



Figheledean Parish Council

(Draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting 24th April 2023 at Village Hall @7.30 pm

Present

Cllr Tina Cole	Acting Chairman
Cllr Darrell Amison	
Cllr James Kelly	
Cllr Rachel Ure	
Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling (WC)	
Sandra Burch	Clerk

Questions from the public

(1) Inspector Ricky Lee (Amesbury Police Station): Today, joined to provide an overview of the changes made in community policing.

Following placement on 'special measures', Wiltshire police appointed a new Chief Constable for Wiltshire Police, Catherine Roper (February 2023), who brought with her years of experience working with London Met Police.

There has been a recruitment drive in this past year, which has meant change for Amesbury Community Police; Constable Mike Handscombe, has been assigned to the Avon Parishes.

With no custody cells available locally, this had led to logistic issues transporting to and from Swindon Custody unit. Alternatives are being investigated, compounded by the increase in Anti-Social behaviour, which has put more pressure on its staff.

On a positive note, Avon Parishes experience low crime, and with a new dedicated community police force within Amesbury, there are some positives to be taken in terms of progress.

(2) Jackie Dryden: Today, gave a brief presentation drawing on her expertise as Museum Curator, with the purpose of obtaining permission to review historic parish files. This is so that our village history can be articulated and displayed in the village hall, with clear and visible stands erected for its visitors and parishioners.

There will be capital costs associated, which will need to be researched and applied for.

Approved: The councillors considered this was a great idea and beneficial to the community; with access to all historic parish files granted.



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	<p>Apologies Cllr Nick Tissot.</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of Interests None reported.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the meeting: 13th February 2023 These were agreed as a true reflection of discussion and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising / Outstanding Actions All outstanding actions covered under Item: 8 Councillors Reports.</p>	
5	<p>Wiltshire Councillor Report – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling</p> <p>Parish Boundaries As previously referenced, consultations are taking place with all concerned, following the recommendation put forward that Cliff End and Figheldean New Buildings should remain within the FP boundary, Netheravon camp moved to Netheravon Parish. There have been no objections so should be accepted and implemented at the next general election.</p> <p>A345 (Netheravon Village only) - Speed Limit Review to reduce the speed limit down from 50 mph to 40 mph. Highways have approved a trial of one year, so Netheravon must change signage and set up traffic watch wardens, employ SIDS. There is lots of work to be done and again I must stress this is only a trial but if successful will mean that Highways must consider community concerns instead of using highways criteria to the word.</p> <p>Whilst this is progressing, there is nothing stopping Figheldean pushing forward a case to Highways to review, expressing our concerns due to our only bus stop being on the A345, and the speed of its traffic. The LHFIG have replied to Figheldean Parish Speed Limit requests (A345 and village), and they have given the green light to proceed with a 20-mph assessment within the village.</p>	
6.	<p>Acting Chair Councillor Report – Cllr Tina Cole</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to say how delighted I am that our speed restriction campaign is starting to gain momentum. With Councillor Rachel Ure’s well-worded correspondence and our Parish Clerk Sandra Burch representing us at the LHGIF meetings, it appears that we will be getting a site visit by Rhiann Surgenor of Wiltshire Traffic Engineering Team to assess the dangers of the A345 near the Figheldean turning. A timely visit will show the very obvious need to have a speed restriction in place, possibly along with traffic calming measures. Well done everyone involved for getting us this far.</p> <p>A well-earned thank you also goes to all fellow councillors for their continued dedication to the parish and this council.</p>	



	<p>Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a newly elected Chair of our Village Hall namely Brian England. Brian, who was a former Chair, has stepped up to the position once more for a fixed term of 12 months unless another candidate is forthcoming. This comes in the wake of the resignation of the previous Chair John Murray. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank John for his commitment during his 4-year tenure and thank Brian for taking up the reigns. • A very sincere thank you goes to villager Robert Wright. He stepped up to the mark when a call was put out on social media if anyone knew how to remove spray paint from a tree in Ablington Wood. Rob set about removing the paint almost immediately and now the tree looks in tip top condition again. A large section of trunk had been spray painted by a couple of youths. Villager Jackie Dryden saw the culprits and confronted them, and they peddled away on push bikes before any more damage was done. A huge thank you to Rob for his swift action and Jackie for reporting it. • Defibrillator training is taking place here at the village hall on Monday May 2nd at 7.30pm. Collingwood Training are carrying out the session for us. Committee members of the Figheldean Working Men’s Club, The Village Hall and the Parish Council have been invited along. Maintenance will also be covered, and a servicing provider suggested to allow us to be compliant with national standards. • With King Charles III’s Coronation almost upon us I would like to thank The Village Hall and Figheldean Working Mens Club for providing funds along with the Parish Council to allow the Figheldean Village Community Events team to organise 3 days of celebrations for parishioner. <p>Let’s hope for good weather. GOD SAVE THE KING!</p>	
7	<p>Other Organisation Reports Please refer to ‘Questions from the Public (above).</p>	
8	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>CLlr Nick Tissot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Michaels School: John Seaber has now sent through the attached presentation that can be added to Parish Council website and circulated as appropriate. Planning application is still going through with a last-minute request for a bat survey to be undertaken. An update is to be provided at the next meeting. • Cliff End no update to report • Rissington on Pollen Lane: An application for a small extension at the rear of the property. • The Cottage, High Street: Replacement of 12 windows. . There are no documents attached to application. • Pot holes: This is a national and local issues, with potholers identified in Pollen Lane and the back roads. <p>No objections to above all from Councillors</p>	



Clr Darrell Amison

- Cllr Amison will remain in close liaison with Wilts Police for all policing matters affecting the Parish

Clr James Kelly

- Grass cutting: A contract has been negotiated with Bawdens for a 2-year contract in respect of the recreational ground, edge of car park and verges on Pollen Close. The cost agreed is £2,500 plus vat.
- Ablington and footpaths to village hill are to be maintained by Graham Watson. The savings and contract award have been agreed by all councillors.
- Bin maintenance: One of our local parishioners has agreed to do manage four waste bins a month, with protective equipment and bags being issued. The parishioner will be liable for their own taxes. Graham Watson will manage all other bins and invoice the parish council accordingly.
- The Court: Annual treatment of the court by ETC Sports Surfaces Limited has been completed. Their contract is due to end in 2023, so consideration will need to be given to negotiate a new contract; or look to source an alternative vendor.
- Court damage: There is a patch on the court which needs repair due to tree root damage. To avoid any potential risks of accident, Cllr James Kelly has agreed to investigate the matter and report back.
- Tennis Net. This is in need of replacement, Cllr Darrel Amison agreed to source a second-hand alternative, to save on costs, if available.
- Ablington Woods: Keith Yates has been instructed to complete an annual survey.

Clr Rachel Ure

Actions completed since the last Parish Council meeting:

- Responses to the Highways team regarding the speed limit reviews that have been requested for Figheldean.
- Councillor vacancies advertised.
- Review of Parish Council website initiated.
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Proposals:

- It is proposed and agreed that future Parish Magazine contributions include an interview with, and celebration of, a member of the Figheldean Parish. As a way to congratulate and celebrate various individuals' contributions and support to the village over the years.
- A number of additions to the Parish Council website were discussed and agreed. Cllr Rachel Ure will gradually work on adding content to the website.

**Clr JK
Clr DA**

9	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>Expenditure since last meeting – all approved</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Parish Council Web site</td> <td style="text-align: right;">190</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Figheldean Events FPC donation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Car Park Rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall Bins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">250.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Defib battery and Pads</td> <td style="text-align: right;">806.34</td> </tr> </table>	Parish Council Web site	190	Figheldean Events FPC donation	300	Car Park Rent	20	Village Hall Bins	35.45	Grass Cutting	250.03	Bank Charges	8	Defib battery and Pads	806.34	
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	<p>Protective Work Wear 28</p> <p>Waste and Dog Bins 40</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Clerk to raise invoices for contribution towards Overspill rent costs. • Action: Take forward the request that we should continue to argue with overspill car park rent that has been applied, and which they want to back date to 23/3/22 <p>Current Bank Balance: £17,832.59</p>	
10	<p>Other Parish Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None to report 	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting: Monday, 22 May 2023 	

Signed Date