

Petrockstowe Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Petrockstowe Parish council meeting held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 16 January 2007 at 8pm.

Councillors present: Cllr S Johnston (chairman), Cllr S Cottle (vice), Cllr I Fisher, Cllr Hunkin, Cllr P Vogel, Cllr W Luxton, Cllr R Watts, District Cllr P Collins, Clerk Members public 6

75 Apologies of absence No apologies received.

76 Minutes: Minutes of 21st November 2006 having been previously circulated were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to following amendments.

Minute 54 Delete "applicants" and Insert "applications".

Minute 55 Insert. After "for advice on the lease", as the Chairman said that the lease is

riddled with mistakes. On third line Delete "which he does not understand" insert "are unacceptable" on the fifth line Delete "on the lease". Delete "Chairman agreed

and promised to get it sorted within the next 2 weeks".

Minute 59 In 3rd line Delete "there" and Insert "the".

Minute 60. (b) Should read, Democracy packs are being prepared.

Mr Cleary The Chairman of National Association of Local Councils spoke on, that he like to see more quality Councils in the future.

(e) Insert at end of the last sentence "6th February 2007".

(f) In the sixth line after survey Delete "were" and Insert "are". Insert after 240 houses

" within the District". At end of last sentence Delete " full stop and for local projects in

brackets" Insert "for local projects".

Minute 61 in line five Delete "there" and add "their" after parish plan Insert It agreed

that this be included on the agenda of the Annual Parish meeting. Agreed by all.

Minute 72 Should have read after all the applications that the councillors had no objections.

77 PUBLIC SESSION.

Mrs S Griffin concerned about the increase of large lorries on the road past her home at

Smiths Hill, the council cannot do much, as it is a public highway. She is also concerned by

all the streetlights, which are on all hours around the village. Proposed by Cllr V sec by

Cllr I Fisher all in favour, that it should be included on the agenda for parish meeting before

deciding to ask for the street lights to be reduced, as more residents will be present in Devon

County council are looking to reduce carbon emissions and this proposal would assist

78 School Transport to Torrington school NoTorro 13 Clerk will contact parents of pupils attending the School now, any parents of children in the village, that may be attending the

school future, to get their views on the pick up point, being rerouting to the bus shelter in the

village, so that the pupils can wait in the dry, and have a much safer place to wait the coach, at the moment Devon County Council do not agree with the councils proposal, the coach to pick the pupils up at bus shelter..

79 Play Area lease Chairman sent a copy of the lease to the secretary of the Devon Association Parish Councils, Lesley Smith agreed with Councillor Johnston that the proposed lease was unacceptable, Cllr Johnston has contacted the solicitors that prepared the lease, with a list of suggested amendments, their comments were that the clauses are to remain unchanged, and they are not negotiable. They did agree that the Clerk should be a signatory.

Cllr Vogel proposed that the Chairman and Vice Chair meet with some of the Hall committee, to discuss the lease. Cllr I Fisher seconded this, Cllrs agreed.

80 Acer Tree At War Memorial.

Jonathon Webster RHS Rosemoor has inspected the tree, and agrees that it has outgrown the area of the War memorial, He suggested that it is felled and replaced with a smaller tree.

Cllrs agreed, Clerk to obtain other quotes before continuing. Cllrs all in favour.

81 Councillors Reports.

(a) Cllr S Johnston Devon Association Of Parish Councils. No meeting has been held since the last report.

(b) Cllr S Cottle. At the meeting on January 5th 2007 Mr L Tremellion presented the plans

for a new building to be erected at the Recreation Ground, Chairman suspended standing orders so Mr L Tremellion could present the plans to the Council, He gave an approximate cost of £3,600 for materials and labour. for the building. It was suggested

that he contact the planning office at Torridge District Council Bideford direct advice

on the plans, as it is an agricultural building, Accounts for materials to be presented to

Parish Council to reclaim the vat, .Mr S Packer ran a bar in the Hall over Christmas

due to the closure of the Laurels, a sum of £450 was raised to be shared between, H Recreation Ground, and Play area. Next event is a Winter Ball on Saturday 17th

February

07 Next meeting on Friday 16th March 07.

(c) Cllr P Vogel No meetings of the Torrington Advisory Group have been held, since report. Next meeting on February 6th 2007 for Play area will be held at Emma

Wisemans

(d) Cllr W Luxton Baxter Hall there will be a film show in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 23rd

February at 7-30pm The Queen. A quote has been received for play area insurance

(e) District Councillor P Collins. The standards committee are going to be contacted all

Councils in the near future. Black bags are to be discussed at a meeting of the Environment Leisure committee 17th January.2007, Chairman asked Cllr Collins to give our views on the matter. The future of council houses is also to be discussed.

The Police Community Officer that was appointed to assist Police Officers in Torrington

has resigned. A new Police Community Officer has been appointed, will be starting in Torrington area in the near future.

82 Financial Matters.

(a) To approve payment to the Audit Commission of £58-75 Cheque No 72

(b) To approve payment of clerks salary & expenses from 30 September to 30th December 2006. Cheque No 73. Cheques signed by Cllrs Cottle & Luxton. Payment proposed by Cllr Vogel Seconded By Cllr Hunkin all in Favour.

Planning matters

Planning approval has been granted to Mr C Hancock Orchard House Petrockstowe No 1/2410/2006/FUL.

Meeting closed at 9-20pm

Next meeting will be held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 20th March 2007.

Copies to all: Councillors, District Councillor P Collins,
Devon County Councillor J Rawlinson, Mr M Wright for Web site.

H R Harris (clerk)

Chairman..... Date.....