**Monkton Farleigh Parish Council**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday 28th February 2024**

**Those attending:**

Parish Council: Rachael Mcdonald, Pauline Adams, Andrew Tucker, Tom Firbank, Ele Warrington (Chair), Jane Ghali (Clerk)

Other: Suzanne Stansfield, Elliot McBryde, Liz Watts and Laura Wallace (PCSO)

1. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest** – apologies from Johnny Kidney. No declarations of interest.
2. **Minutes of Meeting 10th January 2024** agreed and signed
3. **Matters Arising** – all covered on agenda
4. **Community Governance Review** – confirmation came from Wiltshire Council, that ‘The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Monkton Farleigh shall be eight. The parish of Monkton Farleigh shall remain unwarded.’ This came into force on 11th December 2023.

New Parish Councillors: Suzanne Stansfield and Elliot McBryde were voted on to stand on the Parish Council and they signed the Declaration of the Acceptance of Office accordingly and joined the PC for the remainder of the meeting.

Another parishioner has applied for be a councillor, PA and RM will arrange to meet them.

1. **Report from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)**

It was reported that parking on the corner of Broadstones had improved, Laura Wallace confirmed that some Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued. LW contacted Selwood and Wiltshire Council about the overhanding trees at the end of Broadstones, they are looking into this. LW has also been popping in to the village coffee mornings. Thanks to LW.

1. **Report from Johnny Kidney**

MONKTON FARLEIGH SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS

The consultation on speed limit reductions and extension of the existing 20mph zones in the village will run from 1 -25 March. The consultation will be published on the Wiltshire Council website and I will share a link on my Facebook page once it is up and running. The Parish Council will also be sent information on the consultation to share with the local community.

REMINDER OF B3108 NIGHTTIME CLOSURES

The B3108 will be closed between the C391 Limpley Stoke Road, Winsley and its junction with Murhill overnight on weeknights only between 26 Feb and 6th March 2024 to enable Wiltshire Council to undertake carriageway resurfacing and associated works. The closure will be in place from 7pm until 6am on weeknights only.

Access will be maintained for residents and businesses within the closure, including Avonpark, however there may be delays.

Atkins are managing the works on behalf of Wiltshire Council and can be contacted on 01225 758693.

CAJSNA SURVEY – UNDERSTANDING RESIDENTS’ PRIORITIES FOR BRADFORD-ON-AVON AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY

Wiltshire Council regularly pulls together the latest data to paint a picture of everyday living across its 18 community areas. Called the Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (CAJSNA), it uses more than 140 indicators across 10 different themes including children and young people, health, housing, safety and the environment.

Wiltshire residents are being encouraged to explore the information in the CAJSNA and then complete a short survey to share what they think the priorities should be for the future.

The feedback from residents and data from the CAJSNA will help to inform future decision making for the council area and help shape future planning.

People can access the short survey until 5 May 2024 at [Priority test\_3 (wiltshire.gov.uk)](https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/Interview/a36eca18-bc55-490f-8620-5f7162e31aad)

You can also access the CAJSNA data at [www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/cajsna/](http://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/cajsna/). This is a really interesting website with a wide range of data about our local area and well worth exploring.

WILTSHIRE CULTURAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Wiltshire Council is creating a 2024-2030 Cultural Strategy, which is in part funded by Arts Council England, to place culture and creativity at the heart of Wiltshire's economic and social future.

They want to hear people's views by completing a survey which runs until Sunday 24 March 2024 at 11:59pm.

Culture is a way to reconnect people with the places they live, providing a sense of belonging and contributes to health and wellbeing and connects people with their communities. It stimulates growth, provides employment, and supports enterprise, making cities, towns and villages vibrant places where people want to live, work, and raise a family.

Wiltshire Council is designing the strategy around five key themes:

* Economy - Culture is a central pillar of our approach to economic development, regeneration, and the development of vibrant local communities
* Identity - Culture connects people with the places they live. It helps to discover more about our environment, its history, and its heritage
* Tourism - Culture is also a key component of our offer to visitors, both from the UK, and further afield
* Health and wellbeing - Culture contributes to both mental and physical health. It helps people get active. It stimulates minds, and encourages healthy, active, and engaged lifestyles
* Community - Culture brings communities together, whether it's through village fetes, community fairs and festivals

As part of the development of Wiltshire's Cultural Strategy, the council will be engaging with a range of stakeholders.

You can complete the survey here: [Wiltshire Cultural Strategy public survey (office.com)](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=NJkFi-xo9UenByFgeOmX0Thq8Enxf9xOlg2CEuVwjaVUOTEzTEFVWFZIOEFUQzA4Q0pXTkIwV0pXSC4u)

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR POTHOLES

Wiltshire Council is investing millions of pounds into filling potholes, resurfacing roads and tackling the causes of highways flooding throughout the county in 2024/25.

The council has allocated an extra £10m over the next two years to spend on filling potholes and a road resurfacing programme that will help to prevent potholes and other highways defects across all areas of the county. The investment will also fund more small, local repairs to verges on rural roads.

This funding is in addition to the £20.7m the council receives from the Government's Highways Maintenance fund for 2024/25, plus the £5.2m from the Department for Transport's recently announced Road Resurfacing Fund following the cancellation of HS2.

The council also allocated an extra £1m in its recent budget for emptying gullies around the county to prevent flooding and enable teams to focus on problem areas that are most at risk - on top of the £1.27m the council already spends on gully emptying.

Please report all potholes and other highways defects via the MyWilts smartphone app or online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting)

1. **Speed limit update – Consultation 1– 25 March 2024**

The consultation will be live from 1st March, positive support for the consultation is welcomed. MFPC have agreed a 50% contribution of £1,250 to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) costs for these speed limit changes. Thanks to Liz Watts and PA for all of their work on this. JG to add details of the consultation to noticeboards, the WhatsApp group and the website. **Action JG**

1. **Farleigh Rise - Hedge planting/transfer of land /funding for play area**.

EW summarised position from last meeting. RM and EM agreed to look at costs involved if the ownership of land at Farleigh Rise was transferred to from Wiltshire Council to MFPC and report back to the PC. **Action RM and EM**

1. **Finances and Budget 24/25**

There was £6,230.15 in the bank account at 31st January. Playdale have only been paid at 50% deposit of £210 for mending the zip wire. EW is in discussion with them regarding why an extra visit and expense is required to mend it. There were some discussions about the 2024/25 budget.

1. **Stiles and access to local footpaths update**

Access along the footpath into the woods near Inwoods in now very difficult due to the ground being completely churned up by the vehicles in the wood doing tree works. EW to write to Tilhead to ask them to return the footpath to a state that can be accessed. **Action EW**

Concern over stile gong into the church – EW will ask the Cotswold Wardens to have a chat again with the land owner about alternatives/fixing**. Action EW**

Still waiting for the ‘scan’ to be done outside Church Farm House to see how the steps there can be mended.

1. **Work for the Parish Steward – (bug hotel)**

It was agreed that the bug hotel was a nice idea. Possible locations, top of avenue, Farleigh Rise play area land, Broadstones play area land or ask the Church. JG to let Parish Steward (Iain Bryers) know. **Action JG**

1. **Parish update**

*Dog poo bins* – AT agreed that he would ask Will, who works with him, to empty them in March. **Action AT.** Discussion about dog poo bags left at footpath entrance into Inwoods field. RM to ask John Davies if a bin was cited there if he would be able to empty it. **Action RM**

*Litter Pick* -17 March – bin bag collection booked with Idverde for Monday 18th March, risk assessment completed. Add to WhatsApp, notice boards and website **Action EW and JG**

*Defibrillator Pinckney Green* – it was thought this could be mounted to a post under the street light. JG to ask Johnny Kidney who to contact to ask permission for this. JG also to contact electrician who connected the defibrillator in Farleigh Rise if this is possible and if we need to contact electricity board. **Action JG**

Thought it would be worth running another course on how to operate a defibrillator. EW to find out who did it last time. **Action EW**

May need to put up more signs saying where defibrillators are situated, may be worth one at the entrance to the woods at Farleigh Rise. Put on agenda for next meeting. **Action JG**

*Report from Tree Warden* – Zoe Tinkler had sent a message that she has registered interest in the Coronation Living Heritage Orchard grant scheme. Guidelines are due to be sent out in March.

*Neighbourhood Watch* – the Clerk is now receiving information from Neighbourhood Watch. JG will add info to website and WhatsApp as required. **Action JG**

Football goals Broadstones – **Action AT**

*Flood warden* – it was agreed that AT should be the village Flood Warden as he has flood signs and gel sacs

*Wall at back of 1 Broadstones* – JG has been told by Selwood’s contractor, LCB that the work should be completed by 7th March. JG to contact if not completed. **Action JG**

1. **Correspondence received**

*Wiltshire Search and Rescue* – agreed not to donate

Best Kept Village – agreed not to participate

*D-Day celebrations 6th June*– pass info onto Church to see if they’d like to ring the bells. **Action JG**

*George Backhurst and Stuart Burgess –* would like to meet some of the Parish Council on Tuesday 18th June, prior to attending the PC meeting on Weds 19th June to discuss the land near Farleigh Rise. **Action: TF, AT and SS**

1. **Parish Matters**

*Footpaths in woods near Inwoods* (discussed under 10))

*Drains at the back of Dapstones -* AT to get drains sorted here to stop water running down the lane towards the back entrance to Church Farm. **Action AT**

*Ditches around village –* JG to ask Wiltshire Council if ditches can be cleared around village, eg in New Road and Link Lane. **Action JG**

1. **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 10th April at 7pm in the Village Hall