

**Minutes of Firsdow Parish Council meeting for 8th May 2008
Held at the Committee Room, Winterslow Village Hall**

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

13 members of the public, PC Amanda Warren, District Councillors Bill Moss and Chris Devine

	Action
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Chair Cllr James welcomed those present and thanked them for coming. PC Amanda Warren gave a brief update on policing matters in the area and reported that in the last 6 months no incident had been reported in the Parish and there had been only a handful of logs from the public. An issue of concern was the parking of vehicles on the pavement and which would be addressed in the Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin. In addition the Council was made aware of recent thefts of domestic oil in the area of Shrewton and PC Warren advised Parishioners to be vigilant of this potential crime within their Parish. Finally PC Warren emphasised that Parishioners should liaise with the local police should they have any policing concerns.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Green.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 3rd April 2008 were submitted and were approved and duly signed by Cllr James.</p>	
<p>4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Election of new Councillors – the co-option of two new Councillors took place – Paul Hewitt and Melanie Bishop were warmly welcomed to the Parish Council and the Clerk distributed the relevant documentation to them in their capacity as Councillor. The Parish Council now has the full number of elected Councillors which is seven.</p> <p>Letter from resident regarding horses on permissive footpath - A letter from a resident regarding the permissive footpath from No 99 Firs Road to the bottom of the woods was discussed. Following the last meeting the Clerk forwarded a copy of the letter to the landowner to verify certain facts mentioned in the letter. The letter stated that the owner had been given permission to exercise horses on the path but after liaising with the landowner it transpired and was confirmed that no such permission had been given. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident in question to inform them of this information and to therefore refrain from exercising horses on the path. Cllr James produced notices from WCC stating “No Horses” and confirmed he would be placing them on the path and other relevant locations in the Parish.</p> <p>WCC Boundary Review – Cllr Edgeley reported that he had perused these documents which indicated there was to be no changes in boundaries affecting the Parish. The next consultation is due early in July 2008 when the Boundary Committee publishes a draft recommendations report and invites representations – there then begins an eight week consultation process. In light of this it was agreed to place this item on the June agenda for further discussion.</p> <p>SDC – Environmental Services – Skip grants for 2008 – the Clerk confirmed that she had organised for a compactor vehicle to be located within the Parish on 27th September 2008 from 7.30-10.45am and to be located at 6 Firs Road. The Clerk confirmed she would display a poster regarding the date and with information as to which items could be compacted – in addition the information will be sited on the Parish web page.</p> <p>Emergency planning exercise – in collaboration with WCC, this has been organised for 20th October 2008. The Parish Exercise which takes place every two years consists of a telephone and paper exercise to assess how the Parish Council would react in the case of a real life emergency. Cllr James to organise.</p>	<p>Clerk, Cllr James</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr James</p>
<p>5. Questions or points from the floor</p> <p>The question of signage on the Roman Road indicating that the Road is a Bridleway was questioned. Cllr James agreed to remove the incorrect signs.</p>	<p>Cllr James</p>
<p>6. Finance</p> <p>The Clerk distributed the Parish Council’s spreadsheet to the Council members with details of the Council’s financial accounts and transactions for March and April 2008.</p> <p>The following cheques were approved for payment: Clerks expenses £33.15, Allianz Cornhill £664.03 (Parish Council insurance), WALC £186.80 (membership 2008/9).</p>	

<p>7. Core Strategy – Preferred Options – Salisbury District Council</p> <p>An update and discussion took place regarding this item with input from District Councillor Chris Devine. It was confirmed that this document had been overturned by SDC. A preliminary consultation with Parishes will take place in July and there will be a formal eight week period in August and September with a full District Council submission in December. Thanks were given to the Parish Council and District Councillor Devine in raising the awareness of this Strategy amongst the Parish and with particular reference to the public rally which was held on Saturday 19th April 2008 and organised by Councillor Devine.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to neighbouring Parish Councils stating that it is worthwhile to keep in contact over this issue and to share resources if necessary when the next consultation takes place.</p>	Clerk
<p>8. Delegation to Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>This was discussed following a communication from Wiltshire County Council and the offer from Richard Munro, manager of the delegation to town and parish councils to visit the Parish Council to talk about the implications of this issue to Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr Munro to visit the July meeting of the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
<p>9. 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>	
<p>10. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S/2008/557 – Full application – first floor extension to front elevation – 112 Firs Road – the Parish Council had no objections to this application • 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 – the Council supported this application subject to conditions • S/2007/740 – Full application – 61 Firs Road, Firsdown - extension to bungalow and roof conversion – notification of SDC decision of refusal 	
<p>11. Correspondence</p> <p>SDC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting – 8th July 2008</p> <p>Letter from resident regarding the Core Strategy</p> <p>Email from resident regarding planning application S/2007/740</p>	
<p>12. Any other business</p> <p>None</p>	

The meeting concluded at 9.41pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday June 12th 2008 in the Committee Room, Winterslow Village Hall at 7.15pm