

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE CRICKET CLUB

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

1. Apologies: None
2. The annual parish meeting was opened by Cllr. D Holpin at 7.30pm, and there being no parishioners present to ask questions, was closed at 7.35pm.

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1. The Annual Parish Council Meeting was also held the same evening at which a welcome and introduction was made by the retiring chair Cllr. D Holpin who gave an account of the past year and thanked the councillors and clerk for their work.
2. In a vote following his resignation, Cllr. D Holpin was re-elected as chair with Cllr. B Flude as vice-chair.
3. Councillors then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the coming year.
4. Councillors were also asked to complete a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form.
5. The year-end financial statement showed a bank balance of £2,124.70 and the receipts and payments book was duly signed by the chairman and clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. The Parish Council Meeting followed and the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2015 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
2. In matters arising the appeal against Abatement Notice relating to the new motocross circuit on Frocester Hill was discussed. Following a period of discussions, the owner has withdrawn his appeal which means there will be no hearing and the complainants will not now be required to appear in the courtroom. The parties will work together to amend the Abatement Notice such that it covers both circuits and the restriction of four days per calendar year will apply to the whole site. Councillors are still concerned about the very visible scarring of the escarpment in an area of outstanding natural beauty.
3. The bank statement showed a balance of £2,124.70 after receipt of the SDC precept and it was agreed that the annual return for 2015 should be sent for external auditing. The return is required to be sent to Grant Thornton by 30th June 2014.
4. The municipal insurance renewal was discussed since it is not clear whether the bus shelter and the war memorial are covered by the policy. This will be sought from Zurich.
5. The GPATC annual subscription will be paid.
6. It was reported that nothing had been heard back from either SDC or Amey concerning the slippage on Frocester Hill.
7. The inquiries to SDC about new road signage in Frocester has been positive with a site visit being planned and the possibility that signs for Court Road, Bath Road, Peter Street and Frog Lane will be budgeted for the end of the month.
8. The broken finger sign at the crossroads was noted.
9. The problem of vehicle speeds through Frocester was raised. Although a survey was conducted a number of years ago, it was felt that a new survey should be undertaken to better understand the extent of the problem. It was also agreed that the cost of speed signs should be sought.

The date of the next meeting was set for the 8th July 2015 at the Cricket Club.