

Figcheldean Parish Council

(draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting held 15th July 2020 at 7.30pm Telephone Conference Call

Present

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

Sandra Burch Clerk

Public Question Time- (questions emailed to clerk)

- No questions or concerns from the parishioners to report

Item	Description	Action
1	Apologies Cllr Darrell Amison	
2	Declaration of Interests None	
3	Minutes of the meeting of 20th May 2020 These were agreed and signed by the Chairman	
4	<i>Matters arising from last minutes all presented by Cllr N Tissot</i> Royal Artillery Museum (RAM) Royal Regiment of Artillery Heritage received a letter from the Chief of the General Staff withdrawing his support for the lease of Avon Camp West to the Regiment for the development of the Royal Artillery Museum. In the letter he proposes that a 'strategic re-appraisal' be conducted. Regrettably, that means RAM must pause the submission of the planning application and engage with the Army Headquarters to clarify what this means and to reassess a future strategy. NT informed the PC that he understood that the land will return to its original use by the Army as a training area. He understands that the RAM are looking at alternative sites, many within Wiltshire and some outside of Wiltshire, but none to be believed within our parish. If he hears any more information he will let the PC know.	
5	Chairman's Report All seems to be under control at the moment, thanks to everyone for all the work you have been doing with such a small group. I would like to suggest we have an extraordinarily to invite the 3 prospective new members to meet us and for us to meet them. The third defibrillator is installed in Ablington by the tin barns, thanks to all involved in making it happen.	

6	<p>Other Organisations Reports No other organisations were in attendance</p>	
7	<p>Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr John Yelland</p> <p>The Parish has a new PCSO, Michael Farebrother who has replaced Pippa Brewer who has moved to a new department. JY has invited Michael to attend a meeting at the Mill Pool hopefully Cllr Darrell Amison will be able to join as well.</p> <p>We have had a local break in to an allotment shed owned by Reg, there was a report of a white van in the area so please be vigilant.</p> <p>Police dedicated line 101 for reporting issues can be tedious to use, feedback will be given to our local PSCO</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole</p> <p>No Planning permission applications to report.</p> <p>The Ablington Wood sign has been approved and should be with us soon. “Enjoy the woods at your own risk” signs are now in place, thanks to Tony Morgan. We have noticed digging to make ramps for the bikes has increased, the situation will be patrolled and monitored. Digging can affect tree health and as a result digging is prohibited. “High wind danger” signs will be purchased to keep parishioners safe and mindful of dead branches in high winds.</p> <p>Following government Covid 19 guidelines the village hall is hoping to open soon. Social distancing and the wearing of face coverings will be encouraged and hand sanitiser units have been installed at various locations.</p> <p>TC has been asked if a Wednesday exercise class be held outside, there will be music so the councillors have given their approval for a 1-month trial period but will review again if there are any complaints</p> <p>The clerk asked if we have heard any news of Bramble obtaining the lease for using the school. Cllr Tina Cole will email them.</p> <p>Cllr Darrell Amison</p> <p>The TRO measures are now in place and authorised residents have keys to the gate thanks to Chris Sheppard. The gate itself needs to be adjusted and therefore the project officer will assess what more needs to be done during a site visit on Wednesday 29 July.</p>	<p>JY</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

8 **Report by Wiltshire Councillor Smale**

Due to long period of absence and lock down, WCC Cllr John Smale is slowly catching up on news within WCC and the villages. He highlighted that the RAM location was possibly not feasible due to traffic data on the A345. They are reviewing sites closer to Larkhill.

9 **Clerk Report**

Last Year Accounts have been signed by the auditor

The Ablington Wood survey has been carried out, we should get a full report next week. It was agreed by all councillors that once published it will be distributed and discussed at our next meeting. The clerk will liaise with Derek Hanson regarding an arborist training company using the woods for training, maybe asking them to remove dead branches including any trees that may be mention in the survey.

Figglefest Committee have asked if they can use the playing field for the 1st Saturday in July 2021, this was approved by all.

Benches have been ordered for the Wood and Multicourt

Final Audited Accounts for Last Year, full accounts will be published on our website www.figheldean.org

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
1. Balances brought forward	16,979	18,374	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	18,190	19,098	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	2,994	34,502	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	3,707	1,042	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	3,747	3,747	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	12,335	52,725	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	18,374	14,460	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	18,374	14,460	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	32,718	63,443	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	5,168	1,796	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

10	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunville Cottage - Reported anti-social behaviour on two extremely hot days in June, there were approximately fifty people who were picnicking with alcohol, using disposable BBQ's and playing loud music. They were not following Covid guidelines. The matter was reported to the Police and MOD police. MOD Police attended and moved them on and also patrolled the area the following day. The situation will be monitored and the best course of action at the moment is to continue reporting the anti-social behaviour. • The councillors will meet with potential new councillors at an extraordinary meeting scheduled for the 2nd September along with discussing the wood survey. • Cllr Nick Tissot and Cllr Darrel Amison met with the Services Dry Fly Fishing Association (SDFFA). The SDFFA explained that they had had a recent meeting with the River Trust and the Environment Agency regarding a project to address the Mill Pond issues. They had been contacted by the DIO. Apparently a number of proposals were mentioned from removing the Mill Pond walls to re-routing the river. This was news to both Cllrs and it was agreed that they would contact the River Trust to ensure that the parish council was represented in any future meetings and correspondence. Chairman Menzies and Cllr T Cloe explained that there had been high level discussions a long time ago but it was a surprise that a meeting had taken place without the PC being aware. All agreed to Cllrs N Tissot and Cllr D Amison contacting the River Trust to ensure PC representation going forward. • Cllr John Menizes requested expenditure for a certain area of the Pollen Lane footpath to have scalping/stone to make the path safe. Approved by all. 	
11	<p>Dates for future meetings</p> <p>Next Parish Council Meeting including AGM will be held on September 16th 2020 @ 7.30pm</p> <p>Extraordinary Meeting called on the 2nd September 2020 @ 7.30 (Cllr JM to send out invitation to potential new councillors)</p>	

Signed Date