

Figheldean Parish Council

(draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting held 27th March 2019 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr John Menzies Chairman

Cllr John Yelland

Cllr Tina Cole

Cllr Darrell Amison

Carol Watton Clerk

Four members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all present, and invited members of the public to raise any points of interest.

There was a discussion regarding Syrencot House Wedding Venue and the recent amended Licensing Application to Wiltshire Council. It was accepted that live music and background music is not licensable and that it will be a case of monitoring the noise levels, and if the noise is a nuisance the appropriate action will be taken with Environmental Health Department. Likewise, any problems with traffic volume through the villages will be monitored and appropriate action taken if needed.

The increase in use of the village as access to the Plain by 4X4 vehicles etc. was discussed and this increase will be monitored regarding volume and speed.

There was a discussion regarding the planned Royal Artillery Museum at Netheravon including a Freedom of Information request received . It was agreed that a letter will be sent to ask for the information regarding Figheldean Parish Council's support for the current plans to be removed from the planning document. A questionnaire will be placed in the next Parish Magazine asking all members of the village whether they support or object to the RAM, and a representative of the RAM will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd May 2019 to answer questions from residents.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
69	Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Dryden Cllr Try and Wiltshire Cllr Smale.	
70	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Cole declared her interest in the item regarding the application for funding for Figglefest and offered to leave the meeting room when this was discussed.	

71	<p>The Minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Yelland and seconded by Cllr Cole.</p>	
72	<p>Matters arising from last minutes:</p> <p>Public Footpath at the rear of Pollen Lane – An engineering contractor for SSE has visited the site and repairs will be carried out within the next month. If this does not happen Clerk will obtain quotes for the repair and bill SSE.</p> <p>Multi Court – The quote for the maintenance and repainting and annual maintenance of the multicourt was discussed. It was proposed and passed that the project should go ahead.</p>	Clerk DA
73	<p>Chairman’s Report – In my opinion the Parish Council is very important to the smooth running of the Parish, the Councillors work unpaid alongside their already busy personal schedules to report and find information from various faceless organisations that would otherwise not be obtained,</p> <p>This information is used to enhance the Parish amenities from time to time.</p> <p>A big thank you must go to them, and also to Carol in her role as Clerk, we are looking for a worthy replacement for Carol in the near future, if anyone is interested please get in contact as soon as possible.</p> <p>I also feel the Parish Council should be informed regarding the future of School Premises and the former Bus Garage Premises to stop this area becoming an untidy entrance to the Village.</p>	
74	<p>Other Organisations Reports – no other organisations were in attendance.</p>	

75	<p>Parish Councillors Reports:</p> <p>Cllr Jackie Dryden - Syrencot House – I have had correspondence with Angus Hastie Company Director who assures me that noise levels will be kept to a minimum once they open as they are keen to work closely with their neighbours. I have arranged a site visit with them on Saturday 4th May at 3pm.</p> <p>Highways – I am in regular contact with the Parish Steward and a number of potholes have been filled in. I queried the large hole on the lane near to Brambles, but I have discovered that it is the responsibility of the owner of the house, who will be dealing with it.</p> <p>Village Signs – the ones that were identified for either replacement or repair will be in place by the end of April and are currently in production.</p> <p>There are a number of wooden posts that form a boundary around the car park area that are rotten, especially the ends that go into the ground and will need replacing soon. They were not treated as I think they should have been.</p> <p>RA Museum – A representative will answer questions at our Annual Village Meeting (not the AGM) whenever that date is decided.</p> <p>Village Parish Meeting Dates - Last year I think the Village meeting was held on a Thursday. Dates that are available for Thursdays are 25th April and 2nd, 16th and 30th May. Wednesday’s are used for Keep fit.</p> <p>Cllr John Yelland - The latest available crime figures available are for January 2019 which show there was incident of an anti-social offence. I will be attending tomorrow evening’s NTG meeting and will report back.</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole – We have received one planning application, a single story front extension to “Oriole” High Street, Figheldean.</p> <p>I have paid a visit to “Brambles” in Ablington to discuss their recent planning application. The application is for two yurts, the one that has already been erected to the rear of the building and another that will be erected to replace a shelter to the front of the building. There were no objections and this was agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Meg Try – apologies received</p> <p>Cllr Darrell Amison – Mill Lane -The CATG have given their support for the project which includes a low barrier, parking bays and double yellow lines. and</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JY</p> <p>DA</p>
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76	Report by Wiltshire Councillor Smale – apologies received	
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Clerks Report:

Bank Balance as at 27th March 2019 is **£22,158.84**

Expenditure since the last meeting

HSBC Bank Charges	£12.00	Feb & March
Litter & Dog Bin Emptying	£300.00	Feb & March
Commercial Waste	£31.21	V Hall
Grass Cutting etc.	£630.96	
PWLB Loan Repayment	£1,873.48	Village Hall
Parish Magazine	£550.58	Printing etc
Landmarc VHCP Lease	£80.00	VH Car Park
Donation re Mill Pool H&S	£100	Lions Club

Total Expenditure £3,578.23 Since last meeting

Income since the last meeting

Magazine Advertising £590.00

Total Income £590.00 Since last meeting

Uncleared cheque - £70.00 - magazine advertising

1. Freedom of Information application received regarding the Royal Artillery Museum (see above) discussed with public at the start of meeting.
2. A request for a donation has been received from Netheavon Day Centre (incorporating Figcheldean, Fittleton, Haxton & Enford) who are part funded by Wiltshire Council. It was agreed to donate £100.
3. A litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 13th April 2019, Wiltshire Council will supply equipment, the event has been advertised on social media pages.
4. Photographs of trees in Church Lane that require attention have been received, these will be forwarded to Wiltshire Cllr Smale for action.
5. Information has been received from Wiltshire Council that the village school is currently being valued for sale on the open market

78	Mill Pool update – see Cllr Amison’s report above.	
79	Figgelfest - A request for funding has been received from the Village Events Committee for £500 towards the children’s entertainment on the day. The total cost of children’s entertainment is £700. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Amison and passed.	Clerk
80	Off road vehicles speeding through the village. – see public discussion above.	
81	Grass Cutting contract was discussed, this will end at the end of this year. It was agreed that the first cut should be in mid-March in future, as the grass is long and the field used by the Football Club. Contractors to be asked to maintain the hedge at the rear of the Village Hall. It was agreed that invoicing for the grass cutting will change from 7 to 12 monthly invoices, as this has caused some confusion this year.	JM Clerk

82	The Amesbury Area Board have awarded the Parish Council £774 towards the purchase of an exterior defibrillator unit for which a quote for £1,857.60 has been obtained. A quote will be obtained for an external unit box for the current defibrillator sited at the Village Hall.	Clerk
83	Dates for future meetings: Annual General Meeting Thursday 25 th April 2019 at 7.30pm Annual Village Meeting Thursday 2 nd May 2019 at 7.30pm	

SignedChairman Date