

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM AT CRICKET CLUB

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

1. Apologies: None
2. Prior to the parish meeting, the councillors were attended a presentation given by Giovanni Meta of G10 Workshop on behalf of the new owners of The Thatched Cottage, 34 Bath Road. The project to restore the property was described in some detail.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2016 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising:
 - a. The councillors were informed that the vacancy, to be filled by co-option, had been accepted by Peter Williams. However, Mr Williams was not able to attend on the night and will be required to be nominated in the election in May.
 - b. The provision of a defibrillator for the village is an ongoing investigation by Cllr. Davis who is liaising with Arlingham parish council and waiting for their advice.
 - c. It was agreed that the Frocester Parish Council website should be upgraded so as to comply with Transparency Code reporting requirements which includes names and contact details of councillors, meeting minutes and agendas, finance, documents and notices. This effort is eligible for a grant from the NALC Transparency Fund and the development will be undertaken by Zizi Design of Stroud.
 - d. Stroud has moved to all out elections every four years meaning that Frocester parish council will have an election on Thursday 5th May 2016 along with district wards and town councils. The process of completing nomination papers was discussed and a notice posted on the parish notice board. The election of parish councillors becomes uncontested if five or fewer nomination papers are submitted.
5. Finance:
 - a. The bank balance was reported to be £2,511.96. The treasurer's bank account that receives payments from Cambridge Solar Power Limited has a balance of £192.51. Lloyds Bank has granted internet banking access to the clerk.
6. Highways:
 - a. The website provided for the reporting of highways issues (www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit) from potholes, flooding and blocked drains to problems with roads and pavements has been used to report issues discussed by the parish council which includes the condition of Frocester Hill. No feedback has been received.
 - b. The bent finger post has been repaired and the flooding problems at the Old Forge were discussed.
7. Police:
 - a. Mrs Sue Colquhoun, village agent for Frocester, attended the meeting described her work and explained the benefits of recruiting an individual to become a member of Neighbourhood Watch. The councillors expressed their hope that this position can be filled by a volunteer.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.30pm in the cricket club. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.