



# Figheldean Parish Council

(Draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October at Village Hall @7.30 pm

**Present**

Cllr Tina Cole                      Chair  
 Cllr Darrell Amison  
 Cllr Nick Tissot  
 Cllr Angela Briggs  
 Cllr Ian Blair- Pilling (WC)  
 Rachel Ure                          Clerk

**Questions from the public.**

Doug Hall was in attendance but did not have any questions.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	<b>Apologies*</b> Cllr James Kelly	
2	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> Nil	
3	<b>Minutes of the meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> These were agreed as a true reflection of discussion and signed by the Chair.	
4	<b>Matters arising / Outstanding Actions</b>  Ablington Woods Tree Survey. Outstanding action for Cllr Kelly to review and update the risk assessments for various works carried out in the parish, particularly within Ablington Woods. Speed Reduction Update – the recent Stonehenge Area Board meeting that took place last month has approved the sign and line proposal along the A345 by the Figheldean turning, along with the speed limit review within the village. In short, we can expect the speed counters to be in place at some point in November. The lines and signage for traffic calming will take a little longer on the A345 and of course will be weather dependent, but they will be installed. We will be updated with more detail at the next LHIFIG meeting. We are committed to paying 25% of the overall cost as agreed which will be £725. Parish Magazine Content – an update was provided regarding the Parish Council contribution to the parish magazine. This is gradually being revised to include a variety of relevant and useful information for parishioners. The further inclusion of ‘Celebration of Community’ and recognising voluntary contributions from villagers to our parish was also discussed.  Cllr Cole to arrange to meet with the Editor of the Parish Magazine to discuss further.	<b>Cllr JK</b>          <b>Cllr TC</b>



<p>5</p>	<p><b>Wiltshire Councillor Report – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling</b></p> <p>Cllr Blair-Pilling expressed his satisfaction that the speed reduction measures had been approved for Figheldean. This will coincide with a similar exercise for Netheravon and will be mutually beneficial in reducing the speed along the A345.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council are in a positive financial position. An additional £10m grant has been reallocated towards highways over the next two years. The focus will be highway repairs and particularly potholes. This grant will double the number of improvements that can be achieved over the next two years and will be spread across Wiltshire. Each improvement will be run past the relevant area board.</p> <p>Fly tipping is reducing after a number of successful prosecutions.</p> <p>Cllr Blair-Pilling made the Councillors aware of a new bus service, titled <a href="#">Wiltshire Connect</a>, that is available to parishioners of Figheldean. This is a new service, aimed at rural villages, with both timetabled buses, but also, an on-demand service.</p> <p>The Local Plan Consultation is continuing. Cllr Tissot has received an electronic copy of the Wiltshire presentation on this which he will forward to the other Councillors.</p> <p>There is a full Wiltshire council meeting tomorrow, Cllr Blair-Pilling will be presenting on the recent boundary changes with Netheravon. Cllr Blair-Pilling thanked Figheldean Parish Council for their collaborative approach to this amendment. The changes won't take effect until May 2025.</p>	<p>Cllr NT</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Chair Councillor Report – Cllr Tina Cole</b></p> <p><u>Speed Reduction measures</u></p> <p>Update on the Speed Reduction measures was included at the start of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Netheravon FC</u></p> <p>Netheravon FC are continuing to use the playing field for their matches, although we are awaiting confirmation of the new fixture list.</p> <p><u>Parish Steward Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Cole met the Parish Steward in the village today. He is working on a number of tasks such as repairing potholes and clearing signage etc. Cllr Cole also asked him if he could clear the remainder of the kerbside weeds. The Parish Steward advised that this is a task normally completed in May. However, the Council felt that this needs to be tackled sooner to ease any drainage issues over the winter.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Cole to discuss the kerb side weeds and draining concerns with Cllr Kelly.</p> <p>It was also clarified that the path at the side of the school does not fall under Wiltshire's remit in terms of up-keep. Therefore, Graham Watson will be asked to work on it.</p> <p><u>Figheldean Community Resilience Plan</u></p> <p>The requirement to update the Figheldean Community Resilience Plan was discussed. Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that the key point in such documents is to have the chain of command</p>	<p>Cllr TC</p>





	<p>A second planning application for Choulston Bridge was noted but confirmed that it falls more into Netheravon's boundary than Figheledean's.</p> <p>It was noted that concerns have been received recently regarding someone living in the RV positioned behind the old coach depot next to the Working Men's Club. Cllr JK has investigated, and the concerns have been responded to.</p> <p>There is no further information, at this time, regarding progress and a revised opening date for the school.</p> <p><b>Cllr Darrell Amison</b></p> <p>The funding for the River Avon project has now been approved, under the Species Recovery Programme Capital Grant Scheme. This is a new scheme run by Natural England. £230k has been secured and will run up until March 2025. The first step is a survey in order to determine if a translocation of water vole's needs to be completed. The survey will be carried out in the Spring.</p> <p>The expenditure of £180 to purchase a new, high quality, tennis net for the multicourt area was approved.</p> <p><b>Cllr Angie Briggs</b></p> <p>A survey on all of the salt bins in the parish has been completed and additional salt stocks requested, where needed.</p> <p>Cllr Briggs is ensuring that any potholes that still require repair are being reported.</p> <p><b>Cllr James Kelly</b></p> <p>Cllr Kelly has requested advised that the quote for the 2024 multi-court maintenance contract is either £2,375 for 5 years or £1,575 for 3 years.</p> <p>Repair estimate for the current surface holes is £375 - £425, but further information requested following the submission of more updated photos.</p>							
9	<p><b>Clerks Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the second precept payment for this financial year has now been received.</p> <p>At the last meeting the Clerk was tasked with carrying out a full forecast to year end so that decisions around additional expenditure can be made.</p> <p>Whilst we are overspending in some areas, the current forecast is that at year end we will be £1,722.52 under budget. The main reasons for this are a reduction in Clerk salary, no donation to Figgle Fest this year and the option to not purchase commemorative trees that were originally budgeted for.</p> <p>Expenditure since last meeting – all approved</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="245 1966 1327 2007"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="245 1966 609 2007">Expenditure</th> <th data-bbox="609 1966 836 2007">Amount</th> <th data-bbox="836 1966 1327 2007">Detail</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Expenditure	Amount	Detail				
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	Bank charges	£16		
	Clerk Salary	£624		
	Bawdens	£500	Grass cutting	
	Ian Grimes	£80	Dog Bins	
	Graham Watson	£320	Bins	
	Graham Watson	£440	Grass + play park and verges	
	Hills	£218.70	VH bins collection	
	Keith Yates	£560	Tree Survey	
	Parish Magazine printing	£368		
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Detail</b>	
	Brambles	£60	Hire of VH Field	
	FVCE	£93.25	Contribution to bin collection of FF	
	Netheravon FC	£60	Hire of VH Field	
	<b>Current Bank Balance @ 17<sup>th</sup> September: £13,760.47</b>			
	Action: Clerk to chase the invoice that is outstanding for payment from the Village Hall for contribution towards the Village Hall car park rent.			Clerk
10	<p><b>Other Parish Business</b></p> <p>The suggestion of purchasing a River Avon sign was discussed. It was agreed that this is not a financial priority currently, but the Parish Council would review again in the future.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Cole to ask Cllr Kelly if he would lay the Figheldean Remembrance wreath this year.</p> <p>Magnum Spirit Navigational Trial – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. The Magnum Spirit navigation event will be passing through Figheldean, via public vehicular rights of way, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 between 7pm and 11pm. This will involve military and civilian Land Rover type vehicles and possibly some motorcycles. Where the route passes through villages or dwellings they will be designated 'Quiet Zones' and marshalled accordingly. This event is run by the British Army Motorsports Association who wish to provide parishioners with advance notice of the event and to pass on their gratitude for our cooperation and tolerance of valuable training and recreational activities such as this.</p> <p>The Parish Council noted this event. Action: Clerk to advise parishioners via the parish magazine and social media.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust would be invited to attend a Figheldean coffee morning to advise parishioners on cyber and home security.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to arrange for the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust to attend a Figheldean coffee morning.</p>			<p>Cllr TC</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7:30pm</li> </ul>			



Signed ..... *[Signature]* ..... Date 27<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 2023