

FITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday, 8th September, 2015
held in Phoenix Hall, Netheravon at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT	Cllr. Alan Wood Cllr. Mrs .Corrine Gowman Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Wilshire Cllr. Mrs. Victoria Jago	Chairman
In Attendance	Mrs. Mary Towle	Clerk to the Council

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk reported that an email has been received from PCSO Maria Downham apologising for not being able to attend the meeting. She reported that she has checked the police system and she is pleased to advise that there have been no incidents reported in our Parish since the last meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting

REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, CHARLES HOWARD.

1. Highways Maintenance Contract.

The Council's maintenance contract with Balfour Beatty has been terminated, and information about this is shown on the attached Briefing Note 253.

Two thirds of the work of Balfour Beatty is sub-contracted, and this part of the work has now been taken under the direct control of Wiltshire Council. The remaining one third will remain with Balfour Beatty until next April.

The Council is carrying out a procurement procedure to appoint a new Highways Contractor to start next April.

There has been no financial loss or additional cost to the Council as result of the termination of the Balfour Beatty contract.

2. Retrieval of Unwanted Green Garden Waste Bins.

From 15th June an annual charge of £40 became payable for the collection of garden waste in the green bins, and 76,000 residents of Wiltshire registered for the service.

Those who did not sign up for the service have two options about their green bins:

- a. To apply to the Council for their bins to be retrieved. Many have already applied to the Council for their bins to be collected, and details of the retrieval arrangements are given in the attached Briefing Note 254. Note that retrievals will start from Monday 14th September, and that the Council will be notifying those concerned about the day on which their bin will be retrieved.

For residents who have not yet asked for their bin to be retrieved, the contact details are:

Ring 0300 456 0102 or

Email to wasteandrecycling@wiltshire.gov.uk

- b. To retain their green bins for possible future use if they decide to sign up for the chargeable garden waste scheme.

Cllr. Howard is always very willing to talk to anyone with a problem Tel: 01264 850933 or 07768123701 and his email address is: charles.howard@wiltshire.gov.uk

15/52 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Symes and PCSO Maria Downham

15/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

15/54 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July, 2015 be accepted as a true record.

15/55 REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Planning

15/07368/TCA TREE IN A CONSERVATION AREA PLANNING APPLICATION for the removal of a conifer at 316 Everleigh Road, Haxton.
Parish Council Comments: Support

15/07900/FUL FULL PLANNING APPLICATION to demolish 2 existing agricultural stores and erect new agricultural building for use for storing plant at Haxton Farm, Haxton
Parish Council Comments: Support

b. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Written Report from Cllr. Mrs. Symes:

‘Martin Symes (my husband) has cleared the Choulston path all the way to the top by the camp. Users beware that there are some badger holes in the middle of the path. Martin also cleared the Warren nearest the church.’

The Chairman reported that Peter Hayward has decided not to take on the maintenance of the footpaths. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach Martin Aris for a quotation for 2016.

c. Allotments

Cllr. Mrs. Symes sent in a written report:

- Another allotment has been paid for and we now have 2 vacancies
- A former allotment holder has been contacted to clear his allotment
- When I return from holiday I will be arranging to replace the fence posts and repair the shed roof

d. Phoenix Hall

Cllr. Mrs. Wilshire reported that the small store room is finished and looking good. Some flagstones need replacing, and they are waiting for quotations for a new kitchen.

e. Highways

Cllr. Wood reported there was a successful Community Day with the team doing several jobs in the village.

The Chairman was disappointed to hear that Community Days have come to an end and the Clerk was asked to clarify with Nick Bancroft whether the normal grass cutting and maintenance will be affected by the changes.

15/56 PARISH MATTERS

- The Clerk reported that all the defects have been reported to the appropriate organisations.
- **20 mph Speed Signs for Wheelie Bins**
It was agreed that these signs would not be pursued as they may be illegal.
- Cllr. Mrs. Gowman informed the Council that there are plans to put a Solar Farm on land at Coombe. A public meeting has taken place where the plans were explained, but a formal Planning Application has not yet been submitted.
- It was agreed that there should be a community party at Christmas time. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

15/57 STANDING ORDERS

It was **RESOLVED** that the draft standing orders be accepted together with an annex with the planning procedures.

15/58 REGULAR NEWSLETTERS/UPDATES received by the Clerk.

1. It was agreed that addresses of Councillors be put on the contact list for the noticeboards
2. The Clerk reported that her Contract of Employment has been signed by the Chairman.
3. As part of the implementation of the Transparency Code there is some grant money to buy equipment to help small councils. As the Clerk does not have a scanner, it was agreed that a multi-function machine would be purchased and a grant

applied for to cover the cost. It was also agreed that if the whole cost was not covered by the grant the Parish Council would pay the balance.

15/59 ACCOUNTS

a. There is a balance of £5942.15 as at 24th August, 2015.

b. Cheques Authorised .

Mr. A. Wood	£13.25
SLCC – subs	£69.00

c. It was **RESOLVED** that Fittleton Parish Council would give £25 as a donation to Wiltshire Dementia Advocacy.

d. It was agreed to ask Martin Arris to give a quotation for cutting the Allotment Field.

e. It was **RESOLVED** that Fittleton Parish Council would join the Council for the Protection of Rural England at a cost of £36 per annum.

15/60 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. A letter was received from Claire Perry MP inviting the Council to the Houses of Parliament. There was no Councillor who was interested.
2. The Community First AGM is on Wednesday, 7th October, 2015.
3. An Emergency Planning Workshop is being held in Tidworth. No one will be attending.

15/61 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council has given permission to co-opt onto the Council. The Chairman agreed to approach people to see if they would be interested.

15/62 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th November 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in the Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

Signed-----Date-----

Chairman

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