

**INFORMATION ONLY: TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 NOVEMBER 2013**

**FITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
PHOENIX HALL, NETHERAVON ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.00 PM

**PRESENT:**

Cllr P Cranch	Chairman
Cllr C Gowman	Parish Councillor
Cllr F Hall	Parish Councillor
Cllr P Hayward	Parish Councillor
Cllr M Wilshire	Parish Councillor

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs D Georgeson	
Mr G Jones	
Mrs R Docker	Clerk to Parish Council

**POLICE REPORT**

Apologies received from the Police who were unable to attend the meeting. A report had been sent by email: only one occurrence in the past month. On 25 August 2013 thieves broke into a vehicle on the Plain and stole a shopping bag.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public present.

**13/81 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr K Hills.

**13/82 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**13/83 MINUTES**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013 be approved and signed.

**13/84 REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**a. Planning**

Cllr Hayward advised that there was nothing new to report.

**b. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Cllr Hayward had nothing new to report.

Cllr Cranch reported that he now had the contact telephone number for Mr Jackson and would be contacting him to arrange the cutting & trimming along Haxton Bridge road. *Action: PC*

Cllr Cranch advised that he had asked Imogen Dallimore the Community Coordinator for Local Highways and Streetscene at Wiltshire Council to visit again so he could highlight some areas for attention. This includes an issue with an overhanging tree.

**c. Allotments**

Cllr Hall reported that there were still 3 vacant allotments. He reported that a hosepipe belonging to one of the allotment holders had been leaking and that the owner had been asked to remove it.

**d. Phoenix Hall**

Cllr Wilshire reported that there are lots of plans under discussion for Phoenix Hall in relation to increasing its use and facilities. There is a new chairman for the Phoenix Hall Committee: Mr Block. The administration post should be filled in the near future. Residents will be informed shortly of a public meeting on 21 September 2013. This will be to advise on ideas from the committee and to ask residents for in-put with regard to their ideas/wishes.

**13/85 PARISH MATTERS**

**a. Parking at Haxton Pound**

It was agreed that the parking situation at Haxton Pound was getting worse. Apart from the parking on the pavement, other cars are parked legally on the road and therefore the Police are unable to act. It was felt that this is now becoming an 'accident waiting to happen'. Concern was also raised regarding access for emergency vehicles. Suggestions were made for 'Give Way' road markings/double yellow lines on bend/alternative parking area/road widening. Cllr Cranch said he would contact Wiltshire Highways to see if there was a way forward with this. *Action: PC*

**b. Noise Complaints**

Complaints have been received regarding nuisance dog barking and early morning noise from vehicle movement at a property in Fittleton. Councillors are aware of the problem but this is a Wiltshire Council matter and so it was agreed that it be passed to them. *Action: PC*

**13/86 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CEREMONY**

It was agreed that the Christmas lights will be put up on the same tree as last year and that arrangements for this could be finalised at the next meeting in November. There was general agreement that any 'ceremony' for turning on the lights should be kept simple. The difficulty with providing cover if the weather was inclement was also raised.

Cllr Wilshire said the event did not seem as popular since the unavoidable move of the ceremony from Haxton to Fittleton. The new tree at Haxton Pound is still too small for the lights but she hoped that perhaps in the future the ceremony could return to its traditional 'home'.

No definite agreement regarding the nature of any ceremony for this year could be made so this will be carried forward to the next meeting in November.

**13/87 TIDWORTH COMMUNITY AREA BOARD**

The next meeting of Tidworth Community Area Board is on 16 September 2013 at Memorial Hall, Ludgershall 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Cllr Cranch stated that he would attend. *Action: PC*

**13/88 APPLICATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Cllr Cranch reported that since the advertisement in the 'Netheravon, Haxton & Fittleton Newsletter' there had been some interest but nothing definite yet. He advised that Mrs Georgeson, who was present as a member of the public, had shown interest in the vacancy. If she

was still interested after the close of the meeting her name would be put forward for consideration at the next meeting.

**13/89 REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Mrs Docker advised that she had recently updated the 'Register of Interests', for Fittleton Parish Council, on the Wiltshire Council website. She had removed 2 ex-councillors and asked all councillors to check their entries are still correct. Cllr Gowman is not yet listed and was given a form to complete so that her details could be added. *Action: All Members and Clerk*

**13/90 REGULAR NEWSLETTERS/UPDATES**

Mrs Docker said she would like to make councillors aware of the email newsletters and updates she receives on a regular basis. She said she can forward these emails to councillors if they wish. At this time councillors said they were happy for them just to be read/received by the clerk.

**13/91 ACCOUNTS**

**a. Balances**

Bank account balances at the date of last statements 9 August 2013:

Current Account     £2611.97

30 Day Account     £1204.29

**b. Authorisation of cheques**

2 cheques have been written totalling £183.55

Mrs Docker reported that a cheque (524) written for £25.00 in May 2013 had been returned uncashed. It was resolved that a replacement cheque should not be issued.

Mrs Docker also reported that the Audit had been concluded. Copies of the 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' are displayed on the noticeboards.

**13/92 CORRESPONDENCE**

Wiltshire Council - regarding 'Local Highway and Streetscene Community Days'.

*Action: PC*

**13/93 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from the public.

**13/94 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Issue of Standing Orders.

Christmas Lights Ceremony

Parking at Haxton Pound

**13/95 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 12 November 2013

Phoenix Hall, Netheravon

7pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm