

**Minutes of Firsdowm Parish Council meeting for 3rd April 2008  
Held at the Committee Room, Winterslow Village Hall**

Present were – Mr James (Chair), Mrs Tier, Mr David Green, Mr Simcock, Mr B Edgeley and Mrs Melanie Thomas (Clerk),

10 members of the public

		Action
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Chair Cllr James welcomed those present and thanked them for coming.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were submitted and after one alteration were approved and duly signed by Cllr James.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>SDC – Environmental Services – Skip grants for 2008. Cllr Simcock confirmed that he had asked a local landowner for permission to site the compactor vehicle on an alternative site as opposed to the 2007 site. Clerk to organise visit by SDC to assess suitability of the site.</p>	Clerk
5.	<p>Finance</p> <p>As the statement for the Parish Council banking facilities showing transactions for the last month had not arrived in time for the meeting, the Clerk had not prepared the financial spreadsheet for the last month. A spreadsheet showing transactions for March and April will be produced at the May meeting.</p> <p>The following cheques were approved for payment: Clerk expenses £144.37 (printing for Core Strategy mail shot distribution and Boundary Review documents) Cllr Simcock £8 (play area repairs).</p>	
6.	<p>Core Strategy – Preferred Options – Salisbury District Council</p> <p>Following the public meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, this topic was discussed in depth together with audience input and especially with regard to its impact on Firsdowm. Discussion also centred on the document relating to the Strategic Housing Land Availability.</p> <p>Following the last meeting a mail shot has been produced and delivered to all households making each aware of the Strategy with inclusions of the relevant sections pertaining to Firsdowm. Following a suggestion from the Parish Council to Councillor Bill Moss, SDC has now extended the consultation period until the 25<sup>th</sup> April thus giving residents extra time in reporting their preferences to the District Council. In addition an article featuring the issue of the proposed government housing development in Firsdowm featured in a recent article in the Salisbury Journal. Cllr Edgeley made note that he had been incorrectly quoted in the article as being the Chairman of the Parish Council.</p> <p>A vote of many thanks was given to a local resident and fellow helpers in raising the awareness of the Core Strategy in the village and thus aiding the Parish Council in their work regarding this important matter.</p> <p>It was decided at the meeting to carry out a statistical gathering exercise by polling each household outlining the three options in the Core Strategy and asking residents for their preferred option. The results of the poll will be sent to SDC with the Parish Council official response. Chairman to formulate polling sheet and Clerk to organise printing.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to forward a Press Release from Robert Key to the administrator responsible for the Firsdowm web page so that it could be included for all to view.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to David Milton of SDC to formally ask for a written retraction to Question 8.20, Page 47 of the Core Strategy in which Mr Milton agreed to retract at the public meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008.</p>	<p>Chairman, Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p>Parish Plan Steering Group</p> <p>It was reported that little progress has been made since the last meeting. It was decided to publish the statistics and information gathered so far as a guide only.</p>	

8.	Highways and Footpaths	Clerk
	A letter from a resident regarding the permissive footpath from No 99 Firs Road to the bottom of the woods was discussed. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the letter to the landowner to verify certain facts mentioned in the letter before a decision could be made regarding the matter.	
9.	Planning	
	S/2008/490 – Full application – creation of new access to provide individual access to No18. The Parish Council had no objections/supported this application.	
	S/2008/557 – Full application – first floor extension to front elevation – 112 Firs Road. Currently on distribution for Parish Council comment.	
	S/2008/583 – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 191 – Use of Land and buildings for the storage of building materials and equipment – Cottles Stud, Firsdown. Currently on distribution for Parish Council comment.	
10.	Correspondence	
	Letter from resident concerning Rights of Way and Permissive Paths in Parish of Firsdown.	
11.	Any other business	
	None.	
12.	Questions or points from the floor	
	None.	

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday May 8th 2008 in the Committee Room, Winterslow Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting which will begin at 7pm.