

**West Bagborough Parish Council.**  
**Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

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

**Apologies.** Cllr M Rigby SCC. Cllr Elaine Woollacott.

**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.

**104. Crime Report.**

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

**105. County and District Councillors Reports.**

105.1. Cllr Watson noted that the new sign for Vale View has been erected. Concern was expressed about the wording which includes reference to the Industrial Units. The Flying Scotsman locomotive will be visiting the WSR in May and the Antiques Roadshow will be in Minehead later in the year. Cllr Warmington spoke about the proposed merger of TDBC & WSDC and reminded Council that representatives could attend a briefing meeting on the 23rd January

**106. Matters Arising. (On going Matters.)**

106.1. Play park activity. Several parishioners had now come forward to help with the sub-committee to get this project underway. A meeting is planned for early February.

106.2. Cllr Jones reported that the Small Schemes Traffic Works programme doesn't provide solutions for traffic issues in the village.

106.3. Council heard that Kings Estates are considering the provision of a small 'natural surface' off road car park on land adjacent to Shattocks. Details will available soon. Council welcomed the offer and hoped it could be provided as soon as possible

106.4. The fast broadband project has not progressed beyond a few properties at the top of the village. It cannot be extended without more suitably located properties to provide 'line of sight' access. (post meeting note that a possible link from Coombe Florey tower is being investigated. This would allow Triscombe residents to access the programme). Council heard that a company called Gigaclear has been appointed by Connecting Devon & Somerset as part the next phase of that project. Cllr Ritchie reported that they may be able to provide a service to some properties in the Parish but this is to be confirmed in the future.

106.5. Council heard that the defibrillator has been purchased using the monies donated by parishioners. It should be fixed in position soon. Training places are available for anyone who wants to know how to access and use the equipment. The Clerk will publish a news item on the website.

**107. Planning.**

107.1. 45/16/0025 & 45/16/0028 Council confirmed support for both proposals.

**108. Finances**

108.1. Payments as shown on the agenda were approved.

**109. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

109.1. The Clerk reported that the War Memorial has been recommended for listing by English Heritage. (post meeting note. The memorial is now grade 2 listed. Details to be confirmed at next meeting.)

109.2. The Clerk outlined the Community Resilience Group activity. Cllr Jones took details to review relevance for the Parish.

**110. Correspondence for Information. & Briefing/Library Documents.**

110.1. Council noted the following. Schools Admission Policy. Avian Flu Poster. Removal of existing working BT phone boxes.

**AOB.**

Cllr Hending reported that the Village Hall Committee are asking parishioners to give more support to organized activities. Attendances at recent events have been disappointing.

Cllr Hending advised on the changes to the Rights of Way organization in SCC/TDBC. Details will be forwarded by the Clerk.

The Village Agent has moved on. In the meantime help is still available through the office on 07971024496

The damaged heritage village sign and footpath finger post have been recovered after the vandalism of New Years Day. Cllr Parkman and Waygood offered to arrange repair and re-instatement.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 16<sup>th</sup> March January 2017 at 1900 hrs.

**These draft minutes are published for information only. Council will formally approve them at the next meeting. Changes may be made at that time.**