

# Figheldean Parish Council

(Draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting 25 May 2022 at Village Hall

**Present** 

Cllr John Menzies Chairman
Cllr Tina Cole Vice-Chair

Cllr Darrell Amison

Cllr Nick Tissot

Cllr Fred Piner

Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling (WC)

Sandra Burch Clerk

# **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- Apologies: Cllr David Ferguson
- Election of Officials (Chair and Vice Chair)
  - o Cllr John Menzies to continue in the role as 'Chair' Appointed.
  - o Cllr Tina Cole announced that she would be standing down as Vice Chair.
  - o It was proposed and agreed that Cllrr Fred Piner will be appointed as Vice Chair.
- Official Appointments
  - o Amesbury Board: Will be attended by the Chair; the Vice Chair will be the Depute
  - o CATG: Vice Chair Cllr Fred Piner
  - o Police Liaison: Cllr Darrell Amison
  - o Website: Cllr David Ferguson

Action: The Clerk (Sandra Burch) to notify David Ferguson via email

o Facebook: The Clerk

Please note: Current roles will stand until the new Cllrs are appointed

Approval of Annual Governance Statement and Accounts

Signed and approved by Chair

• Questions from the public: None

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Apologies	
	Cllr David Ferguson	
2	Declaration of Interests	
	None reported.	
3	Minutes of the meeting: 6 April 2022	
	These were agreed as a true reflection and signed by the Chairman.	
4	Matters arising / Outstanding Actions: 6 April 2022	
	Cllr John Menzies to chase up DIO regarding the lease	JM



## 5 Wiltshire Councillor Report - Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling

## Avon Valley report from the Stonehenge Area Board - May 2022 - Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling

- Review May 21 Apr 22
  - Implementation of new Electoral Divisions and Area Boards. Enford, Fittleton cum Haxton & Netheravon moved from Collingbournes and Netheravon Division in Tidworth AB to join with Flgheldean, Milston and Larkhill as Avon Valley Division in Amesbury AB later changed name to be Stonehenge AB.
  - Wiltshire Council Unitary Elections
  - Chair of Area Board and CATG Graham Wright, Vice Chair Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling
  - Operating as a team of 6 councillors with Lead members:
    - o Climate Change Cllr Graham Wright
    - Paths for All & Military Civilian Integration, Digital Inclusion Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling
    - Youth Activities Cllr Mark Verbinnen
    - o Health & Wellbeing Cllr Dr Monica Devendran
    - Highways Cllr Kevin Daley
  - Trialling modes of how to hold meeting Via Virtual and in person (a mixture of both is being trialled)
    - 4 x formal Business Meetings where we also ratify all our grants now in person
    - Monthly Clinic ((Teams) Focussed topics such as Police, Climate, Speeding, Paths for All, Youth and Climate Change.
    - Cluster evening meetings in person where the Chair and Community
       Engagement of the Area board and local Wiltshire Councillor meet with
       Parishes that are geographically aligned to consider local priorities.
- <u>CATG.</u> we held virtual meetings with a new focus on priorities intruding 1 priority per parish. All funding was invested with some actions pending delivery. The system and meetings were well received.
- **Grants.** We introduced a simpler applications method which does not requiring a formal grant application these were trialled with Paths for All & Community Engagement. Avon Valley funding highlights:
  - Netheravon. Grant for Outdoor Gym, speed surveys and application for 40MPH on A345, jubilee Beacon grant covering Avon Valley, Grant for first responder raiser chair. Jubilee Mugs
  - Fittleton Haxton Grants for speed sign and New Pound Signpost.
  - Fighledean contribution towards Figgle Fest.
- The Future May 22 onwards -
  - Local Highways and Footpath Improvements Group replaces CATG
    - Increased scope (pathways and some maintenance), increased funding for each Area Board and central competitive funding pot. End of year unspent funding will transfer to central competitive pot for subsequent year.
    - o Briefed at meeting 25 Apr
    - List of defects relook
  - Area Board
    - Next meeting, in person, 30<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 Woodford Village Hall.
    - Aim to better focus Wiltshire Council's overall effort and financial investment and funding – Wiltshire Council used Stonehenge Area Board as a good working model.



# What will the Area Board do? Setting and Working to Local Priorities (how and when)

- May/ June/ July Local Priorities reports submitted to board. Review of the previous 12 months action and overview of any updated data/ evidence.
- Up to 5 priorities will be agreed by the Area Board.
- Priorities can be amended by the board at any business meeting.
- At least one Councillor to be the lead for each priority.

#### AB Working Groups

 Working groups and funding streams to be used to actively advance priorities through projects, initiatives, and collaborative working.

## O Area Board Grant Funding Criteria - main updates

- Funding is available to voluntary and community sector organisations up to a total of £5,000.
- Town and Parish councils are eligible to apply for revenue funding, in respect of Youth Grants or Older and Vulnerable Adult Grants, not general Capital Grants.
- Matched funding requirement has reduced from £1,000 to £500.
- Applications must be received at least 4 weeks before an Area Board
- Applications must highlight how they are meeting two aims of WC Business Plan and an Area Board local priority. The grant system will reflect this
- An organisation can apply for a maximum of 2 projects/ bids per annum across all 18 boards. Each project/ bid can request funding from up to 3 boards.

The Parish Council (PC) has received notification that Wiltshire County Council will no longer be offering funding for capital projects. This news was received unexpectedly and to the disappointment of the Councillors.

As a consequence, the PC will need to address and reconsider the ways in which capital is raised and secured going forward.

# 6 Chairman's Report

- The Chair showed his appreciation on the work that has been carried out in publicising, and signposting residents to the events taking place over the Jubilee weekend in Figheldean.
- The Old Coach Workshop is now 'Sold'. It has not yet been disclosed what the site will be replaced with.
- BT Planned Road Works: Access to Pollen Road has been re-instated for local residents; allowing access to 'Coffee Mornings' on a Wednesday.

# 7 Other Organisation Reports

None received.

## 8 Councillor Reports

#### Cllr Tina Cole

#### The basketball back boards:

<u>Planned Resolution:</u> Repairs to the back boards remain outstanding. When in a position to carry out the work, Graham will fix the boards using marine ply.

TC



## **Ablington Wood:**

All essential tree works in Ablington woods have been successfully carried out by Fitchetts.

#### **Multicourt:**

ETC Surfacing (Rory Wells) to be reminded to carry out the annual maintenance to the multicourt.

TC

#### Cllr Nick Tissot

#### **Bus Depot:**

The Bus Depot was sold at Auction for £241k plus 20% uplift costs. The purchaser, and proposed usage for the site, is not yet known.

## St Michael's School:

Wiltshire Council have confirmed that they have exchanged conditional contracts for the sale of the school and are now awaiting the Department of Education's consent before they can move to completion.

# **New Applications:**

Nothing new to report.

#### Cllr Fred Piner

#### CATG:

A meeting of the Stonehenge CATG took place virtually on the 13 April 2022. It is the PC's intent, that a request will be put forward to reduce the speed limit on the main A345 road, as you approach the village from the A345, and within the village itself.

Councillors agreed that any potential costs that may be forthcoming, will be those required by the Highways Agency for its initial costings and benefits analysis.

### Dog Fouling:

This is on the rise. Councillors to establish how residents can be held to account. It was agreed that a reminder to residents on the fines that can be imposed (up to £1.000) is included within the next publication of the village magazine as put forward by the PC Clerk.

Cllrs/ Clerk

# 9 Clerk Report: Finance report up to 24 May 2022

Current Bank Balance: £16,311.61

Date	To Whom	Gross Amount
15/05/2022	Bawden Grass Cutting	250.03
19/05/2022	May/June Mag Expenses	40.66
15/05/2022	Fitchetts Tree Figheldean PC	780.00
08/05/2022	Grass Cutting April	200.00
10/05/2022	Dog Bins April	130.00



	Date	To Whom	Gross Amount
	20/05/2022	Hills Waste Solution	54.91
	19/04/2022	Hills Waste Solution	49.20
	10/05/2022	Accountant - Annual Return	230.00
	24/05/2022	Beacon Figheldean	100.00
	07/04/2022	Parish Council Website	160.00
	08/05/2022	Parish Mag Printers	300.00
	25/05/2022	Jubilee Weekend	19.99
	17/05/2022	Jubilee Weekend	87.61
	15/05/2022	Jubilee Weekend	376.00
	09/05/2022	Jubilee Weekend	167.74
	19/05/2022	Wages	444.00
	06/04/2022	Wages	476.00
	09/05/2022	Jubilee Weekend	42.69
	09/05/2022	Jubilee Weekend	69.92
	22/04/2022	Jubilee Weekend	96.11
	All expenditur	e approved by Parish Councillors	
10	Other Parish Business  • Jubilee Village Weekend Events: Organisation completed: No outstanding actions.		
11	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 7.30pm, the Village Hall, Figheldean.		

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