



Figheledean Parish Council

(Draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting held 13th January 2021 – Via Zoom

Present

Cllr John Menzies Chairman
Cllr Tina Cole Vice-Chair
Cllr Nick Tissot
Cllr Darrell Amison
Cllr David Ferguson
Cllr Katie Crothers
Cllr John Smale (W)
Sandra Burch Clerk

Public Question Time

Horse Chestnut Tree

The Council received one official enquiry regarding a horse chestnut tree, which is of concern to a local resident whose property lies within close proximity. The resident queried the possibility of the tree being felled, as they were led to believe that the tree had been earmarked for felling by the MOD.

The Tree was surveyed in July 2020 and as per the survey, a few overhanging branches were removed for public safety. Both the surveyor and tree surgeon agreed that the tree did not require felling at this time; just a requirement for continual management and review. A follow-up survey of the tree is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2021. It was noted that Councillor Tina Cole has re-assured the resident that the Council has acted appropriately, and complied with legislative procedures.

Assurance was also given that any damage caused by the tree would be covered by the Council's insurance.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Apologies None reported.	
2	Declaration of Interests None.	
3	Minutes of the meeting of 17th November 2020 These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
4	Matters arising from the minutes All outstanding matters were discussed in the Councillors report below.	



5	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Thanks were extended to all who attended yet another zoom meeting, and specifically to Katie for making her platform available. The Chairman advised that Virtual meetings are to continue until such times meetings can be held at place.</p> <p>On review of the wood during a recent Sunday walk, it was to be acknowledged that a good start had been made by Tina and Sandra, to fulfil the requirements of the wood maintenance venture.</p> <p>Other areas of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Amesbury Board meeting (via Zoom) is taking place tomorrow, 14 January 2021 at 6.30 pm. • Road works are scheduled to take place on the High Street and Pollen Lane starting Monday, 18 January 2021. • All to report any areas of work that is to be requested from the Steward upon his next visit. 	
6	<p>Other Organisation Reports</p> <p>No other organisations were in attendance; none received.</p> <p>Although the village hall is currently shut due to a third lockdown, It will still be utilised for the purpose of a 'Blood Bank'.</p>	
7	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole</p> <p>Reported that Phases one and two of the Ablington Wood maintenance project has been completed, overseen by Nigel Fitchett, and that all the high risk trees that needed felling have been felled in accordance with the survey. The happy position of moving from the health and safety phase of the woodland management project into the regeneration and enhancement stage has been reached; allowing for the precipitating of natural flora and fauna.</p> <p>Existing Large laying trunks are to be removed by Nigel Fitchett in return for a bill reduction of £400. In addition, Nigel is kindly donating a 13ft Cooper Beech tree to replace the large version that was sadly lost to disease. It was revered that the standing trunk remains as an imposing monolith.</p> <p>Jackie Dryden has agreed to put together a 'conservation group' who will carry out the tidying, clearing and replanting of trees and shrubs. Expert advice has been sought from the Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Trust and local woodland experts; with all work to be agreed in advance by the Parish Council before commencement.</p> <p>The Maintenance program will be ongoing with phase three being implemented; namely Inspecting and cutting back other less critical trees later in the year. Nigel Fitchett will quote for this work when the time comes.</p> <p>The Multi Court is now not to be used for tennis under the current government restrictions; therefore the tennis net and posts have been stored away. The court remains open however for individual households to enjoy other ball games, and the playground is to remain open for the younger children to enjoy.</p>	



Cllr Nick Tissot

The River Trust's review of potential options regarding the routing of the river continues following a site visit before Christmas. As a stakeholder, the Parish Council, expect to be updated but this is unlikely until the Spring.

In respect of planning matters:

- There are no new applications
- The Old School: A sale is currently in progress, with an education provider being identified as the potential purchaser. The Purchase of the property will also be subject to approval by the Department of Education. Further updates will be provided as soon as they become available.
- The sale of the Bus Depot is currently being handled by Simon Hay, Gerald Eve Estate Agents in London. There are currently no offers. Further updates will be provided as soon as they become available.

Cllr D Amison

In early December Cllrs Amison and Tissot met with the residents of Gunville and representatives of the SDDFA and HQ Salisbury Training Area to discuss what might be done to mitigate the anti-social behaviour experienced in the vicinity of Gunville and the river during warm weather.

The SDDFA generously agreed to erect more signage in the area as well as remove the small footbridge over the Nutbush stream where it joins the main river. This will make access to Gunville from 'C' crossing more difficult and will be enhanced by SDDFA's ongoing policy of not strimming the riverbank.

The Gunville residents informed the meeting of the popular and highly dangerous practice of people running and jumping into the mill pool from the north east bank. It was felt that a simple post and rail/wire fence of about 10m in length running from the east bridge abutment towards Gunville Cottage would deny this area and stop this hazardous activity. Such a fence would match similar fences on each end of the bridge on its north side. SDDFA have therefore written to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) requesting they arrange for the erection of this barrier, primarily on the grounds of health and safety. SDDFA have offered to erect the fence if the DIO can only provide the materials. We await a response from the DIO and hope to provide an update at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr K Crothers

Currently working through the Community Emergency Planning policy. Within the Plan it mentions high visibility jackets, torches and warning triangles. **Action:** Cllr Tina Cole agreed to check the village hall stores for any emergency items.

It was agreed that a flow chart summarising Emergency Planning procedures is positioned on the notice board(s).

To adhere to GDPR guidelines, consent for disclosure of information is to be obtained from all contacts listed within the Policy.

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	<p>Cllr D Ferguson</p> <p>A review of risk assessments has taken place as requested. The Clerk (Sandra Burch) will contact Simon Banton regarding passing on the management of the Parish website.</p>																																																									
8	<p>Report by Wiltshire Cllr Smale</p> <p>The Councillor expressed his views on the excellent collaboration within Figheledean Parish Council and the standard of work being achieved.</p>																																																									
9	<p>Clerk Report: Finance report up to 12th January 2021</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Precept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19,098.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Magazine Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vat Refund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,426.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance Claim</td> <td style="text-align: right;">696.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Save our Woods</td> <td style="text-align: right;">140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">22,381.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog Bins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,090.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,455.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Works Loan</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,873.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Magazine</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,322.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,970.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waste Bins at Village Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">362.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">401.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audit Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance & HS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,955.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Save our Woods- Legal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">55.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td style="text-align: right;">432.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donations and Funding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small Asset Purchases</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,476.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subscriptions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">237.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website Development and Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">505.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ablington Wood Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9,108.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">26,098.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">- 3,717.05</td> </tr> </table> <p>Current Bank Balance £8146.11</p> <p>Risk assessments have been laminated and given out to all local contractors.</p>	Income	£	Precept	19,098.00	Parish Magazine Income	20.00	Vat Refund	2,426.58	Insurance Claim	696.80	Save our Woods	140.00		22,381.38			Expenditure	£	Dog Bins	1,090.00	Grass Cutting	2,455.89	Public Works Loan	1,873.34	Parish Magazine	1,322.64	Parish Clerk	3,970.42	Waste Bins at Village Hall	362.98	Bank Charges	-	Insurance	401.70	Audit Fee	500.00	Maintenance & HS	1,955.92	Save our Woods- Legal	55.00	Miscellaneous	432.74	Donations and Funding	350.00	Small Asset Purchases	1,476.06	Subscriptions	237.50	Website Development and Charges	505.80	Ablington Wood Expenditure	9,108.44		26,098.43		- 3,717.05	
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10	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bin by the Village Hall is not being emptied. Cllr T Cole to ask Graham to empty.• The Clerk to speak with Henry or Stan Rawlings regarding the fencing next to Oak Lane by the playing field.• Finance Planning will be prepared and aligned when we have completion of a new village plan. NT to begin preparing a Parish Plan proposal as soon as he can, work permitting.• Food Grant ideas will be circulated to the councillors	TC SB
11	Date of Next Meeting The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on: Wednesday 17 th March 2020	

Signed Date