

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM IN THE CRICKET CLUB

Present: Cllrs. David Holpin (Chair), Wendy Hawkins, Bill Flude and Jane Davis

1. Apologies: Dave Windsor
2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2014
 - The minutes were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. It was noted that the May parish council meeting should have been preceded by the Annual Village Meeting and the Parish Council Annual Meeting. This will now take place at the next Parish Council Meeting in July.
 - b. A notice of resignation has been received from Councillor Dave Windsor.
4. Register of Members Disclosable Interests
N/A
5. Finance
 - The accounting statements 2013/14 for Frocester Parish Council were reviewed and approved.
 - The year-end balance carried forward was £973; this is a little higher than the previous year and is in line with expectation.
 - The annual return for 2014 was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and was forwarded to the internal auditor Sarah Poultney.
 - A cheque was raised for the annual Zurich Insurance renewal.
6. Highways
 - Concern was raised about a bank slip on Frocester Hill. Although this had now dried out there was a possibility that further heavy rain would cause problems to the highway. It was agreed that a message would be sent to the District Council.
7. Police
N/A
8. Planning
N/A
9. Frocester Parish Council web site
N/A.
10. Any other business
 - The dates of the forthcoming motocross meetings on the Frocester Hill circuit were discussed and it was agreed that the Thornbury club should be contacted again to confirm the future dates. (It has now been established that the dates are published on the Stroud District Council web site at <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/faq.asp?faqid=1301>).
 - Concern for the George Inn continued from the previous meeting and it was agreed that contact should be made with Enterprise Inns to establish the status of the property and business. An email was sent to the area representative and it is now clear that the property will not be leased to prospective publicans but is for sale freehold. The councillors expressed concern that the George Inn will be de-registered as a pub and will cease to be a community-centred business. The lack of upkeep of the property meant that a clean-up party was called for the 29th May.
 - The councillors were told of the new Frocester Beer Festival web site for 2014 (<http://www.frocesterbeerfestival.com>) with tickets on sale online as well as at the Old Spot and Old Badger Inn.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 7.30pm in the cricket club.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.