

## Firsdown Parish Council

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### *Précis of June Meeting of Firsdown Parish Council:*

#### **Firsdown Music Fayre**

The third Firsdown Music Fayre will be held over two days on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008 from 7pm-10pm and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm to 7.30pm. The event is free but donations are welcome in aid of funding next year's event. The team have put together a balanced programme starring local talent with music from the sixties through to today. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic and there will be a bar and refreshment outlets together with toilet facilities. Further information can be obtained from [www.fayre.org](http://www.fayre.org)

#### **Planning**

S/2008/942 – 59 Firs Road, Firsdown - Full application – side and roof extension to form chalet bungalow. The Parish Council supported this application.

S/2008/973 – 8-10 Firs Road, Firsdown – Full application – Demolition of existing two dwellings and erection of four dwellings and alteration to access. Currently on distribution for Parish Councillor comment.

S/2008/994 – 39 Firs Road – Full application – detached garage to front of approved replacement dwelling. Currently on distribution for Parish Councillor comment.

**The Parish Council would like to note that should residents have any objections or concerns to a planning application they should inform the Parish Council so that the Parish Council can consider their views if necessary, in their response to the District Council.**

#### **Core Strategy – Preferred Options – Salisbury District Council**

The District Councillor present at the meeting agreed to forward the formal figures of analysis from SDC onto the Parish Council once they were available. The Parish Council is awaiting notification from SDC as to how the Parish Council will be involved in the initial stages of the next stage of the consultation of the Core Strategy.

#### **Grass cutting**

Grass cutting has been carried out in recent weeks: the grass in the two play areas has been cut together with a stretch on Firsdown 5 footpath (Roman Road). The Council has organised for this to be done on a regular basis over the coming months when vegetation is actively growing.

#### **Play area**

The Parish Council has requested a quotation for the replacement of the fencing with the inclusion of a stile, which divides the two play areas and has been damaged due to misuse.

An application for a SWAG grant application for the play area resurfacing has been made by the Parish Council and notification has been received from SDC that this would be considered at the South Wiltshire Area Grants Scheme 2008-2009 (Second Tranche) meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008 commencing at 4.30pm in Pitton Village Hall. It is intended to have Parish Council representation at this meeting.

#### **Highways**

The Parish Council asked Wiltshire County Council, as freeholder of the land, their view on the perceived infringement of the Roman Road that certain householders, whose gardens back onto the Roman Road, are infringing the pathway onto the Road. After consideration and site visit by the County Council the view was that encroachment was minimal and it was decided not to take the matter further. In addition, it was stated that from the Highway records, Firsdown Byway 5 is not shown as running tight up against the rear of properties so from a Highways perspective it was not considered to take action against any current perceived encroachment.

#### **Wiltshire County Council Boundary Review**

The next consultation which is Stage 3 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 July agenda for further discussion.

**Next Meeting:** The next full meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 in the Committee Room, Winterslow Village Hall **at the earlier time of 7.00pm** due to a thirty minute presentation taking place by Richard Munro, Manager of the Delegation to Town and Parish Councils prior to the meeting. ***Please note the Parish Council does not meet in August.***

