



Figheldean Parish Council

(Draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting 23rd November 2022 at Village Hall

Present

Cllr John Menzies Chairman
Cllr Tina Cole Vice-Chair
Cllr Darrell Amison
Cllr Nick Tissot
Cllr James Kelly

Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling (WC)

Sandra Burch Clerk

Questions from members of the public:

Q. Why has the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charity Clothes Bin been positioned on Village Hall land without the prior approval and acceptance of its new location, from the Village Hall Committee?

Caroline Cave joined the meeting on behalf of VHC to discuss concerns

A: The Figheldean Working Men's Club had the bin removed from its original position due to the bus station being sold and clothes being left on the ground; or that items would not fit through the bin opening. Although WAA pledge to monitor the site, it could appear unsightly at times, when discarded clothes are blown around the village hall car park due to the bin being at full capacity, or because of items being too large for the bin to hold. A compromise was reached that the clothes bin would be moved to the area close to the red waste bins, and that its effectiveness would be reviewed in 3 months times.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Apologies	
2	Declaration of Interests None reported.	
3	Minutes of the meeting: 21st September 2022 These were agreed as a true reflection and signed by the Chairman.	
4	Matters arising / Outstanding Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Outstanding Lease: now with Solicitors in Amesbury.Inconsiderate parking: Action: Cllr Darrell Amison to chase for a response from PSCO Michael FarebrotherBasketball Court: Action: Replacement basketball backboards and nets are being procured. Clerk to chase progress of orderCllr Nick Tissot: Action: to speak with Keith Yates regarding commemorative trees to mark the passing of the Queen and her Jubilee; and the inauguration of the new King Charles II. Contact now made.	SB DA SB NT



5	<p>Wiltshire Councillor Report - Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling</p> <p>A345 (Netheravon Village only) - Speed Limit Review to reduce the speed limit down from 50 mph to 40 mph</p> <p>Assessment is now finalised. The outcome concluded that the 50-mph speed limit imposed was at an acceptable level for the current flow of traffic. I propose to take this matter further with an appropriate cabinet member to discuss the possibility of implementing a pilot scheme to reduce speed through rural villages. A report will be provided on any future developments.</p> <p>Parish Boundaries</p> <p>As previously reported, Parish boundaries are currently under consultation with all concerned parties. A meeting, that was attended by Figheledean Parish Clerk, put forward a case for Cliff End and Figheledean New Buildings to remain within FP boundary. If accepted, this will be implemented at the next general election -2025.</p> <p>These changes will mean that Netheravon Camp and Quarters will be part of Netheravon Parish, agreed as a logical step by all councillors.</p>	
6	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chair thanked all members present for their continued support and commitment, and advised on the following developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lease: Following discussion with our Solicitor, confirmation was given that the lease is 'satisfactory'. Once signed, this can then be registered with the Land Registry. Bonallack and Bishop have advised that they would be willing to organise, if required. • Fred Piner (Vice-Chair): Due to personal reasons, Fred, who has been a very active member of the parish council, has sadly resigned. Cllr Tina Cole has kindly put forward an offer to step back into the Vice Chair role, subject to the agreement of the Council. • Kevan, The Parish Steward: Continues to carry out essential work as directed by myself, our Councillors, and residents. Please can you advise of any issues or matters that need attending to, so that these may be passed on and attended to. • The Air Ambulance clothes recycling unit: Since the unit was removed from the FWMC, residents have approach me directly and asked if we could get it replaced and situated at a suitable location. After contacting Air Ambulance, a bin was delivered without prior notice and in a very short period. To enable immediate use, the bin has been placed in its new location on an interim basis and can be re-located to a more suitable location if required. It should be noted, that at this time, no contract has been signed with the Air Ambulance service. 	
7	<p>Other Organisation Reports</p> <p>None received.</p>	
8	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Tina Cole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still working on the hire agreement in relation to PC Facilities (VH overall car park, Figheledean Playing Field and Multi-Court). 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The local football team have put forward their interest in hiring the football pitch and changing rooms; with an agreement to line out the football pitch. A price has been agreed for two matches only, and this will be reviewed going forward, subject to their interest in a continuous use arrangement.• The playground and multi court annual inspection highlighted a few areas of concerns. I will ask Graham Watson what work he can do assist with; the rest will require us to obtain repair quotes. The multicourt surface is showing areas of deterioration that need attention; also, the clearing of leaves and weeds - maybe ask for volunteers? <p>Cllr Nick Tissot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates on Bus Depot.• NBT confirmed that there had been no further update relating to the sale of the school following the exchange and completion of contracts.• No new relevant planning applications. <p>Cllr James Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owl boxes are now in situ.• I attended the remembrance service on behalf of the Parish Council to lie a wreath.• Happy to help with multi court clean up. <p>Cllr Darrell Amison</p> <p>Update on the 'Wild Figheldean Project' provided by the Wessex Rivers Trust on Wednesday 23 November: The flood risk activity permit is still being determined, although the Environment Agency expects it to be approved.</p> <p>The key challenge the project faces is the securing of funds. Several funding options are being explored including the Environment Agency's Water Environment Improvement Fund and the Water Industry Natural Environment Programme - a programme of works funded by the water industry on the River Avon between 2025-2030. The Wild Figheldean project has also been added to the Environment Agency's medium-term plan.</p> <p>The Wessex Rivers Trust remains hopeful that the project will start in 2023 albeit there is clearly a risk of delay if resources are not secured in the near-term. Further updates will be provided in the first quarter of 2023.</p>																			
9	<p>Clerk Report: Finance report up to 23rd November 2022</p> <p>Expenditure since last meeting</p> <table><tr><td>Dog Bins</td><td>400.00</td></tr><tr><td>Grass Cutting</td><td>590.06</td></tr><tr><td>Magazine</td><td>322.00</td></tr><tr><td>Parish Clerk</td><td>935.66</td></tr><tr><td>Waste</td><td>100.99</td></tr><tr><td>Bank Charges</td><td>16.00</td></tr><tr><td>Maintenance</td><td>560.50</td></tr><tr><td>Small Asset Purchases</td><td>278.11</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3203.32</td></tr></table> <p>Current Bank Balance: £15,646.36</p> <p>All expenditure approved by Parish Councillors</p>	Dog Bins	400.00	Grass Cutting	590.06	Magazine	322.00	Parish Clerk	935.66	Waste	100.99	Bank Charges	16.00	Maintenance	560.50	Small Asset Purchases	278.11	Total	3203.32	
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10	Precept Budget prepared and presented. Agreement by all, for it to remain at £20,000.	
11	Other Parish Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of Flag for Church. Action: Clerk to chase up.• Agreement for 'Figgle Fest' to use the playing field next July.	SB
12	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 25 th January 2023 at 7.30pm, the Village Hall, Figgheldean.	

Signed Date