

West Bagborough Parish Council.
Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 15th March 2018

Present: Cllrs: Charlie Ritchie. Stuart Parkman. W.Waygood, Lorna Hending. Martin Jones. Elaine Woollacott

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

Apologies. Cllr Martin King. (Approved absence-ill health.)

Parishioners Questions. None

Declarations of Interest. None

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

157. Crime Report.

157.1. The Clerk read out the crime report from Avon & Somerset Police. Cllr Jones reported that the Top End Neighbourhood Watch Scheme needs a new co-ordinator. Cllr Ritchie agreed to cover if no-one else could be found.

158. Playpark Sub Committee Report

158.1. The sub-committee reported that Section 106 funding had been approved and an order is to be placed with the Preferred Bidder for the project to go ahead. Cllr Waygood agreed to organise the removal of the concrete bases from under the swing positions, to supply a water bowser and a section of Heras fencing to close off the park during construction. The Council will supply playbark for this and the pirate ship area from annual maintenance funds.

159. County and District Councillors Reports.

159.1. Cllr Watson reported that; the FirePool development in Taunton has been approved, the final decision on the planned merger TDBC/WSDC will be made by Full Council next week. A certificate of lawful use has been issued for the caravan that has been parked near TreePots. Council were not happy with yet another retro approval and feel strongly that TDBC have failed to act on reported planning contraventions in several places in the Parish over the past 10 years or so. The Clerk is to draft a letter of complaint for forwarding to TDBC Planning. Cllr Warmington reported on the current project for the Homeless in TDBC. A co-ordinator has now been appointed. There are currently 26 people in the scheme. The aggressive beggars who have been present on the streets of Taunton are neither local people nor homeless. The Police deal with those people.

160. Matters Arising. (On going Matters.)

160.1. Play park project. See item 158.1

160.2. Proposed car Park. The Clerk reported that the Surveyor who drew the plans has been asked to quote for managing the planning applications as the Clerk does not have adequate competence to ensure a proper application.

160.3. The repair to the village sign is complete and the sign can now be placed back in position. Cllrs Parkman/Waygood will look at undertaking that work FOC.

160.4. Triscombe Quarry. Nothing further to report from Tarmac.

160.5. War Memorial Repairs. The clerk reported that a check has been made and the repairs are only required to the arch that was added some time after the memorial was erected. A simply like for like replacement of the wooden shingle boards is all that is required. Cllr King has promised to look at it after he has recovered from his operation.

161. Planning.

161.1. 45/18/0001. Wayside Cottage. The application has been approved and confirmation received that a Cert of Lawful Occupation had been issued for use of the garage /store as accommodation.

162. Finances

162.1. Payments as noted on the agenda were approved.

162.2. The surplus of £399.50 from the grants/donations for the defib has still to be allocated.

163. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

163.1. The Clerk reported the Google analytics for the Community Website.

163.2. The Clerk advised that SALC are providing training on the implications of the GDPR (data protection) for small Parishes. The Clerk will attend.

163.3. SCC have a consultation on the future funding of Public Libraries. Comments are welcomed on their website.

163.4. Council reviewed the draft proposals for re-organising the Ward Boundaries and accepted the outline proposals.

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

164.1. None

AOB.

Concerns about roadside drains and road edge/pothole repairs were raised. The Clerk reminded Council that all such matters should be reported to Somerset Highways by using the on-line reporting facility. Somerset Highways will not respond unless such reports are made and the reports can be made by any member of the public.

Questions were raised about County contracts for snow clearance. The Clerk will speak to Highways.

Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 17th May 2018 at 1830 hrs.
To be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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