



Figcheldean Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting 27th November at Village Hall @7.30 pm

Present

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

Questions from the public.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Apologies Cllr James Kelly Cllr Angela Briggs	
2	Declaration of Interests Cllr Amison declared an interest regarding a current planning application for Rissington.	
3	Minutes of the meeting: 16th October 2023 These were agreed as a true reflection of discussion and signed by the Chair.	
4	Matters arising / Outstanding Actions Ablington Woods Tree Survey and associated Risk Assessments – update required from Cllr Kelly. Action – Clerk to re-send the email to Cllr Kelly regarding the review and update of the risk assessments required for various works carried out within the parish, particularly Ablington Woods. Speed Reduction Update. Cllr Cole has emailed Kate Davey, from the Wiltshire Highways Team, to ask about the timeline for our amended signage and when we can expect the results of the monitoring survey. Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that the monitoring survey report should be received shortly, but there may be a longer lead time for any corresponding actions. Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that the 40mph signs are now in place in Netheravon and they are also awaiting receipt of their monitoring survey report. Feedback from parishioners in Netheravon is that there has been a noticeable difference in speed through the village. Residents at Harefield Crescent have raised a concern that the reduced speed limit doesn't include the section of A345 directly outside of the Crescent.	Cllr JK



5	<p>Wiltshire Councillor Report – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling</p> <p>A summary of the key messages regarding the Local Plan was distributed to all Councillors at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Blair-Pilling advised that there are some Afghan refugees being housed around Wiltshire (including the MOD Quarters that are part of Figheldean), under two different schemes, one short term and one longer term. Cllr Blair-Pilling has liaised with Wiltshire Council regarding the communication of these schemes with local parishes so that communities can ensure families are welcomed accordingly.</p> <p>Cllr Blair-Pilling will be attending a meeting on the 28th November regarding the progress with the Stonehenge project. The project is still in a review period. Highways England have made some funding available for the cycling routes.</p> <p>Additional double yellow lines and enhancements to parking restrictions have been put in place in Durrington. A proportion of the costs of the yellow lines was funded by LHFIFG. This is a further improvement that Figheldean could consider within the village. Applications would need to be submitted by March. The Parish Council would need to be prepared to fund a proportion of the costs.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Briggs to review the possibility of applying for additional double yellow lines within Figheldean and consider suitable locations.</p>	Cllr AB
6.	<p>Chair Councillor Report – Cllr Tina Cole</p> <p>With the end of the year upon us it's time to consider our precept. With the increase in council spending, primarily due to the increase in costs from our contractors, a difficult decision will have to be made.</p> <p>On a different note, we are to play host here in Figheldean to the next Stonehenge Area Board meeting on Wednesday 13th December. It would be good if we can all attend. It will be held at Figheldean Village Hall. Time tbc.</p> <p>Finally as always I'll take this opportunity to thank all councillors sincerely for their time and effort and also to thank Rachel Ure for taking on the Parish Clerk's role so seamlessly. Rachel has been our clerk now for almost six months and has fitted in incredibly well.</p>	
7	<p>Other Organisation Reports</p> <p>Cllr Cole advised that the Village Hall have set up a number of sub-committees to look at hiring charges, maintenance etc.</p> <p>The mast renewal will be up in 2028. Whilst the current financial situation for the Village Hall is stable, this will need to be carefully considered should the income from the mast cease.</p>	
8	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Nick Tissot</p>	



	<p>Notes on the Wiltshire Plan presentation were distributed at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Planning Applications / Progress: School – the archaeological surveys have been taken and approved and the school are now working on the procurement phase. A timeline of activities will be provided to the Council, when available.</p> <p>Cliffend – approved and ready to go, but there is a 3 year time period in which works need to start.</p> <p>Brambles – a retrospective planning application was submitted. Cllr Kelly was in touch with Brambles. Cllr Tissot to request an update from Cllr Kelly.</p> <p>Brindisi – initial planning application withdrawn. Will be resubmitted with an adjustment to parking arrangements. Not contentious but noted that it may result in a road closure at some point.</p> <p>Rissington – new application for a small extension of the living room. Shouldn't have an impact on anyone else.</p> <p>Cllr Darrell Amison The river project with Wessex Rivers Trust is now funded within Financial Year 24/25. The Trust is currently procuring a contractor should there be a requirement to translocate water voles from the river bank before on-site work is scheduled to begin in autumn 2024. Further communications and stakeholder engagement will take place in the New Year.</p> <p>Excellent communications from the Police and Crime Commissioner have been received over the last few months. Wiltshire Police have carried out a review of their community policing approach. This is designed to improve neighbourhood policing and establish a 'contract' with local communities. It is hoped that a local member of Wilts Police will attend a coffee morning in Figheldean in the new year to provide an update to parishioners and take questions. Action – Cllr Cole to provide Cllr Amison with a suitable coffee morning date.</p> <p>Cllr Amison advised that the replacement net for the multicourt should be less than the originally anticipated £180 (already approved). Cllr Amison will take the current net down and check the connections before purchasing.</p>	<p>Cllrs NT/JK</p> <p>Cllr Cole</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>The current forecast to year end is currently anticipating an underspend of £1,675.26 but there are some additional costs coming through over the next couple of months that will need to be considered carefully.</p> <p>Cllr Kelly had advised, via email, that the cost of the new five-year maintenance contract for the multicourt may also include the costs of the current repairs that are needed.</p> <p>Action – Cllr Kelly to confirm the details of the new maintenance contract to the other Councillors so a decision around cost can be made.</p> <p>It was agreed that an additional meeting will be held on Monday 8th January to discuss the precept for 2024/25 and to also combine with initial discussions on revising the Emergency Plan for Figheldean.</p>	<p>Cllr JK</p>



Expenditure since last meeting – all approved

Expenditure	Amount	Detail
Bank charges	£24	
Clerk Salary	£624	
Bawdens	£500	Grass cutting
Ian Grimes	£80	Dog Bins
Graham Watson	£160	Bins
Graham Watson	£80	Grass
Hills	£88.56	VH bins collection
Playsafety Limited	£184.20	Play Park Inspection
Parish Magazine printing	£426.66	
Poppy Wreaths	£40.99	X1 purchased in advance for next year
Figheldean Church Grant	£350	
Receipts	Amount	Detail
Wiltshire Council	£10,000	Precept, second payment
Netheravon FC	£12	Hire of VH Field

Current Bank Balance @ 23rd November: £18,300.61

10 **Other Parish Business**
Nil

11 **Date of Next Meeting**
An additional meeting to discuss the 2024/25 precept and Figheldean's Emergency Plan will be held on the 8th January 2024.
The next, normal, Parish Council meeting will be held on the 29th January 2024.

Signed *[Signature]* Date 20/1/24