



FOWNHOPE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

Parish Councillors:

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

M Preedy Parish Clerk

Five members of the public were present.

Ward Councillor Pemberton had sent her apologies for being unable to attend.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Resolved: Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs D Pascoe, P Daines, J Jones. Ward member Josie Pemberton.

2. Declarations of interest.

G Williams declared a prejudicial interest in item 6
 D Colley declared a personal interest in item 17

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved: The minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st December were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Consultation. Nothing raised.

5. To receive presentation from Morrison Sellar regarding plans for a new classroom at St. Marys School for the Pre-school. Mr Sellar explained that for the past 10 years the pre-school had leased a classroom at the Primary School for a peppercorn rent. As the Primary School numbers are increasing the Governors have indicated they would need the classroom back by September 2012. The pre-school is well integrated with the school, so the decision to raise funds for an additional classroom was made. The 'Room for All' jubilee appeal is fully supported by the Diocese and five thousand pounds has already been pledged by local clubs. The additional classroom will be for school use during the school hours and will be available for community use there after. The financial support of the Parish Council was sought. Several queries were made by councillors.

ACTION

The chairman brought forward the following item:

17. To consider financial support for proposed plans for a new classroom to house pre-school

Resolved: The Parish Council support the principle of an additional classroom but need further details before any financial support can be discussed. Finance Group to meet to make recommendation.

**Finance
Group**

6. Payment of Invoices.

Resolved: the following invoices were approved:

- M Preedy £296.80, clerk's salary and expenses for January 2011
- M Dyer £262.25, lengthsman duties
- A4 Office products £151.50, filing cabinet
- Caple Ltd £337.23, half round bench
- Caplor Limited £156.00, road grit (Local Government Act 1972, s.137)

Clerk

7. To consider a snow and ice management plan. Councillors discussed the utility of having a plan to deal with untreated side roads and footways during adverse weather. The purchase of grit and grit bins were also discussed.

Resolved: Cllrs G Williams, D Clark and D Colley to formulate detailed plan for next meeting.

**Cllr G Williams
Cllr Clark
Cllr Colley**

8. To consider work needed on trees at Court Orchard as highlighted by Herefordshire Housing

Resolved: obtain quotes from local tree surgeons and accept lowest quote. Contact Primary School regarding trees on their land overhanging Biggs Lane.

Clerk

9. To form a working group to consider potential cuts to services by Herefordshire Council. Cllr Clark gave an overview of the proposed budget cuts by Herefordshire Council over the next 2 years. Parish Councils may wish to consider taking on certain services from Herefordshire Council.

Resolved: Cllrs Mansell, Jolley and Clark to discuss suitable services and report back at next meeting.

**Cllr Mansell
Cllr Jolley
Cllr Clark**

10. To discuss Local Election arrangements and agree to hire the Pavilion on the 15th March.

Resolved: Approval was given to hire the Pavilion for an election information evening.

Clerk

11. To receive update regarding the widening of the pavement at West Villas.

Resolved: An update regarding the progress of the project was provided. Cllrs Jolley and Colley to report back at next meeting.

**Cllr Jolley
Cllr Colley**

12. The following Planning application was considered: DMS/103276/F – Alpha House: Proposed two storey and single storey extensions to form annex for elderly relative and proposed improvement to parking and turning. Demolition of garage, shed and privy.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the application, provided the tree warden has no adverse comments.

Clerk

13. To receive an update on P3 Projects. Cllr Clark provided an update on forthcoming projects. It was noted that materials for several projects had not been delivered by Amey Herefordshire.

14. To receive update on relocation of Luckshall bus stop.

Resolved: Cllr Clark would contact Mr Williamson at Herefordshire Council.

Cllr Clark

15. To receive an update on Lengthsman Projects. Cllr Colley provided an update on recent lengthsman projects.

16. To report any highway defects to the Clerk.

Resolved: Clerk to follow up request for grit bin at Noverwood Drive. Pothole on the B4224 near the junction with the C1292 reported.

Clerk

18. To consider placing a safety hand rail at the bottom of Scotch Firs

Resolved: The Parish Council would not pursue a hand rail

19. To consider Diamond Jubilee Events in the village. The Parish Council discussed the request from Lady Darnley for ideas for Jubilee events and projects.

Resolved: the following ideas were put forward; commemorative mugs for parish children, Flower Festival, Jazz concert, Club walk.

Clerk

20. To agree schedule of Parish Council meetings for 2011.

Resolved: the following schedule was agreed – 2nd March, 6th April, 11th May, 8th June, 6th July, 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec

21. Minor items, announcements and updates on current projects (no discussion).

The start date of the work on Biggs Lane was queried.

It was suggested that the advice regarding street parties during the Royal wedding could go on the Parish Council's website.

An update from the recent FRFA committee was given. The next meeting is due to take place on the 16th March, with the AGM to be held on 27th April.

The fence around the pond needs to be repaired and FRFA ask that the Parish Council consider this request.

The Clerk to re-send the letter which was sent by J Bateman to the School.

G Williams and the Clerk to complete the Parish Plan information requested by HALC.

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Chairman

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Date