

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on Thursday 17th September 2015.

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

In Attendance: Cllr Warmington TDBC

Apologies. Elaine Woollacott.

Parishioners Questions. None raised

Declarations of Interest. Cllr King declared an interest with regard to Cricket Club matters.

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

65. Crime Report.

- 65.1. Non dwelling burglaries continue. Advice is to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious on 101.

66. County and District Councillors Reports.

- 66.1. Cllr Warmington spoke briefly about strategic planning in TDBC.

67. Matters Arising.

- 67.1. The new notice board for the Village Hall Location is in place and Council agreed it looks very good. Council discussed whether it is necessary to keep the old notice boards in place. Final decision yet to be made. Check out moving the lower board to a position within the new affordable homes complex.

- 67.2. The funds from the section 106 agreement re the affordable homes are now available. Council asked for the playpark sub-committee to be re-formed. Council was advised that the Cricket Club would be applying for money from the grant. (n.b. Cllr King took no part in matters covered by this minute).

67.3. Annual Parish Meeting Follow Up Items.

- 67.3.1. Cllr Jones reported that the contact at Highways has been injured in a an accident and will not be able to attend until he is fit again. There is no one else to cover for him at present.

- 67.3.2. Council heard that the re-opening of the footway alongside the lane by the Old Rectory is not likely to be agreed by the Kings Estates but Cllr Waygood would try to raise the matter with them.

- 67.3.3. The AONB cannot help with sponsoring a waste bin for the lay by at Greens Hill. The AONB did suggest that perhaps Sedgemoor District Council may help. Cllr Parkman to follow up.

- 67.3.4. The clerk reported an approach from a new business about the maintenance works for the play park and other general maintenance. ABCommuntiy Maintenance. Council asked the Clerk to meet the contractor to discuss what work they are qualified to carry out.

67.3.5. A more professional company to supply wireless broadband has been identified. They are working with several dioceses across the South West. Offers have been sent to interested parishioners and it is hoped that a service will be available within a matter of weeks.

67.4. The new website is fully operational and working well.

68.Planning.

68.1. 45/15/0006) to site a new phone mast in the area of London Farm was refused by TDBC

68.2. 45/15/0007 and 45/15/0008 both supported by Council

68.3. 45/15/0010 and 0011. Council resolved to object on the grounds of road safety; increased flooding risks and visual impact.

69.Finances

69.1. Cheques were paid to

69.1.1. Playpark Inspection Co £75.00.

69.1.2. Annual maintenance Grants to Church Burial Ground (£600) and Bagborough Cricket Club (£900)

69.2. Change to a new bank still outstanding.

70.Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

70.1. The annual playpark inspection has been received. Council agreed that a contractor should be appointed to carry out the required maintenance.

70.2. The clerk reported on the NALC transparency fund which can fund IT equipment etc to enable small councils to set up e-communication to meet transparency duties. Council agreed to make an application for a small laptop/tablet and a printer.

70.3. Council discussed questions raised by SALC about an increase in large tractors/trailers passing through villages. Council agreed it was not reasonable to attempt to restrict such agricultural traffic. Traffic generally is a concern but not specifically large tractors.

70.4. Council has supported the representation to HMG re rural policing via NALC

Correspondence for Information. & Briefing/Library Documents.

Nothing new listed.

AOB.

Work on the trees along the avenue at Triscombe is still outstanding. Concerns about stability of the identified trees were raised.

The stability of the quarry face at Triscombe was discussed again. The face is still being monitored. Concerns were raised about the significant risk of deluge to properties below the quarry.

Date of Next Meeting.The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 19th November 2015 at 1900.