

## **FITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2015** **held in All Saints Church Fittleton at 7.00 p.m.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr. Alan Wood Cllr. Mrs .Corinne Gowman Cllr. Peter Hayward Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Wilshire Cllr. Mrs. Victoria Jago Cllr. Mrs. Sheila Symes	Chairman
<b>In Attendance</b>	13 members of the public Mrs. Dot Georgeson Mrs. Mary Towle	Clerk to the Council

#### **POLICE REPORT**

No report from the police was received.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Apologies were received from Mrs. Hilda Maunsell and Mrs. Sue Bostock.

Cllr. Wood thanked everyone for a very worthwhile Village Tidy Day. Lots of people attended and worked very hard tidying up various parts of the villages. More work has been done by people who could not come on the day. Everyone was rewarded with a bacon butty and a hot drink which was much appreciated.

Cllr. Wood presented the outgoing Clerk, Dot Georgeson with a card and a bouquet of flowers. The Chairman, Cllr. Alan Wood, thanked her for her time as Parish Clerk and for looking after the Parish so well.

#### **REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, CHARLES HOWARD.**

Our Wiltshire Councillor, Charles Howard explained his role in Wiltshire Council and all the savings which were made over the last five years as a result of becoming a Unitary Council. Cllr. Howard explained that as well as looking after his 9 parishes he is Chairman of the Eastern Area Planning Committee, Chairman of the Pension Fund, Governor of Wellington Academy, and on the Police and Crime Panel.

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](mailto:charles.howard@wiltshire.gov.uk)

#### **15/42 APOLOGIES**

No apologies from Councillors were received

#### **15/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Wood declared an interest in Item 4a (Planning Applications) on the Agenda and signed the Members Interest Book.

#### **15/44 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 be accepted as a true record.

## **15/45 REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### **a. Planning**

#### **Planning Application 15/05913/FUL**

Change of Use of an area of agricultural land, retain 2 existing greenhouses and retain implement shelter at land to the rear of 10 Downsview Close. RETROSPECTIVE.

*The meeting was closed to enable members of the public present to give their views on the Planning Application.*

The Applicant gave a full explanation of what is proposed and why it is important that the area be retained as a wildlife area to help with the diversification of species of both flora and fauna. He assured the Parish Council that he has no intention of developing the land and would be happy if a condition which is legally binding prohibits any future building development on that land to safeguard the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Comments by the public:

- Fully support application but cannot see why it has been necessary to go through this process
- Support – the work by the applicants has improved land and diversification
- Support – sorry that the complainant remains anonymous
- A letter of support was read
- 2 members of the public gave their apologies and asked that their support be added.

A vote was taken and the 13 members of the public supported the application.

*The meeting was re-opened*

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will support the application with the proviso that a condition, which is legally binding, prohibits any future building development on that land to safeguard the amenity of neighbouring properties.

### **b. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Cllr. Hayward reported that all the footpaths in the Parish are overgrown and need regular maintenance. It was agreed that specifications will be drawn up and a contractor sought to keep the paths in good order.

### **c. Allotments**

Cllr. Mrs. Symes reported that there are some allotment vacancies. Clerk to put this in the Newsletter. There is one possible interested person and Cllr. Symes agreed to approach him. There is some work which needs doing in the allotments on the fence and the shed roof. Also rabbits have made a hole in the fence. The size of the allotment field was discussed and it was suggested that the MoD be approached to try

to reduce the size of the area rented. The Clerk was asked to write asking the allotment holder who is giving up his allotment to clear the site.

**d. Phoenix Hall**

Cllr. Mrs. Wilshire reported that there have been working parties to clear the cupboard to make room for the proposed new kitchen. The Committee are holding a fundraising event in September which includes Line Dancing, hog roast, and a live band.

**e. Highways**

Cllr. Wood reported that the ditch along Lower Street is not flowing into the field. Clerk to report this to Landmarc.

**15/46 PARISH MATTERS**

**a. 2015 Standing Orders**

It was agreed to defer this item until next meeting. The Clerk agreed to submit a draft copy of the 2015 Standing Orders at the next meeting in September.

**b. Future of the Public Telephone Box in Haxton**

It was agreed that the telephone box should remain a working telephone.

**c. Results of Wiltshire Council Community Day**

Cllr. Wood reported that three men from Balfour Beatty worked hard for most of the day and cleared weeds and tidied up around Fittleton and Haxton. They did a very satisfactory job.

**d. Tidy Day – 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Cllr. Wood was very pleased with the response of the public to his call for self-help in this time of austerity.

**e. 20 mph Speed Signs**

It was agreed that some '20 is plenty' signs are purchased for distribution in the villages. To be put on wheelie bins.

The Clerk offered to contact the SpeedWatch Team in Durrington to ask them to bring their Speed Indicator Device (SID) to Haxton for a short time. Cllr. Wood offered to help on the day.

**f. Overhanging MoD Trees on the road to Netheravon**

The Clerk has a contact for Landmarc so will report them. Cllr. Wood to take some photos and send to Clerk to pass on to Landmarc.

**g. Lower Street Litter Bin**

It was reported that this has been emptied.

**h. Rights of Way Clearing**

This has been dealt with in item 15/45 b.

**i. Seat in Fittleton**

Cllr. Mrs. Gowman has agreed to paint this seat.

**15/47 REGULAR NEWSLETTERS/UPDATES** received by the Clerk.

1. WALC Newsletter has been received and circulated to all Councillors via email
2. It was agreed that Fittleton Parish Council will apply to the Information Commission for Data Protection at a cost of £35 per annum.
3. It was agreed that the Clerk will be a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost to Fittleton Parish Council of £69.

**15/48 ACCOUNTS**

- a. Balances £6459.62 on 10<sup>th</sup> June statement plus £66 paid in for allotments
- b. Cheques Authorised . No cheques have been authorised since June statement.
- c. Audit back from the External Auditors. All approved. Thanks go to Mrs. Georgeson.

**15/49 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

No correspondence received.

**15/50 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. Gate to the Warren is rotting. Cllr. Wood to look at it and report back.
2. Cllr. Hayward informed Councillors that he has decided that after many years on the Council he will resign and give other people the opportunity to bring fresh ideas to the Council. Cllr. Wood expressed his sorrow at this decision and thanked Cllr. Hayward for all his hard work over the years.

**15/51 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in the Phoenix Hall, Netheravon.

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

**Chairman**

