

West Bagborough Parish Council.
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 16th March 2017

Present: Cllrs: Stuart Parkman. Charlie Ritchie. Martin Jones. Lorna Hending. Martin King. Billy Waygood.

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Watson TDBC. Cllr Jane Warmington TDBC

Apologies. Cllr M Rigby SCC. Cllr Elaine Woollacott.

Parishioners Questions. Mr Nurcombe raised a question about maintenance of Stout Lane and Rock Lane. Both are now unusable safely due to excessive erosion over the past two years. There are ruts of over 2 feet depth in many places.

Declarations of Interest.

Cllr King declared an interest re the grass cutting contract and took no part in subsequent discussions.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Council resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as a true record.

111. Crime Report.

111.1. The Clerk read out the crime report from Avon & Somerset Police. There has been criminal activity in the Parish. Garden equipment was stolen from a shed and a farmhouse entered but nothing taken. The new text service, that goes directly to the local team, for reporting rural crime is available by texting a report to 81819.

112. County and District Councillors Reports.

112.1. Cllr Watson reported that the planning complaint re the caravan has been investigated and an application for retrospective planning is expected. Completion of the roundabout at Bishops Lydeard is anticipated for 20th April. Discussions are taking place re rubbish collection being reduced to once every 3 weeks. Recycling will remain weekly. The merger of WSDC and TDBC is still on-going. Bishops Lydeard post office has reopened.

113. Matters Arising. (On going Matters.)

113.1. Play park activity. No further progress.

113.2. Cllr Jones reported on discussions re providing some form of 'pavement' on the bend by Heathfield to separate pedestrians from the traffic. Proposals include a marked walkway at the edge of the road. Cllr Woollacott to be asked to discuss with residents in that part of the village.

113.3. The plan for a car park is awaiting a response from Kings Estates about what they are asking the PC to do. The PC has agreed in principle to apply for planning permission but payment has yet to be agreed.

113.4. The fast broadband project link from Coombe Florey tower is on hold. The provider has concerns that line of sight will be lost during summer. Gigaclear, the new provider appointed by Connecting Devon & Somerset, have no plans for the Parish at the moment.

113.5. The defibrillator has now been placed on the wall of the Popham Hall, activated and is available for emergency use. Training is available for those interested and a news item has been put on the website highlighting this.

113.6. The representative from Fields in Trust is visiting the sites on the 21st March to collect the deeds and confirm eligibility for them to be placed into trust.

113.7. The repair to the village sign, damaged during the winter, is on-going.

114. Planning.

114.1. See minute 113.3. for update on the plans for a village car park.

115. Finances

115.1. Community Council for Somerset 2017 fees. £40.00

115.2. VAT refund of £650.00 received from HMRC

115.3. Council reviewed the contract details for the grass cutting/maintenance works which will cover the period from 2017-2021. The updated and enlarged contract was accepted and it was agreed that it should be posted on the village notice board and the website in the hope of attracting some interest.

116. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

116.1. The Clerk reported that the War Memorial has been grade 2 listed. The Clerk recommended that the War Memorial Charity should be kept in place. The Clerk will update the Charity details.

116.2. Council reviewed and completed the on-line survey from Rural Services Network. the Parish.

117. Correspondence for Information. & Briefing/Library Documents.

117.1. Council noted the following. A&S Police Newsletter

AOB.

Council agreed to write to SCC and the AONB re the state of Stout Lane and Rock Lane. (see parishioners' questions above).

Council noted that there has been an increase in fly tipping recently. Cases have been reported using the on-line systems and have been cleared by either WSDC or TDBC.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 18th May 2017 at 1830 hrs followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 1930.

These draft minutes are published for information only. Council will formally approve them at the next meeting. Changes may be made at that time.