

## FITZHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

**Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 in the Tithe Barn  
commencing at 7.15pm.**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Alison Kent, Ian Coombes, David Pink & Katriona Smith

**In Attendance:** Jill Loader (Clerk) & TDBC Gwil Wren

**Public Speaking Time:** None

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** PCSO L Fyne
- 2. Declaration of Interest/Dispensations:** None
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record. The Chair signed each page.
- 4. Matters Arising –**
  - 4.1 Flooding article had been printed in the parish magazine as agreed.
  - 4.2 Fitzhead Event Group – Ian Coombes agreed to attend the next meeting on 17 September.
- 5. Co-Option of new member –** no person had contacted TDBC during the official notice period and therefore it was now possible to co-opt a new member on to the Council. After discussion it was agreed to contact three people to gauge their interest and to co-opt at the next meeting.  
**Action: Ian Coombes, David Pink, Alison Kent**
- 6. Highways Update & Representative**
  - 6.1 Mervyn Bellamy had been in contact with Highways over recent road works activity and the workmen blocking drains. It had been agreed for the workmen to return and unblock the drains. The whole section of road that had been repaired would not be re-tarmac until later in the year.
  - 6.2 Highways were also planning on repairing the block drains and culvert by Pete Hurman soon.
  - 6.3 After discussion, it was agreed to ask Mervyn if he would be prepared to continue to liaise with Highways on any issues and inform the PC.
  - 6.4 Katriona Smith was interested in working with Mervyn to learn and understand the issues throughout the village. **Action: Alison to speak to Mervyn**

#### **Drones around Fitzhead**

- 7.1 The issue regarding drones and whether there are any rules and guidelines was raised. Two requests for flying drones had been received recently within the village. After discussion it was agreed to speak to SALC to find out if they have any suggestions and thoughts about raising awareness of future requests and possible issues. **Action: Clerk**

#### **8. Planning Update:**

- 8.1 17/16/0008 – Erection of single storey extension to the side of Erisky – decision of conditional approval was made on 27 July 2016.
- 8.2 16/16/0007/T – Notification to fell one Robinia tree within Fitzhead Conservation Area at the Copse, Fitzhead Court Lodge – withdrawn.

- 8.3 16/16/0006 – Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to lean-to extension at Crossways – decision of conditional approval was made on 20 May 2016.
- 8.4 17/16/0002 – Change of use of land and erection of carport/storage shed at Goulds Farm, Wiveliscombe Road, Fitzhead – decision of conditional approval was made on 19 May 2016
- 8.5 17/16/0004/LB – application to retain the existing natural oak finish to all external doors and windows at Holcombe Farm, Tylers Lane - decision of conditional approval was made on 12 May 2016.
- 8.6 17/16/0003 – Replacement single storey extension to the rear with a two storey extension at Welshes Cottage, Church Road – decision of conditional approval was made on 29 April 2016.
- 8.7 17/15/0016 – Erection of extension to the front elevation of an agricultural building at Pond Cottage, (retention of works already undertaken) decision of conditional approval was made on 29 March 2016. It was noted that the roof had been painted and the foul water/deep litter response had been signed off by TDBC. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

## **9. Play Area**

- 9.1 The Annual Play Area Inspection had been arranged for the month of August – the Play Inspection Company would be carrying out the inspection.
- 9.2 Inspection Rota: August – Ian, September Katriona, October – Alison, November – David.
- 9.3 Dog Fouling within Fitzhead – agreed to put an article into the magazine. **Action: Alison**

## **10. Finances:**

- 10.1 It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to pay the following invoices:  
Clerk's wages £156.50, Tithe Barn £8.00, HMRC PAYE £39.20  
Receipts received: Lloyds Bank £0.31p bank interest.  
Bank Balance as at 6 August 2016 - £13,719.54
- 10.2 Clerk's Hourly Rate Increase – it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to increase the Clerk's hourly rate effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April in-line with the new SALC/NALC recommended and approved salary scales. From £8.835p to £9.120p SCP 17.
- 10.3 Clerk's Workplace Pension - clerk to investigate timescales and compliance of this new ruling by 1<sup>st</sup> October in-line with staging date received. Katriona to email software information to help with this process. **Action: Clerk/Katriona**

**11. Taunton Deane Councillor's Report** – Gwil Wren provided an outline and update on the decision to vote to merge TDBC with West Somerset Council. This decision had caused quite a stir within the Council who had voted on 26 July. WSC had delayed their vote until 6 September. It was unsure whether merging the two councils was economically wise. It was also noted that Sedgemoor District Council had shown an interest, particularly with Hinkley Point being an important factor for them. After discussion it was noted that Fitzhead PC felt it was a poor move to make an early decision by TDBC.

**12. Somerset County Councillor's Report** – No report received

**13. Police Report** – the report received by PCSO Louise Fyne would be put onto the website.

## **14. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm