parking sign.

**Cllr Hardwick**

The FRFA would be advised of the trial and reminded of their remit to cut the grass

**Clerk**

## **11. Recreation Field Maintenance**

There was a requirement to ensure that the Recreation Field Hedges were being cut at the correct time of year and in the most appropriate way.

**Decision:** A Working Group would be formed to advise the Council on actions, dates and costs. Messrs Dereham and Price would be invited to join the Group together with the Tree Warden and a representative

**Cllr Corby**

from the FRFA.

## 12. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Herefordshire Council were offering to hire out SIDs to Council's which had detailed a requirement for them in their Parish Plans.

**Decision:** A meeting with Herefordshire Council would be arranged to assess the best site for a SID on the B4224 coming from the north.

**Cllr Hardwick**

## 13. Improvements to the Sewage System

Herefordshire Housing Ltd, Herefordshire Council Housing Needs & Development Manager, Herefordshire Council Engineering Dept and Welsh Water had all indicated a willingness to attend a meeting to discuss sewage matters.

### Decisions:

A Working Group would be formed to oversee sewage matters. The same group would deal with dredging the stream at tan House Bridge.

**Cllrs Colley,  
Hardwick &  
Jones**

Contact details would be forwarded to enable the Group to set up a meeting.

**Clerk**

## 14. Camping at Cherry Hill

Camping on private land at Cherry Hill was occasionally taking place. There were reports that litter had sometimes been left behind. It was unclear whether the owners were aware.

**Decision:** Local residents who were concerned and the owners would be given advice as necessary.

**Cllr Daines**

## 15. Equipment Store Graffiti

This item was added to the agenda as a pressing matter at the Chairman's discretion. The equipment store had been attacked by some rather untalented graffiti artists.

**Decision:** Up to £250 was approved for remedial action. The FRFA would be advised.

**Cllr Jones**

## 16. Minor information points

Announcements:

The Tourist Information notice board was being assessed by Cllr Jones to determine whether it could be put to any further use

The Clerk was contacting the Memorial Hall Committee to request cutting back of foliage from the retaining wall.

The heap of apparent rubbish on Common Hill Lane had been investigated and found to comprise natural materials.

Maintenance of the Silver Jubilee Tree at Even Pitts was being added

to the Terrier Register.

An update on plans to improve the pavement at Scotch Firs was being sought.

No response had been received from other parishes on the invitation to become involved in B4224 Improvements. The Highways Dept had agreed to a meeting and this was being arranged.

A meeting with Herefordshire Council's Engineering Department on Tan House Bridge was scheduled for Wednesday 9 Jul 08.

Herefordshire Council Streetscene & Disability Officers were being pressed for a reply on West Villas pavement.

Biggs Lane signs were being ordered.

An update on Parish Plan actions was outstanding.

United Charities were being contacted for an update.

Items suggested for the next agenda:

Improvements to the pavement between the Butcher and the Hall.  
Stocks.

West Villas pavement.

LDF Update

FRFA Constitution

Provision of a litter bin at the skateboard park

FRFA Insurance cover

**Jem Bateman**

**Clerk**

**3 Jul 08**