Councillors present: Also present: Mr Wayne Lewin (Clerk)

 2 members of the public

Cllr S Crabb, Cllr B Ross, Cllr B Hyams, Cllr F Ross, Cllr D Trebilcock and Cllr A Fisher

Cllr N Ireland DCC

Cllr B Haynes WDDC

### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr A Booth sent his apologises.

### 2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

None were declared.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 28th September 2017**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**4. Matters Arising from previous minutes**

There were no matters other than those on the agenda.

**5. Democratic Half Hour**

There were no comments from the public.

**6. Chairman’s report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

**7. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Haynes stated no decision had yet been made regarding the LGR but he was hopeful that an announcement would be made by the end of the month.

Cllr Ireland indicated that the DCC overspend was projected at £6M. The budget was due to be set for 1819 and was likely to be the same although this money has to go further. He confirmed there would be no bus service through Dewlish. He confirmed to a question from Cllr Trebilcock that he would ask if passes could be used or purchased for the school route.

**8. To receive a report on planning matters in the parish and to agree actions in response to the new applications**

There were no new applications to discuss.

The Clerk confirmed that the variation of condition at the eco lodge had been withdrawn.

**9. To receive a report on highways matters in the parish and to agree action in response to proposals and repairs**

It was requested that the gullies ‘in the dip’ on the Puddletown road be cleared as this was causing a hazard.

**10. To receive a report on the condition of the footpaths and other environmental matters in the parish and to agree action in response to proposals and repairs**

There were no matters reported.

**11. Finance**

 **a. Income**

 **b. Expenditure**

 **c. Cheques for signature**

The Clerk briefed that the current budget was underspent. This was mostly due to monies put aside for the refurbishment of the telephone box.

The following cheque was authorised for payment:

Chq 370 BDO £36.00

**12. Grass cutting throughout the village update**

In the absence of Cllr Booth this item was moved to the next agenda.

**13. Bonfire night briefing**

Cllr Hyams confirmed it will be on 04th November at Parsonage Farm. Gates open at 5pm.

**14. Initial Precept 18/19 discussion**

The Clerk spoke on the importance of setting a Precept with a proposed budget for work in mind.

He confirmed the statutory obligations of DCC and WDDC and if any further works were needed then it would have to be done via the Parish Council.

**15. Update on Japanese Sumac**

Cllr Fisher had spoken to Tim Moore and a quote was to be sent to Cllr Booth.

**16. Agenda items for the next meeting**

Grass cutting in the Parish

Precept

Japanese sumac

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 30th November 2017

There being no further business the meeting close at 2005 hours.