

Petrockstowe Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of Petrockstowe Annual Parish meeting held on
Tuesday 17th April 2007 in the Baxter Hall.

Present Cllr S Johnston (Chairman), County Cllr J Rawlinson, District Cllr P Collins,
Ally Boyd DCC, Clerk, 16 Residents, . Mr T Seath. PC. S Middleton, PCSO M Baker.

- 1 Apologies received from Mrs A Luxton, Cllr S Cottle, Cllr R Watts, Mrs J Harri
Mrs M Kelsey, Mrs A Johnston, Mrs W Brown.
- 2 Minutes. Minutes of Parish Meeting held 18th April 2006 having been circulated
were approved and signed as a correct record.
- 3 Matters arising there were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 4 Parish Plan. Ally Boyd from Devon County Council spoke on how to start a Parish
A Parish Plan differs for different villages. Most villages that have completed
their plan
have had positive results. They take about 18mths to complete. Residents can ha
their
own steering group, with the help from Parish Council; grants are available to
with
printing etc. The cost depends on the type of plan the village wants. Mrs I Fis
showed an
interest with some other residents. It was proposed that an advert is put in
Petrockstowe
news to ask for volunteers, or opinions on whether to continue with a plan, P
Collins felt
that it is a way to see what the village needs; affordable housing, local post
office local
schools. There are about 8 villages in Torridge area that do not have a plan, o
are either
completed or in the processs of being completed, Ally Boyd is always available
assist
There are others at Torridge District Council that are willing to help get star
Grants are
also available from the Community Council of Devon. Chairman thanked her for he
attendance.
- 5 Police We had an unexpected visit from PC S Middleton our Beat manager with her
Melissa Baker. We have 2 Police Community Support Officers in Torrington, the o
is
Sandra Brown. If we have any issues they will do their best to help. They would
like to be able to visit villages more often, but have quite large areas to cov
Cllr Vogel
raised the parking on yellow lines in Torrington She said that as there are no
traffic wardens
people are taking advantage. PCSO have to rely on police for transport unless t
can get
sponsorship. Chairman thanked, them for coming.
- 6 Chairman's Report. Cllr Johnston gave his report on the work of the Parish Coun
He
was elected chairman following the resignation of G Thatcher in September, He

expressed that Parish Council's are only asked to give their comments on any
planning applications, they cannot approve applications. Play area is now the responsibility
of the Council for £1 per year, with a sub committee, as with the Recreation group.
He proposed on behalf of everyone a big Thank you to all of the sub-committee members
for their efforts. A number of events have been arranged on the Recreation Ground,
the start of the cricket season. Roads are constantly addressed. School transport
also an on going problem. Chairman Thanked J Rawlinson & P Collins for all they do for
village. Government White Paper are to give Parish Councils more say in future.
Grants have been awarded to the Baxter Hall, Churchyard fund, Rainbow Pre-school, Clinch
School., Play area Citizens Advice Bureau and Ring and Ride. for 2007. Councillor
Johnston thanked all who have supported him during his time in office, and to a
whom haven't, for giving him the challenge. It was put to the Parish that future parishes
meeting agendas include a Chairman's Annual Report. The resolution was carried.

7 Council's Accounts. Clerk presented the accounts for the year, these were approved
and signed by the Chairman.

8 Acer Tree Clerk reported that the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) had not been received
being from Torridge but a report on the inspection had. Cllr Collins said that the TPO
as they prepared, and thought that it should have been received, Council are concerned
they stand have been asked for it to be felled and replaced by a smaller version, how would
would if it came down and damaged property around. Cllr Rawlinson thought the council
any be responsible for any damage. A number of residents do not consider that there
urgency for tree to be felled. It will be discussed further by the Parish Council.

9 School Transport. Clerk will write to Cllr J Rawlinson and give him the information
that we have on the re-routing of the TORRO13 to Torrington. He will look into it on our
behalf.

10 J Rawlinson reported that a sum of money has been awarded to Devon to help repair
minor roads, it was suggested that Petrockstowe should have more money as there are a
of heavy clay lorries using the roads. Let him have a list of roads needing repair.
He thanked council for keeping him informed. J Rawlinson asked to be excused, Chairman
thanked him again for all the work he does on our behalf.

11 Street Lighting It was brought to the meeting's attention that the street lights
left on all night, and a lot of power is wasted, There were concerns about accidents and crashes
if lights were turned off. It was suggested that each area be turned off alternately, for a
trial period..

All present were in favour of this suggestion.

12 Parish Representatives. 4 representatives to the Baxter Hall committee from the Parish are

Mr B Aldridge Mrs J Jeffs Mr T James and Mr M Stephenson others remain the same

13 Road Closures A number of road closures for the village, received by the clerk v
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placed on the notice boards and in Newsletter in due course.

14 P Collins. Spoke on a meeting he had attended with the Audit Commission, improv
are being seen at Torridge, a lot of work still to be done in certain areas, Th

annual inspection for the Torridge Council cost £85,000. Heads of departments are now

getting monthly accounts. He is sure that we will soon be getting cardboard collection

date available yet. Torridge are supporting our local Post Offices. He was asked abo

weekly collections, after losing our black bags, It is not on the cards as yet,

Chairman thanked him for all he has done in his term of office.

Meeting closed at 9-40pm