Shute Parish Council

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The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting of Shute Parish Council at Shute School on Thursday, February 25th 2016 starting at 7.30pm.

The following matters were discussed.

Those present:- Councillors Paddy Magrane, Bill Marshall, John Pearce, Richard Orsman, David Plowman, Peter Rugg (chairman), Ella Sweetland, Rick Wood, Andrew Moulding (DCC).

Members of the public - Mr & Mrs Prideaux and Mr Simpson (Axe Beacon Schools).

1 Apologies for absence received from Cllr Ian Chubb (EDDC)

2 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting were agreed by the Council and duly signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes. Commercial waste in domestic bins. The Clerk advised that EDDC have been to the property and investigated but no commercial waster was evident. They have written to the owners of the property. Concern was expressed about vermin at the property which should be reported to EDDC Environmental Health. Cllr Orsman brought in costs for the provision of a replacement noticeboard at the War Memorial.

4 Public Forum. Mr Prideaux reported that the kerb stones adjacent to the war memorial need resettling or replacing. Clerk to contact builder.

Very deep potholes were reported in Ashes Road.

It was reported that the verge and hedge at Red Gate Farm is overgrown.

A door at the workshop in Seaton Junction keeps blowing open in the wind. It is reported that there may be asbestos present in the building. Clerk to report to Environmental Health.

It was reported that people may be living in a shed along the Roman Road.

Water runoff from Hadden Lane is going into the Burial Ground.

5 Reports from District and County Councillors and from meetings attended.

Cllr Moulding reported that the DCC & EDDC budgets have been finalised. The budgets have risen in part to the social care and Police costs. The present contract for road maintenance is being put out to tender to start at in 2017. Cllr Moulding has asked Highways to clear a ditch causing flooding problems near Whitford Bridge.

6 Burial Ground. Updates – rules, maintenance, proposed layout etc

Mr Wareham was complimented on the work he has done to maintain the Burial Ground. Cllr Plowman has produced an A3 size map of the Ground. Clerk to investigate courses on administering burial grounds further. Further meeting of the committee 2.30pm 1st March.

7 Parishes Together. The work at Lodge Lane has now been completed by Mr Wareham – this involved putting in a length of pipe to connect the drains directly to the stream and to dig a new ditch and clearing out an existing ditch. Mr Keith Sweetland very kindly arranged the ordering and collection of the pipe. The Council expressed their thanks.

8 Correspondence received. Electoral review of Devon: Final recommendations. Shute parish will be included in the Wimple & Blackdowns area. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Neil Parrish expressing our disappointment and requesting that it should be set aside for parliamentary scrutiny. Proposed Cllrs Wood and Rugg

Queens 90th birthday celebrations. It was agreed to send The Queen our good wishes for her upcoming birthday.

9 Highway Matters & Car Park

Mr Richard Brain (our Road Warden) has volunteered to attend the upcoming Highways Course on our behalf. Proposed Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Magrane.

It was agreed to send an e mail again concerning the state of the road by the entrance to Lilylake Farm which was not done when the rest of the road was resurfaced.

The text of the letter concerning the possible car park was agreed. Proposes Cllr Magrane and Orsman.

10 Planning. new applications 16/0420/FUL - Shute Road, Seaton Junction. The Council objected to this application; Commented on since last meeting:- 16/0229 & 30/FUL& LBC Redgate Farm Shute; Other planning matters - Land adjacent to Square Acres, Shute. The Council agreed the article for the press. Proposed Cllr Wood and Rugg.

Cllrs Marshall, Orsman and Powman agreed to speak to Mr Bailey about the Pound in Whitford.

11 Finance. Payments to be made:- R Wareham (maintenance of burial ground 2015) £156.00. Proposed Cllr Sweetland and Magrane.

Consider moving bank account – this item held over.

12 Any Other Business. The Clerk advised about a Lottery grant application being worked on for computer equipment for the Council.

13 Date, time & place of next meeting - Thursday, April 7th at Umborne Hall starting at 7.30pm. (Annual Assembly of the Parish meeting).