

FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 07 at 7.30 pm at The Pavilion**

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and four residents

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR RESIDENTS

Parish resident Nick Kingsford described the concerns regarding traffic and speeding problems on the B4224 and explained what action elements he would like to initiate. He requested support from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be added to the October 07 agenda for consideration by the Council.

2. ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3. APOLOGIES Ward Councillor J Pemberton

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PD declared an interest in Planning Mill Farm which was duly recorded in the Register.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 4 JULY 07

The minutes were confirmed and agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

6. ACTION POINTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

PD confirmed The Terrier was again initiated.

FJ requested that West Villas as an agenda subject should be maintained for future discussion.

7. POLICE UPDATE

None available

8. HEREFORD COUNCIL UPDATE

None available

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following items for payment were proposed by PD seconded by DC and agreed by the meeting:

9.1 Pavilion rental £154.00

9.2 Lengthsman £40.00

9.3 Clerk fee £684.60

9.4 Clerk travel July/August 07 £67.43

9.5 Printer ink and stationery £42.74

9.6 Awards For All grant representing £10000.00 has been granted for the Recreation Field Track

9.7 FRA Walking Group. It was agreed that the request for an annual donation of £200.00 will be considered by the Finance Group during Precept Budget preparation.

9.8 Village Green area. It was agreed a plan and initial costs would be prepared for this area for further consideration by the Council. DP also explained that some funds were needed for general maintenance for the Venture Area.

Action: DC AC

9.9 Finance Group report given by DC. The recent meeting and results to discuss quotations submitted for the Track was explained and in particular the reasons of the costs submitted to the Track specification which had been defined to the companies involved. DC explained in details how this specification could be revised to be more cost effective. It was agreed that a meeting should take place with one of the companies to discuss this matter further and the Finance Group have a further meeting to review this discussion and any new findings.

Action: DC Finance Group

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by JH and agreed by the meeting that the Finance Group were given full authority to select the contractor and instruct them on the work scheduled.

10. PLANNING

Mill Farm. The Council support the application but have some concerns regarding the amount of glazing to the front entrance.

Malt House access track. The Council have no objections to this request, but recommend that the request is also submitted to the Recreation Field Committee for their comment.

11. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND ENTRANCE LANE

Documents for the School playground have been signed by both Governors and Parish Council. The outstanding land regulatory item as reported by Thorpes Solicitors was reported to the Council by the Chairman. The Clerk informed the Council on the agreement needs described by the owners of the lane in regard to a name and sign. The meeting agreed the School was free to start work on the playground area.

12. OVERHANGING TREES AND SHRUBS MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting agreed work should be done by the Lengsthman.

Action: JJ

13. FLOODING IN FOWNHOPE

The recent flooding was discussed in some detail. The Clerk had reported the matter to Hereford Council. At date of this meeting no reply had been received. It was explained the bridge area is planned for action by Hereford Council as a result of a site meeting earlier in the year. The letter and photographs submitted by Rev. D Clarke was reported to the Council. It was agreed that residents should be alerted to the availability of sandbags via The Flag.

Action: Clerk

14. BUS SHELTER

The Clerk reported the new findings from a recent meeting with Hereford Council. It was proposed by DMC seconded by DC and agreed by the meeting that the Parish Council confirm their agreement to establish this shelter and will contribute 25% towards costs. Hereford Council were requested to proceed accordingly.

Action: Clerk

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 It was agreed that the letters received by the Clerk prior to the meeting would be discussed at the October 07 meeting.

15.2 Clerk resignation. The Chairman reported with regret the resignation of the Clerk.

It was agreed an employment group would be formed from Council members at the next meeting. It was proposed by DC seconded by PD on behalf of the Council to thank the Clerk for all the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Council and the results which had been achieved.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

New Clerk employment group
Dog bins
Precept items for consideration
RFA Constitution
Light pollution Noverwood Drive
Speed and traffic problems B4224

17. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR RESIDENTS

Concerns were expressed of the use of small powered motor scooters being driven on the Recreation Field. In particular, safety concerns to residents and children using this area. It was agreed all such incidents should be reported to the Police. JJ agreed to be Police contact co-ordinator.

Action: JJ

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 07 AT 7.30 PM AT THE PAVILION.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.45 pm

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....