

Figheldean Parish Council

(draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting held 20th May 2020 at 7.30pm @ Telephone Conference Call

Present

Cllr John Menzies Chairman
Cllr Tina Cole Vice Chair
Cllr Nick Tissot
Cllr Darrell Amison
W Cllr John Smale

Sandra Burch Clerk

Public Question Time- (questions emailed to clerk)

- The community shop and VE celebrations arranged by Katie Crothers with her merry band of helpers has been vital to the village on lockdown, it would be nice if the Parish Council could personally thank them. The clerk replied that she had arranged flowers & a card to Katie as a thank you but will ensure that all her many helpers are thanked as well.

Item	Description	Action
1	Apologies Cllr John Yelland – was available to attend the clerk had issues connecting him to the conference call	
2	Declaration of Interests None	
3	Minutes of the meeting of 11th March 2020 These were agreed and signed by the Chairman	
4	Matters arising from last minutes all presented by Cllr N Tissot (NT) RAM NT reminded the PC that the Outline Business Case had finally been published on the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP) website and that this had already been communicated to the village via the website and Facebook. He added that there were no real surprises within the OBC and that the visitor numbers and other assumptions reflected those communicated to the RAM Community Liaison Group. It was highlighted that traffic numbers did not form part of the OBC and that these were some of the main numbers all were waiting for. These would be presented within the planning application. Cllr John Smale added that the main concerns for Figheldean surrounded traffic and the A345. NT and others agreed that this was the main concern for the village, amongst many others. NT added that the parish council did have some indications of impact on traffic as we know what RAMs visitor projections are.	

	<p>NT reminded the parish council that projections were based on RAM pessimistic estimates and that year 1 projections were for 102,000 visitors growing to 180,000 in year 7. All agreed that these numbers seemed very high and not realistic.</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole added that these numbers were likely to be inflated as the OBC was produced by RAM to secure its grant despite the fact that the numbers had been produced by a specialist visitor consultant.</p> <p>NT went on to explain that there had been rumours that the RAM were imminently going to submit the planning application but that he had heard from Army HQ that this was unlikely to be the case given the backdrop of COVID. It was agreed by all that submitting now would not be sensible given COVID, its sensitive backdrop and the fact that no public meetings could be held. Wiltshire Council are also not operating as normal during this time.</p> <p>Cllr John Smale added that he did not have further information as he has not been working for a number of months and should we wish to have more information from the Wiltshire Council perspective we could ask Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Wiltshire Councillor for Netheravon and resident of Netheravon. Cllr Smale also reminded all that the location of the RAM was within Netheravon's parish. It was highlighted that Ian was a supporter of the museum but all agreed that should lockdown ease enough for a public meeting following the submission of the planning application he should be invited to attend a parish council meeting.</p> <p>It was also agreed that NT would again try to engage with Netheravon parish council once the planning application had been submitted.</p> <p>NT explained that the Parish Council strategy has been consistent for many months and has not changed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Await publication of new Outline Business Case (OBC) – NOW PUBLISHED • The OBC will be distributed to parishioners via the website and Facebook and villagers should communicate any questions and concerns to the parish council. COMPLETE • The RAM Community Liaison Group Questions & Answers document to be distributed to parishioners via the website and Facebook and villagers should communicate any questions and concerns to the parish council. COMPLETE • We will await the results of the petition. • We will hold a dedicated RAM public meeting for the parish (COVID-19 dependent) • We will advise what your options are as residents of the parish and how you can voice your opinions to Wiltshire Council. • We can then establish the view of villagers. • The Parish Council will only officially support or object to the plans for Avon Camp West following consultation with parishioners. 	
5	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Regarding Pollen Close, Wessex Water have recently repaired the water pipe again, Wessex Water have indicated that the pipe needs replacing and it is in their future work schedule. The water pipe replacement will affect the High Street as well</p> <p>Mill Lane, the TRO gate is not imminent due to Covid-19 lockdown – Cllr Darrell Amison will update us in his report</p> <p>Tennis Court is being used by groups of people, possibly for coaching. Cllr Darrel Amison will look into the matter, maybe place signage regarding social distancing under current covid-19 rules.</p>	

	<p>The main playing field is looking good, thanks to Richard Bawden who worked on his own while his team was in furlough</p> <p>Tree on the footpath from the Village Hall was reported as dangerous, the branches have been removed by Graham Watson and the dead tree will be taken down at a later date</p> <p>I will leave the relevant Councillors to give updates in their reports</p>	
6	<p>Other Organisations Reports</p> <p>No other organisations were in attendance</p>	
7	<p>Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr John Yelland</p> <p>As a result of the Covid-19 virus the Police Liaison meetings that I normally attend have been cancelled.</p> <p>It should be said that the Wiltshire Police are running a speeding campaign, from the 18th May to 17th June. It's a reminder to those who are back at work that we should all stay WITHIN THE LIMITS. If stopped, motorists will incur a Traffic Offence Report which could lead to a prosecution.</p> <p>Anyone who is signed up to our Neighbourhood Watch Group will find that the Police are updating local information in a more useful to us manner.</p> <p>To join the NHW group, you need to go to www.neighbourhood watch, and then to "find my local scheme", enter your postcode, then select Figcheldean parish, and join.</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole</p> <p>Only one planning permission a replacement barn at Ablington Farm. I have spoken with the Rawlins family and surveyed the site, its replacing an old barn which faces onto the fields it is behind another barn so should not be an issue for residents nearby.</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole emailed out before the meeting a draft signage for users of the woods and insurance purposes. All the councillors like the green back ground, Cllr Darrell Amison was going to provide feedback to Tina on some minor changes.</p> <p>It was important to include no digging on the signage when the house was demolished some of the asbestos was buried. The sign to celebrate the purchase of the wood is in progress, the artwork is being prepared by Jackie Dryden due to the issues with the resolution of a photo.</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole enquired about the small bid grant for some benches, the parish clerk looked into the community grant whose criteria is mainly for villages who have tenant's representative committees. The clerk will prepare a quote for two benches and a bin, benches will be for Ablington Wood and the Multi Court</p>	

	<p>Cllr Darrell Amison</p> <p>The TRO at Mill Lane has now been installed with the exception of the permanent gate. The installation of the gate has been delayed due to the Coronavirus lockdown. A temporary plastic barrier has though been installed at the site where the gate will be erected. (post minute note plastic barrier is now installed)</p> <p>The measures now in place in Mill Lane and at the Mill Pool will be closely monitored over the coming months in close cooperation with Wilts Police and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.</p> <p>Should you wish to report a crime in Mill Lane that does not require an emergency response please contact Wilts Police on 101. If you wish to report an incident at the Mill Pool site, please call the Westdown Camp Operations Room on 01980 620819.</p>	
8	<p>Report by Wiltshire Councillor Smale</p> <p>Due to long period of sick leave and lock down, WCC Cllr John Smale is slowly catching up on news within WCC and the villages.</p> <p>He did comment and had questions on the RAM especially number of visitors and traffic increase on the A345. See Cllr Nick Tissot's report above for full report</p>	
9	<p>Clerk Report</p> <p>Last Year Accounts are currently with the auditor to sign off.</p> <p>Will chase up Wiltshire Highways regarding resurfacing High Street and Pollen Lane. WCC have offered to survey the roads and report back</p> <p>Defibrillator box has been fitted to the barn in Ablington, awaiting electrician to install the electrics to the box</p> <p>Ablington Amenity Planation Woods has been renamed as requested to Ablington Wood</p> <p>Derek Hanson has recommended Keith Yates to complete a full survey of the wood for insurance and safety purposes, before this can happen ivy needs to be removed from the trees and some of the small dead trees be removed. The survey will be completed mid-June; Graham Watson is currently working to make sure the woods are ready for the survey.</p>	

Figcheldean Parish Council 2019_2020

1st April to 31st March 2020

	Expenditure to 31st March 2020	Full Year
	2019_2020	2018_2019
Income	£	£
Precept	19,098.09	18,190.00
Grants	1,534.00	-
Parish Magazine Income	1,039.00	770.00
Vat Refund	1,058.50	837.23
Wiltshire CC	799.35	-
Donations	-	1,387.00
Car Park Rental	300.00	-
Save our Woods	29,770.88	-
	<u>53,599.82</u>	<u>21,184.23</u>
Expenditure	£	£
Dog Bins	1,808.20	1,924.37
Grass Cutting	3,654.82	5,678.64
Public Works Loan	3,746.96	3,746.96
Parish Magazine	2,087.36	1,933.15
Parish Clerk	4,980.23	3,961.04
Waste Bins at Village Hall	479.81	199.33
Bank Charges	66.00	72.00
Insurance	395.88	374.11
Audit Fee	150.00	140.00
Maintenance & HS	5,492.04	159.60
Save our Woods- Purchase and Legal	29,150.45	-
Miscellaneous	461.18	414.10
Donations and Funding	950.00	950.00
Small Asset Purchases - defibrillators	3,870.00	-
Subscriptions	220.70	235.36
	<u>57,513.63</u>	<u>19,788.66</u>
Surplus or Deficit	<u>- 3,913.81</u>	<u>1,395.57</u>
Bank Reconciliation		
Opening Bank Balance	18,374.29	
Income	53,599.82	
Expenditure	57,513.63	
Closing Bank Balance	<u>14,460.48</u>	

Income and Expenditure to 20th May 2020	
2020_2021	
Income	£
Precept	9,549.00
Insurance Claim	696.80
	<u>10,245.80</u>
 Expenditure	 £
Parish Magazine	325.00
Parish Clerk	388.56
Waste Bins at Village Hall	61.20
Insurance	401.70
Save our Woods- Purchase and Legal	20.00
Miscellaneous	230.00
Donations and Funding	350.00
Small Asset Purchases - defibrillators	502.80
Subscriptions	237.50
Website Development and Charges	559.00
	<u>3,075.76</u>
 Surplus or Deficit	 <u><u>7,170.04</u></u>
 Bank Reconciliation	
Opening Bank Balance	14,460.48
Income	10,245.80
Expenditure	3,075.76
Closing Bank Balance	<u><u>21,630.52</u></u>
AOB	
10	The councillors will meet with potential new councillors before our next meeting and review current councillor's areas of responsibilities.
Dates for future meetings	
11	Next Parish Council Meeting including AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 th July 2020 @ 7.30pm

Signed Date