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MINUTES of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on Thursday 19th March 2015.

Present: Cllrs: Lorna Hending. Stuart Parkman. (Chair). Martin King. Elaine Woolacott. Charlie Ritchie. Billy Waygood. Martin Jones

In Attendance: Cllr P Watson TDBC. Cllr M Rigby (part time)

Apologies. None

Parishioners Questions. No questions raised.

Declarations of Interest. None declared

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

27. Matters Arising.

- 27.1. The new notice board for the Village Hall Location still requires erection. Cllrs King and Waygood agreed to do the work as soon as possible.
- 27.2. Council is still waiting for Highways to make contact about speed limits/traffic calming. Cllr Rigby offered to remind them when he meets them in a few days.
- 27.3. Council resolved to seek interest from local business to support the 'contingency' arrangements for emergency work re drains, hedges etc. Cllr Parkman to speak to interested parties. (n.b. this is using the increase in the precept for 2015-2016.)
- 27.4. With the availability of the grant monies from the affordable housing and other grants there will be approx £20,000 to spend on play facilities. Council resolved to ask the playpark sub group to reconvene and start planning.

28. Crime Report.

- 28.1. Nothing of significance relevant to the Parish.

29. County and District Councillors Reports.

- 29.1. Cllr Watson spoke about the recent completion of affordable housing at Vale View. 3 tenants are from the Parish and 3 from Bishops Lydeard. Council agreed that this was a successful and welcome return to Council sponsored housing.

30. Planning.

- 30.1. No new applications to discuss.

31. Finances

31.1. Cheques were paid to

- 31.1.1. Community Council Somerset. £40.00
- 31.1.2. Village Website. £25.00
- 31.1.3. MJ & MA King. £480.00. (Stout Lane)
- 31.1.4. P R Hamilton £400.00. Re HMRC penalty refund.

31.2. The clerk reported that the repayment of the HMRC penalty would be made on or after 16th April 2015 but to the WBPC account and not his account.

31.3. Council resolved to publish a note about the increase in precept.

31.4. The Clerk reported that grants arising from the affordable housing project will become available now that the tenants have taken possession. £14520 for play. £10997 for sports/outdoors activity. £1463 for allotments. No grant is available for the village hall element.

32. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

32.1. Cllr Ritchie agreed to be listed as the Parish contact for the Somerset Emergency Contacts register.

33. Correspondence for Information.

33.1. None noted.

Briefing/Library Documents.

Nothing new listed.

Chair Closing Remarks

As this is the final meeting for Council before the 2015 Elections the Chair offered thanks to Council for their work over the past 4 years.

Date of Next Meeting.The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 21st May 2015 at 1900.