

FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 07 at 7.30 pm at The Pavilion

PRESENT M Williams (Chairman MW) D Colley (DC) D Clark (DMC) H Mansell (HM) J Jones (JJ) A Corby (AC) J Boothman (JB) P Daines (PD) F Jolley (FJ) D Pascoe (DP) G Williams (GW) J Hardwick (JH).

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and four residents.

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR RESIDENTS

It was noted that the field next to the Surgery had been ploughed. It was confirmed ploughing had been done within the allowable perimeter areas and that the bank containing wild orchids had not been disturbed and the tree canopy remained untouched.

The seats on the Play Area were reported as needing attention.

2. APOLOGIES

J Pemberton Ward Councillor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

AC Church funding.

MW GW DP FJ Recreation Field Funding. These were recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 07

The Chairman explained why sections in Financial Matters reference Recreation Field and Fownhope Walking Group had not followed correct meeting procedure and therefore would be removed from the minutes. The minutes would be re-issued. The minutes were then agreed by majority vote with four abstentions and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM MINUTES NOT ON AGENDA

Bus Stop shelter. The Clerk informed the meeting of a site visit with Hereford Council 8 November 07 to assess the area.

Land Transfer. Chairman to continue progress to try to finalise the matter.

New Clerk. One interview has taken place. Acting Clerk organised for December 07 meeting. The meeting was reminded to place advertisement in The Flag.

Flooding problems. Chairman to co-ordinate a meeting with Hereford Council.

6. **WEST MERCIA POLICE** No report.

7. **HEREFORD COUNCIL** No report

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were noted:

8.1 Lea Brink £250.00 contribution towards the new Track.

8.2 EON £58.94.

The following payments were agreed by the meeting:

8.3 Clerk fee £434.83

8.4 Hall rental £8.00

8.5 Hacker Young £158.83

8.6 Website £35.18

8.7 Track timber bollards £175.22. JJ questioned the need for these posts.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow DC to explain the history and planning requirement needed for the posts. DC explained that work had been carried out by himself saving costs compared to other quotations.

The Chairman opened the meeting. The Chairman expressed dissatisfaction at the way the work had been carried out without agreement and with the understanding quotations only would be prepared. The meeting was reminded by DMC and PD that the work was now done at a significant cost saving and to remove the posts and install new ones with an approved contractor would be at a higher cost. The meeting was asked to vote if payment should be made with voting on an equal basis with two abstentions. Following the standing orders procedure the Chairman made a second vote in favour of payment to DC of £175.22.

8.8 Precept 2008/09 to be confirmed at December 07 meeting.

8.9 Funding land near Fire Station. AC submitted costs for plants for this area (attached to main minutes). The meeting agreed subject to grant applications that £1000.00 from allocated reserves would be made available for this project.

Action: AC DMC to investigate funding available

8.10 Recreation Field funds for maintenance. It was agreed this would be referred to the Finance Working Group. The meeting requested that the accounts and full financial statement be made available.

Action: Chairman

8.11 Church request for funding. It was agreed this would be referred to the Finance Working Group.

8.12 Hereford Times Advertisement £55.05. This was agreed by the meeting.

9. PLANNING Nothing to report

10. CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS

The Chairman made reference to the Code of Conduct document where each Council member has signed their agreement.

11. RUBBISH BINS

The meeting confirmed that with the exception of the Recreation Field the various other bins were being emptied. The Clerk explained the reasons for the situation on the Recreation Field. The meeting would consider the Lengsthman for this need.

12. TOM SPRING

The poor condition of this area was described. After discussion PD suggested approaching the Scouts to determine if they would consider working on this project. This was agreed by the meeting.

Action: PD

13. VENTURE PLAY AREA

DP described how maintenance work was needed. The swings requiring repairs would for the meantime be removed for safety reasons. It was agreed a working group of AC GW and DC would investigate and make proposals for this area.

Action: AC GW DC

14. FRA CONSTITUTION

DMC distributed the prepared notes (attached to main minutes) and explained the items for consideration in preparation for a meeting with the RFA Committee.

15. 17.18 AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING**16. FOOTPATH AND LAND COURT ORCHARD TO HALL**

It was agreed this area needs attention and will be a project for The Lengsthman.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Tan House with concerns on the condition of the brook. This will be part of a site meeting with Hereford Council.

Letter received concerning traffic and farm vehicles on Capler Lane. It was suggested the Recreation Field could be used for overflow for Church parking.

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Light pollution Noverwood Drive

Stocks

SID

Posts specification and style

Documents and maps held by Clerk

Walking Group funds

Recreation Field maintenance

Bus Shelter

Common Hill management committee meetings

21. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Resident expressed great concern on the time taken and considered wasted on the two deleted financial matters and that the Council should be minded to do less point scoring between members which is not best for the community the Parish Council are serving.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 07 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 10.05 pm

Signed.....Chairman

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