Figheldean Parish Council

(draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting held 25th April 2019 7.45pm in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr John Menzies Chairman

Cllr Jackie Dryden Vice Chair

Cllr John Yelland

Cllr Tina Cole

Cllr Meg Try

Cllr Darrell Amison

Carol Watton Clerk

No members of the public attended.

Item	Description	Action
5	Apologies: None received	
6	Declaration of Interests: None	
7	The Minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	

	Matters arising from last minutes:	
8	Royal Artillery Museum – A letter has been received from Major General Nick Eeles CBE regarding the Business Case statement that FPC support the RAM. He will ensure that the next revision of the document adopts clearer wording.	,
	Public Footpath rear of Pollen Close – The footpath has now been repaired by Southern & Scottish Electric. A quote will be obtained for gravelling both footpaths in that area. Chairman and Cllr Yelland to survey the paths and obtain a quote.	JM & JY
	Mill Pool H&S quote – this work would be too prohibitively expensive, other options will be explored. See Cllr Amison's report below. The Parish Council would like to thank Chris Sheppard, Derek Hanson and Nick Tissot for all their time and hard work at the Mill Pool site.	
	Village School Building – Wiltshire Cllr. Smale will make enquiries regarding an update on this matter.	JS
9	Chairman's Report – Thank you all for your support during the past year, especially while I was not really supporting you while I was out of sorts with my health. We have had a very interesting year with the ongoing problems at the Mill Pond, we seem to be getting somewhere now. And now we have the possibility of losing the Ablington Wood, it was great to get together, and receive the support of the parishioners at our special meeting. Nick Tissot has volunteered to become a Parish Councillor, this was discussed and agreed by all present, and he was co-opted onto the council.	
10	Other Organisations Reports – no other organisations were in attendance.	

11 Parish Councillors Reports:

Cllr Jackie Dryden - Village Signs are all done. The footpath along north side of Ablington Woods need cutting back, Graham Watson will be approached. There will be a review of fee charged to caravan training company for storing two caravans on the village hall car park. Claire Perry MP has asked Tobias Selwood MP to assist with the Ablington Wood matter. Claire Perry is attending Brambles tomorrow, 26th April 2019, she will be meeting with members of the parish council, a report of the meeting will be circulated. The Village Hall committee have pledged £7000 towards the purchase of Ablington Woods if this turns out to be our only option.

Cllr John Yelland – Would like to send a message of thanks to the local Police for their excellent support of our recent projects.

Cllr Tina Cole – Only one issue regarding Brambles Nursery, it is a concern to local residents that there is to be an increase in pupil numbers and that this will increase traffic. Brambles have stated that this is not the case, there is no plan to increase pupil numbers.

Cllr Meg Try – Nothing to report.

Cllr Darrell Amison – there is a CATG meeting 13th May 2019. As Mill Lane is classed as a highway a Traffic Regulation Order will be needed before any changes can be made to Mill Lane. Cllr Amison will attend the CATG meeting and report back at the Annual Parish Meeting. The temporary fence at the mill pool has been tweaked by Chris Sheppard and Derek Hanson, using firmer clips to keep the fence panels in place. The temporary fence needs to be extended and signs attached. A meeting with Sam Candy DIO is planned to discuss the way forward. It is hoped that the planned gate at Mill Lane will deter the anti-social behaviour at the Mill Pool, its effectiveness will be assessed and the need for leasing the site considered. The hot Easter weekend saw breeches of the fence by members of the public swimming and picnicing. This is still a DIO responsibility regarding trespass. The Police have been attending regularly and engaging with the public, an invitation will be sent for the Annual Parish Meeting.

12	Report by Wiltshire Councillor Smale – Regarding the maintenance of trees near the village church, work was carried out in 2017, and on inspection it was considered that the ivy on two lime trees will be severed in the autumn, after nesting season. No other trees needed attention for highway safety reasons. The May Southern Area Board meeting will be 23 rd May 2019 at Amesbury Library. The CATG May meeting will be 13 th May 2019. An update will be obtained regarding the future of the village school building.	
13	Clerks Report – Bank Balance as at 25 th April 2019 is £27,403.46 Expenditure since the last meeting Netheravon Day Centre £100 Donation Figglefest £500 Funding Hills Waste £19.37Village Hall Bins HSBC £6.00 Bank Charges J Bailey £150 Accountant WALC £220.70 2019-20 Subs	
	Total Expenditure £996.07 Since last meeting	
	Income since the last meeting Magazine Advertising £70 Community Infrastructure Levy £799.35 Village Development Precept £9549.05 First Payment Total Income £10,418.40 Since last meeting	
14	The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman. To be posted to the Parish Council Website in due course.	Clerk

15	The Accounts 2018-19 were approved.				
	2018/19 Expenditure				
	Admin	£324			
	Audit	£140			
	Bins	£1959			
	Grass Cutting	£5678			
	Insurance	£374			
	Village Hall Loan	£3746			
	1	£1933			
	Commercial Waste	£199			
	Other	£1575			
16	Dates for future meetings:				
	Annual Village Meeting Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30pm				
	Next Parish Council Meeting 11th July 2019 at 7.30pm				

Signed	Date
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