

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM AT HILL FARM

Present were Cllrs. Bill Flude (Chair), David Holpin, Peter Williams, Wendy Hawkins.

1. Apologies were received from Jane Davis.
2. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th Jul 2016 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
3. The meeting was attended by County Councillor Steve Lydon who was able to provide information and help on various topics. In particular, the problems of slippage on Frocester Hill should be discussed with Andrew Middlecote of GCC. Steve also emphasised that safety at the crossroads at the top of the hill was being assessed by the county but no decision had been made on how it could be improved.
4. The bank statements showed a balance of £2,407.43 & £192.51. Cheques this month will be sent to the PCC (£200) and FCC (£100). The community benefit payment from Cambridge Solar will be £196.18 this year.
5. It was noted that the finger post outside The Frocester has lost its Leonard Stanley finger and that this has been reported to GCC. It was agreed that the monitoring of traffic speed through Frocester would be progressed with the Police Community Support Officer since we have six volunteers.
6. Two planning applications were discussed, both relating to The Thatched Cottage – S.16/1880/HHOLD and S.16/1881/LBC. These applications did not raise any objections with the councillors and will be approved through the planning portal. A discussion on the future of Frocester Manor and its occupation by Home Farm Trust followed. It is now understood that Hft will be vacating the site in the next few weeks and discussions are being held with prospective new owners, these discussions are confidential and will take some months to complete. The councillors also discussed the recently published Slimbridge Village Design Statement with respect to understanding if such a document would be useful for the Frocester parish. More research is needed on the benefits of investing resources in such a document.
7. Following the successful trial of an instant messaging group, councillors agreed to continue with the concept and to invite interested parishioners to join the Frocester Village 'WhatsApp' group. The idea is to provide an easy-to-use platform to allow those in the village to share thoughts, news or ideas (including photos) in a quick and simple way through an instant messaging service. It is, in essence, an internet-based group text facility. Membership of the group will operate on a voluntary basis and will be open to permanent residents of Frocester only. It will require participants to share their mobile phone number and to have smart phone internet access.
8. Those interested in joining the WhatsApp group can get more information on how to join on the Frocester Parish Council website at <http://frocesterpc.org.uk/newsletter/> or by contacting Peter Williams at peter.williams@frocesterpc.org.uk or by phone on 07582 164 272.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30pm – location to be advised. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.