

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM AT CRICKET CLUB

Present was Cllrs. Bill Flude (Chair), Wendy Hawkins (vice Chair), David Holpin, Peter Williams and Jane Davis.

1. Apologies – None
2. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th September 2019 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising
 - a. It was reported that the new parish newsletter was still being considered but required a lot of effort and commitment.
 - b. It was noted that the defibrillator training was being discussed with Community Heartbeat.
 - c. It was noted that the war memorial refurbishment was being discussed with Paul Helbrow.
 - d. The Frocester George treatment plant has been subject to a number of trips and required close attention from the owners.
4. Finance
 - a. Bank account - £3,366.35 + £229,811.58 – receipt of the 50% precept payment (£550) had been received.
 - b. The payment of £10,000 and the recovery of VAT (£1,666.66) was discussed and it was agreed that recovery from HMRC was the first step before handing over the asset to the Pounds Close Recreation Ground charity.
5. Highways
 - a. The meeting was told that the SDRSG meeting held on 20th November was attended by Cllr. Flude and the clerk. The meeting discussed the results of a ten-day deployment of the mobile VAS (vehicle activated speed) sign in Frocester which showed that 50% of vehicles exceed the 35mph threshold speed in the 30mph limit on Bath Road, and more than one in ten exceeded 40mph with a maximum recorded speed of 62mph. This data has been referred to Gloucestershire Constabulary for enforcement action at this location.
 - b. In comparing the six local locations chosen for the mobile VAS trial Frocester was shown to suffer by far the worst speeding problem, the next worst being Uley with just 11% of vehicles exceeding the 35mph threshold.
 - c. The AWS (AutoSpeedWatch) trial in Frocester followed with a period of one month without any signage before the end of 2019 and continues, with signage, in the new year.
 - d. Concern was expressed for the dangerous state of the verge on the approach to the railway bridge in Peter Street. This will be reported to highways.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 5th November 2020 at 7.30pm at the cricket club. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.