



Figheldean Parish Council

(Draft until signed at next meeting)

Minutes of meeting 30th September 2024 at Village Hall @7.30 pm

Present

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

Questions from the public

Nil

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1	Apologies Nil	
2	Declaration of Interests None reported.	
3	Minutes of the meeting: 15th July 2024 These were agreed as a true reflection of discussion and signed by the Chair.	
4	Matters arising / Outstanding Actions Resilience Plan update. The use of the Village Hall and Figheldean Club as community hubs during resilience and/or emergency events, has been approved by Wiltshire Council. Mr Briggs - the Parish Resilience Lead - has confirmed it's possible to take out a generic insurance policy (circa £160 p/a) to provide cover for volunteers conducting resilience tasks within the Parish although the use of machinery and power tools is not covered. The implications of insurance exclusions will be considered as part of a risk assessment process. Cllr Amison and Mr Briggs will meet on Friday 25 October to review the draft Initial Response and Coordination Plan for Civil Response to Resilience Issues and Emergencies. There is a particular need to consider insurance cover, communications, safeguarding, activation procedures, hazards and 'actions-on'. Briefing dates will be arranged for Figheldean Resilience Volunteers in November.	



	<p>The Parish Council offered their sincere thanks to Mr Briggs for his excellent work so far.</p> <p>Speed Reduction Update. The plan for the reduced speed limit signage has been shared in the community and this project is being progressed by the Highways team. Any further updates will be discussed at the LHFIFG meeting on Wednesday 2nd October.</p>	
5	<p>Wiltshire Councillor Report – Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling</p> <p>The Youth Fair was held in Durrington yesterday and went very well. It is planned to hold this again next year, but a bit earlier in the year. The event was deemed as a good use of council funding to act as a catalyst to help lots of different youth organisations.</p> <p>It was noted that a planning application has been submitted within Netheravon to repurpose redundant farm buildings into 5 - 6 dwellings.</p> <p>The Household Support Fund has been funded again for another 6 months and will run from 1st October 2024 – 1st March 2025. Due to the changes with the fuel allowance there may be a larger pool of people that require additional support. Cllr Blair-Pilling would encourage people to make a claim if they do require support. Cllr Blair-Pilling can be contacted directly for advice and support with this process.</p> <p>Cllr Blair-Pilling and Cllr Cole met with the Wiltshire Highways team to look at potential options to improve parking outside of Brambles Nursery in Ablington. Unfortunately none of the options were deemed as viable or eligible for funding.</p> <p>We are still waiting to hear more about the separate project of improving the highways signage adjacent to Brambles, to include chevrons and slow down signs.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to arrange another meeting with Brambles to discuss further.</p> <p>Cllr Cole advice Cllr Blair-Pilling of the unoccupied property in Avon Banks that is falling into disrepair. The Parish Council have attempted to contact the current owners but have not received a response.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send relevant information regarding the property in Avon Banks to Cllr Blair-Pilling to see if this concern can be escalated.</p> <p>The Parish Council would like to thank Kevan, the Parish Steward for all of his hard work in our Parish.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>



6.	<p>Chair Councillor Report – Cllr Tina Cole</p> <p>Firstly I’m pleased to welcome Katy Sturgess as our new Parish Councillor with responsibilities for Parish Facilities. I’m confident Katy will be a vital asset to our Parish Council and we all look forward to working with her and thank her for volunteering.</p> <p>Durrington Ladies FC have played their first few matches on our football pitch and they have given me excellent feedback. As part of their contract they have use of the village hall facilities and the use of the field both poon match days and for training. As an aside both home and away teams are using the local Working Men’s Club for post-match drinks. The club is opening 2 hours early on a Sunday afternoon to accommodate them. This is great news to help boost the coffers at the club. But, there is a serious issue with dog faeces on the field. We will be looking into ways to ensure this behaviour is eradicated. The team are currently doing a pre-match ‘poo-pick’ which is discovering in access of ten incidents of dog fouling before the last match alone. Some are possibly hedge-hog and fox faeces but I’m assured the vast majority are dog’s. All dog owners must pick up after their dogs by law.</p> <p>We are still waiting for the implementation of our 20mph signs to be installed through our village and I draw parishioners’ attention to the site map of these signs for feedback before they are installed. The map is currently on our website and social media. The rumble strips on the A345 are still to be installed and highways will be chased again.</p> <p>Thank you to all Councillors and our Parish Clerk Rachel Ure, for your continued commitment and time. We have a great team.</p>	
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7	<p>Other Organisation Reports</p> <p>Nil</p>	
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8	<p>Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Nick Tissot Planning – nothing to report.</p> <p>School – works are continuing at pace. On target to finish by the 25th February 2025 and plan to open the school around Easter.</p> <p>Cllr Darrell Amison Figheledean River Project - It is with great regret and disappointment to report that Natural England has reallocated in-year funds scheduled to be used by the Wessex Rivers Trust to complete the Figheledean River Project this autumn. The principal reason for the re-allocation of funds is the failure to gain the support of a vital stakeholder. The Parish Council will remain in close touch with the Wessex Rivers Trust with a view to securing stakeholder support and funds for completion of the project in FY 25/26 or beyond.</p> <p>A parishioner has approached Cllr Amison to ask if they could organise a cooking event in the Village Hall during the week commencing 22 September 2025. The Parish Council are very supportive of this idea.</p>	
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Bank charges	£24	
Clerk Salary	£832	
Bawdens	£750	Grass cutting
Ian Grimes	£100	Dog Bins
Graham Watson	£160	Bins
Graham Watson	£460	Grass
Hills	£363.68	VH bins collection
Parish Magazine expenses	£11.55	
Parish Magazine printing	£393	
Keith Yates	£260	Additional tree inspection
Fitchetts	£900	Works in Ablington Woods
AA Deptford	£420	Defib pads and batteries
Mrs R Ure	£13.39	Bin bags and cable ties for I Grimes – Dog Bins
Total	£4,687.62	
Receipts	Amount	Detail
WC Precept	£10,179.26	
FVCE	£123.74	Additional bin collection following Figgle Fest
Brambles	£30	Hire of field for Bramblebury
Total	£10,333.00	

Current Bank Balance: £22,969.78

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Other Parish Business

Brambles

Brambles requested permission to place a 6x4 shed outside of their fence line, within Ablington Woods. This request was discussed in full by the Parish Council.

Because the woods are owned by the Parishioners for the purpose of ensuring that they remain in their current state and also any impact on immediate neighbours this request was not approved.

Action: Parish Clerk to respond to Brambles to advise them of the Parish Council's decision on their request to place a shed outside of their boundary, and within Ablington Woods.

Parish Clerk

Bramblebury 2025

This event is scheduled to take place on the 19th July next year (2025) and will take place on the playing field. Brambles will be asked to ensure sufficient plans regarding parking for attendees are in place next year.

Figgle Fest 2025

The Parish Council approved the request from Jackie Dryden for Figgle Fest 2025 to take place on the playing field on Saturday 2nd August. Further consideration and improvements will be made to parking arrangements.

CCTV



	<p>The possibility of installing additional CCTV on the outside of the Village Hall was discussed. This would increase security for the Village Hall but also to deter individuals not picking up dog mess on the field.</p> <p>The use of CCTV for reviewing the dog mess situation was not agreed and instead additional signage advising people of associated fines to be used instead.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Cole to look into putting in place additional signage regarding clearing up dog mess and potential fines for not doing so.</p> <p>Remembrance Day It was agreed that Cllr Cole will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Day.</p>	<p>Cllr Cole</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th November 2024 	

Signed Date