

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM AT CRICKET CLUB

Present were Cllrs. Wendy Hawkins (vice Chair), David Holpin, Peter Williams, and Jane Davis. Also present was Cllr. Loraine Patrick, our local Gloucestershire County Council representative.

1. Apologies: Bill Flude (Chair)– Cllr. Hawkins stood in as chair in the absence of Cllr Flude.
2. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2017 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chair.
3. Matters arising
 - a. In matters arising the ongoing efforts to improve the effluent drainage from the Frocester George were discussed – the intention is to perform soakage testing to estimate the rate of absorption of ground water. In addition, discussions continue between Pounds Close Recreation Ground charity solicitors and The Frocester George solicitors; Phil Park of Stroud District Council is ensuring the solution is fit for purpose.
4. Finance
 - a. The bank statements showed balances of £3,728.60 and £138.69. The full financial details are available on the parish council website.
 - b. The council has received a grant from Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) of £469.99 for the purchase of a computer for parish business. This will enable removal of all parish council documents from the clerk's personal computers.
 - c. The parish council website annual support invoice of £120 has been paid.
 - d. The annual return has been certified without comment by Grant Thornton for the year end 31 March 2017 and a Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published on the website.
 - e. The councillors were reminded of the need to consider where earmarked reserves should be spent. A suggestion was agreed that some reserves should be used for the repair and maintenance of the Frocester war memorial and its surrounding kerbs and gravel.
5. Highways
 - a. The councillors discussed the need to continue to find ways of monitoring and controlling speed of traffic through the village.
 - b. It was agreed that Andrew Middlecote, local highways manager, should be asked about Frocester Hill issues and the state of the kerbs and gravel bed surrounding the war memorial.
6. Police
 - a. The new local neighbourhood warden for Frocester is Lisa Ellis who can be contacted on 01453 754514 or 07779 347113. Lisa provides support and can help with many issues from support for vulnerable people, bogus callers and crime prevention to fly tipping.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the cricket club. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.