

West Bagborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 21st January 2016

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

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Watson TDBC.

Apologies. Elaine Woollacott.

Parishioners Questions. Mr Redish asked to speak re the telephone mast and Chair agreed he could speak at the agenda item. Mr Gaunce attended to contribute to an update on fast broadband.

Declarations of Interest. Cllr King re trees at Triscombe. Cllr Watson re planning.

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

65. Crime Report.

65.1. The Clerk read out the crime report from Avon & Somerset Police.

66. County and District Councillors Reports.

66.1. Cllr Watson reported that waste charges for vans and trailers may be applied at the domestic waste recycling depots in the near future.

66.2. Questions were raised about house numbers for the new houses at Vale View and water flooding into the industrial units below the new properties. Cllr Watson agreed to look into those matters.

67. Matters Arising.

67.1. The play park sub-committee still needs to be set up to look at phase 2 of the playpark improvements.

67.2. Cllr Jones reported that County Highways have announced a Small Works Improvement Fund for road safety works. Supprt from our County Cllr will be required for any funding application. Cllr Jones to contact Cllr Rigby to discuss. Council agreed that Cllrs Jones, Hending and Woollacott should review the guidance and arrange a meeting with County Highways to see if funding could be provided.

67.3. Paul Gaunce reported that WildWest were still experiencing problems with BT providing access to a fibre outlet. Discussions re use of B.Lydeard Football Club house are the latest attempts.

67.4. The provision of a rubbish bin for the lay-by at Greens Hill looks unlikely. No-one seems interested in getting involved with the supply and on-going removal of rubbish. Chair agreed to talk to the AONB about solutions.

67.5. The clerk reported that unfortunately ABCCommunity Maintenance have not yet provided proof of the necessary insurances. The Clerk is to check again with the contractor.

67.6. Emergency maintenance is required on Jubilee Walk. The drain at the country end appears to be blocked causing flooding across the path. Council agreed that Cllrs King and Waygood should check to see what work might be required.

67.7. The Clerk reported that the Kings Estate have agreed to carry out work on the dangerous tree at Triscombe (the avenue). Work expected to be started w/comm. 15th Feb. The tree is subject to a preservation order and approval to remove requires a replacement to be planted.

67.8. The clerk reminded Council that funds from the CIL need to be spent. Council agreed that a public notice should be posted with details asking for ideas, assistance etc.

68. Planning. (Cllr Watson left the meeting before this agenda item)

- 68.1. 45/15/0014A. Council objected to a large sign on the A358, otherwise agreed.
- 68.2. 45/15/0015. Council supports.
- 68.3. 45/15/0016. Council supports.
- 68.4. 45/16/0001. Council supports.
- 68.5. 45/15/0017. Council objects. Mr Ambler complained about the manner in which the Council objection had been circulated via the local e-mail lists. Council explained that the list is not managed by the Parish Council and any response to a planning application is public domain material. Any applicant can approach the Council as part of their pre-planning management. Council confirmed that their decision would not have changed even if Mr Ambler had discussed this with Councillors beforehand.
- 68.6. 45/15/0018. Council objects. Mr Redish outlined his, and other local residents, concerns and objections to this latest application. Council agreed with all his points.

69. Finances

- 69.1. Salary for the Clerk. Oct 2015-March 2016. £350.00.
- 69.2. Stout Lane maintenance.(2015-6) MJ &MA King £480.00
- 69.3. Community Council for Somerset. 2016 subs. £40.00
- 69.4. Change to a new bank still outstanding. Clerk to circulate paperwork.
- 69.5. The Clerk advised on the gradual withdrawal of Council Tax Support from TDBC. Not significant for WBPC as only £200 per annum.
- 69.6. Central Govt. has appointed external auditors for 2017 onwards. A new organisation has been set up for the work.

70. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- 70.1. Council does not support leading any Parish celebrations for the Queens 90th Birthday.
- 70.2. Council made no comments on the Youth Housing Strategy.

Correspondence for Information. & Briefing/Library Documents.

Council noted the SWP Briefing Notes: AONB Star Gazing Night: Schools Admissions Policy 2017-2018: Taunton Youth Fund: TDBC Portfolio Holder Reports: Milverton Parish Council response to TDBC CAT policy.

AOB.

None.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 17th March 2016 at 1900.