



# Figheledean Parish Council

*(Draft until signed at next meeting)2021*

Minutes of meeting and AGM held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Village Hall

## Present

Cllr John Menzies                      Chairman  
Cllr Tina Cole                              Vice-Chair  
Cllr Darrell Amison  
Cllr David Ferguson  
Cllr Nick Tissot  
Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling (WC)  
Sandra Burch                              Clerk

## Minutes of AGM

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	<b>Apologies</b> None	
2	<b>Election of Officials (Chairman and Vice Chairman)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr John Menzies volunteered to stand for another year as Chair – approved with no objections.</li><li>Cllr Tina Cole agreed to stand again for another year as Vice Chair – approved with no objections.</li></ul>	
3	<b>Official Appointments (Amesbury Area Board, Village Hall Committee)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr John Menzies will be taking on the role of ‘Parish Council representative’, when attending the Village Hall Meetings.</li><li>Cllr John Menzies will also continue to attend Stonehenge Area Board Quarterly Meetings via MS Teams.</li></ul> <b>Monthly Clinics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling (WC) advised all those present regarding upcoming ‘monthly clinics’, which will be held via MS teams. Each month, speakers from the community will attend (i.e., Police and the Highways Authority, for example). Members of the public are encouraged to log-on to MS Teams and participate, together with their local Councillor.</li></ul> <b>Action:</b> It was agreed that each Councillor will represent the Parish and participate on a rotational basis (monthly). <b>Action:</b> The clerk to advertise and publish the ‘log in’ details on Facebook.	<b>Action: Cllrs</b> <b>Action: SB</b>



## Public Question Time

### In response to questions/Concerns submitted:

In response to concerns raised by new residents to the area, who had been advised in their house buying reports that Figcheldean was a 'high risk' flood area; the clerk were able to advise and assure residents, that to their knowledge, there is no history of flooding which has caused damage to resident's properties.

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1	<b>Apologies</b>	
2	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> None.	
3	<b>Minutes of the meeting 14th July 2021</b> These were agreed as a true reflection and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abington Woods: A recent survey has been carried out. One job remains outstanding from the previous year; to remove the soil around a few identified trees using a mini digger. <b>Action:</b> Graham Watson is to be contacted regarding his availability to carry out the works.</li> <li>The parish has purchased and installed three new dog bins. Bins are now in place along all the popular walking locations. Sadly, there are few members of the public who are not responsible dog owners, this in turn, is upsetting for residents who have dog mess on the outskirts of their property or left on footpaths for others to pick up. The Parish Councillors confirmed that they are all actively monitoring the situation. It was noted that offenders can be fined up to £1000 for dog fouling.</li> </ul>	<b>Action: SB</b>
5	<p><b>Wiltshire Councillor Report - Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling</b></p> <p><b>Stonehenge Area Board 'Clinics'</b> General - Held on first Monday of each month at 7pm on Teams – Link issued by Community Engagement Manager (Jacqui Abbott) – Any questions or difficulties to Cllr Ian B-P or Jacqui. These are open to anyone and are not simply an informal version of the Stonehenge Area Board. They had started as a 'clinic' for anyone to raise issues and questions. That remains so, but they will also include specific topics of topical interest. All suggestions welcome.</p> <p>October focussed on the Police and Fire with the new PCC attending and the main issues raised included speeding &amp; parking in rural villages as well as urban areas and late night anti-social behaviour in Amesbury. We shall be forming a Stonehenge Area speed watch group to better focus issues and disseminate best practice.</p> <p>November meeting will focus on the current consultation on the next 5-year road resurfacing programme. A future meeting (probably December) will focus on local individual and community action to mitigate climate change Climate Change</p>	



	<p><b>Paths for All</b></p> <p>Our Stonehenge Area edition of ‘Paths for All’ was launched at Netheravon Phoenix Hall in September. It aims to improve access and usage of our Rights of Way. It has a pot of £5000 which can be released for use by Cllr Ian B-P and our CEM, Jacqui Abbott. We shall do our best to spread the benefit as wide as possible i.e., not spend it on a few large projects. Any and all ideas welcome.</p> <p><b>Afghan Refugees</b></p> <p>Wiltshire Council is keen to welcome and assist Afghan refugees. A number are already transiting in a hotel in Wiltshire and the Council is assisting with linking them to Schools, GPs and seeking housing. There have been private housing offers and the Council may use properties controlled by its Stone Circle company, but they will not be taking social housing places. We are still getting details from central government and are advising those wishing to make donations to go to the Red Cross or hold back until the needs and means are clearer. Latest updates are to be found on Wiltshire Council website. Leader of Wiltshire Council has been highlighting the number of vacant MoD properties in the county which we believe could assist.</p> <p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p>Climate and Green/Blue Strategies consultations are currently running in parallel until 17 Oct. Climate Strategy has 7 themes (transport, built environment, waste, green economy, energy generation, storage and distribution, natural environment including farming and food and carbon neutral council). The Green/Blue strategy addresses how to protect and enhance Wiltshire’s natural environmental assets. See Wiltshire Council website for details of Webinars and drop-in sessions in main libraries. Hard copy available to view in every library including Netheravon.</p> <p><b>Footpath between Netheravon and Figheldean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was brought to the attention of those present that Cllr Nick Tissot and Cllr Darrell Amison, both agree that a footpath between Netheravon and Figheldean, without crossing or using A345, would be beneficial for both villages (including the residents of Harefield Crescent who are isolated), who currently must use the busy A345 to walk to either village.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling agreed that to enact next steps, the proposal would need some planning, but could be achievable, and safer for parishioners of both parishes. Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, who has been considering this matter for some time, would welcome the opportunity to collaborate, in reaching a way forward.</p>	
6	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b></p> <p>The Chairman gave his thanks to all members for their continued support over the past few years.</p> <p>Key areas of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drains are still blocked in Figheldean, despite the continuing emails of complaint.</li> <li>• The problems around the village hall rear car park continue, but progress is being made.</li> <li>• The proposed Headline terms are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10-year lease at a £600 pa cost to the PC with break options and rent reviews every 3 years.</li> </ul> (Discussions are still being had, and any further update(s) will be brought back).</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Watson has carried out all the necessary repairs to the play area equipment, including the gate springs, as reference in recent emails.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Other Organisation Reports</b> None reported.</p> <p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The clerk, on behalf of the Parish, is chasing up with the local Police, the inconsiderate parking on Pollen Lane.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Tina Cole</b></p> <p>The Playground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A quote from ETC Sport Surfaces (Rory Wells) for new basketball back boards and loops, is still outstanding, despite chasing. Cllr Tina Cole will seek out alternative suppliers and obtain quotes.</li> <li>Graham Watson jet washed the playground and repaired the slide platform, following reporting by a resident.</li> <li>Derek Hanson has been in contact with a local arborist company who could possibly make use of the woods for training, and who in turn, would be willing to remove trees that are blocking the light.</li> <li>Two large swing seats need to be replaced. Replacements are on order (cage swing seats).</li> <li>On the approval of Councillors, Cllr Cole has requested that the rough grass on the rear village car park is maintained by Bawdens, as part of their monthly contract.</li> <li>Durrington Football Team are going to use the football pitch for their home games, at a charge of £25 per game. This sum will be shared with the village hall who will be providing the changing room facilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Nick Tissot</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus Depot: no change. I have again been in touch with Simon Hay at Gerard Eve and the Go-Ahead Group have not changed their position. I am of course pushing for change of use to residential as previously agreed. It was however agreed by the PC that Nick Tissot would draft a letter to the Go-Ahead Group on behalf of the PC explaining the PCs position that the bus depot is an eye sore for the village and that the village would be keen to explore options to assist the Go-Ahead Group in selling the property</li> <li>School: No change. Wiltshire Council and the estate agents have again confirmed that the property is under offer but awaiting Department of Education approval.</li> <li>Planning Applications with Wiltshire Council: NT explained that there was a variation to the planning application to move the location of the garage at the Cliff End property and that this was awaiting approval. NT showed the proposed plans to the PC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr D Amison</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Wessex Rivers Trust has agreed funding with the Environment Agency that will allow the development of a detailed concept design for a nature-based solution to the eventual removal of the old weir. The outcome is intended to enhance biodiversity, create a more natural channelling of the River Avon through the stretch of the current weir, and allow a lifting of the Out of Bounds Area such that the enhanced site can once again be enjoyed by parishioners and visitors. Before any decisions are taken</li> </ul>	



	<p>parishioners will be consulted on the concept design, most probably at a forthcoming Parish Council meeting. Further details will follow in due course.</p> <p><b>Cllr D Ferguson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All AEDs have been checked with two requiring new batteries and pads. <b>Action</b> Clerk to order replacements and will be replaced by Cllr Ferguson</li> <li>The AED training was well attended, and a few attendees asked if basic first aid training could be provided. This is to be reviewed at a later date and will be dependent upon cost.</li> </ul>	<b>Action: SB</b>																																																						
9	<p><b>Clerk Report: Finance report up to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Income</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Precept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19,099.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Magazine Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vat Refund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,644.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rental of Multi Court</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>21,783.38</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Expenditure</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog Bins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">660.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,798.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Works Loan</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Magazine</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,162.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,822.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waste Bins at Village Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">158.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">407.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audit Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">410.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance &amp; HS</td> <td style="text-align: right;">550.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Save our Woods- Legal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous</td> <td style="text-align: right;">303.44</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;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subscriptions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website Development and Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">433.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ablington Wood Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;"><b>10,055.84</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Surplus or Deficit</b></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black;"><b>11,727.54</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Current Bank Balance: £18301.14</b></p>	Income	£	Precept	19,099.00	Parish Magazine Income	-	Vat Refund	2,644.38	Rental of Multi Court	40.00		<b>21,783.38</b>			Expenditure	£	Dog Bins	660.00	Grass Cutting	1,798.51	Public Works Loan	-	Parish Magazine	1,162.32	Parish Clerk	3,822.30	Waste Bins at Village Hall	158.25	Bank Charges	-	Insurance	407.69	Audit Fee	410.00	Maintenance & HS	550.00	Save our Woods- Legal	-	Miscellaneous	303.44	Donations and Funding	350.00	Small Asset Purchases	-	Subscriptions	-	Website Development and Charges	433.33	Ablington Wood Expenditure	-		<b>10,055.84</b>	<b>Surplus or Deficit</b>	<b>11,727.54</b>	
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