

**FITTLETON PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 13th November, 2018  
held in Phoenix Hall, Netheravon at 7.30 p.m.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr. Alan Wood Cllr. Mrs .Corrine Gowman Cllr. Mrs. Victoria Jago Cllr. Mrs. Sheila Symes Cllr. Ed Binsted Cllr. S. Vaughan-Edwards Mr. Greg Morgan	Chairman
<b>In Attendance</b>	Mrs. Mary Towle	Clerk to the Council

**REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR, IAN BLAIR-PILLING**

There was no report

**18/42 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**18/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Alan Wood declared an interest in item 5 ‘Phoenix Hall Finances’

**18/44 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 be accepted as a true record.

**18/45 REPORTS AND UPDATES****a. Planning**

18/09748/TCA      TREES IN CONSERVATION AREA. Crown raise yew tree and cut back overhanging growth on Ash trees at River Cottage, 353 Fittleton  
**Parish Council Comments: Support as long as work has been permitted by the MoD**

18/10320/TCA      TREES IN CONSERVATION AREA. Reduce height of 3 conifer trees at Chartwood, Fittleton.  
**Parish Council Comments: No objections**

18/10324/TCA      TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA Removal of fir tree, fell Acacia tree, canopy fit Copper Beech, fell hazel, coppice 3 ash trees and 2 sycamore and 2 thorn trees, fell ash tree and reduce Christmas Tree by 50% at Fittleton House, Fittleton.  
**Parish Council Comments: Support**

18/10256/FUL FULL PLANNING APPLICATION. For proposed alterations and side extension to existing dwelling. Removal of willow tree that is within falling distance of existing dwelling and outbuilding and replacement with two new trees at Westbrook House, Mill Road, Haxton.

**Parish Council Comments:**

**b. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Haxton Farm asking for permission to put kissing gates at each end of Long Ground. Several complaints have been received about the difficulty in climbing the existing stile.

It was reported that there is a possibility that Peter Hayward will not be cutting the footpaths next year. Councillors were asked to think of who could replace him.

**c. Allotments**

Cllr. Mrs Symes reported that there are 2 vacant allotments still but there are people who are interested in taking them over for next season. She asked that money be made available in the budget for fence repairs.

**d. Phoenix Hall**

Cllr. Wood reported that the new kitchen in the Phoenix Hall has been completed. An open day was held recently to show everyone the new facilities which include the newly decorated Main Hall, varnished floor, newly painted Entrance Hall, and some new chairs. This has all been done with a variety of grants from different bodies and grants from the Parish Councils of Netheravon and Fittleton and not to forget the volunteers who have worked very hard on the kitchen. There are only 6 members on the Committee at the moment and they have succeeded in delivering this work to make an outstanding Hall comparable to other Halls in the area.

**e. Highways**

**Flooding**

Wiltshire Council and Landmarc have together dug out the drains and cleared debris from culverts in Lower Street to transform the flooding situation. In the recent very heavy rain the street did not flood. Many thanks should go to Landmarc and Wiltshire Council for their hard work. It is hoped that they will continue to maintain the drains in the future so that there will not be a recurrence of the floods. The Clerk has obtained some gel sacks from Wiltshire Council for the use of vulnerable properties. Cllr. Wood will store the sacks for distribution.

**Metro-Count**

As a result of the metro-count which was carried out to ascertain the speed of the cars travelling through Haxton, Fittleton have been given permission by the police to form a Community Speed Watch group. Volunteers who join this group will be trained by the police to use speed guns and will then have access to a speed gun on a regular

basis to do speed checks in an area which will be designated by the police. The Clerk will put an item in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to join the Community Speed Watch Group.

**f. Tidworth Area Board**

Cllr. Mrs Symes reported that the meeting was very interesting and several topics were presented including the Boundary changes, new army housing – presentation by Lovell and a presentation on Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Phoenix Hall, Netheravon.

**18/46 PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT PHOENIX HALL**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to raise the parish precept to enable them to support the Phoenix Hall which is struggling to cover day to day expenses. This is a wonderful community facility which is owned by everyone in the Village so by increasing the precept by 22pence a week for a Band D property the Phoenix Hall Management Committee will not have the worry of how to pay their bills, but will be able to concentrate on improving the Hall and replacing dilapidated fittings which have been there since the Hall was built in 1985. This will be reviewed in 2021 after the next elections.

It was agreed that there would be no financial help from the Parish Council for a new storeroom in the Village Hall.

**18/47 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CAROLS**

It was agreed to put the lights up on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. It was decided to ask the church if we could borrow carol sheets this year. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards village BBQ equipment.

**18/48 PARISH MATTERS**

The Chairman reported that his Garden Party was held in his house as the weather was bad. It was decided to hold on to the raffle prizes until the Christmas Lights ceremony.

The Chairman thanked everyone for turning up on a very wet day to the Village Tidy Day. Despite the rain a lot was achieved.

**18/49 REPORT BY THE CLERK**

1. The Clerk reported that the poppies to commemorate WW1 look very good around the villages. All three villages took part in this commemoration.
2. The Family Learning Festival was a success with 30 people attending the recycling workshop. Unfortunately the Shabby Chic Workshop had to cancel.
3. It was agreed to ask Netheravon Parish Council if Fittleton could join them in writing an Emergency Plan.

**18/50 ACCOUNTS**

a. There is a balance of £6,284.41 as at 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

b. Cheques authorised since last meeting:

All Saints School – cookery classes	£100.00
Bridge Club	£20.00
Dance and Exercise Class	£20.00
Water2Business	£91.07
Jubilee Committee WW1	£120.00
Fittleton PCC	£200.00
CAB	£25.00
British Legion	£18.50
Netheravon PC – Phoenix Hall + WW1	£176.00
Phoenix Hall hire	£10.00

c. It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £100 to the Youth Club for Christmas presents for the young people.

**18/51 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A thank you letter has been received from the PCC for the donation received
2. A thank you letter has been received from the Dance and Exercise class for the donation received.

**18/51 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Emergency Plan

Survey on Public Toilets

**18/52 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

It was agreed to co-opt Greg Morgan on to the Council. He will be officially co-opted at the January Meeting when he will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**18/53 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 in Phoenix Hall

Signed-----Date-----

**Chairman**

