

West Bagborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 17th March 2016

Present: Cllrs: Stuart Parkman.. Charlie Ritchie. Martin Jones. Lorna Hending.

In Attendance: 2 parishioners.

Apologies. Elaine Woollacott. Billy Waygood. Martin King. Peter Watson TDBC. Mike Rigby SCC

Parishioners Questions. None raised.

Declarations of Interest. None declared.

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

71. Crime Report.

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

72. County and District Councillors Reports.

72.1. The Clerk advised that the review of Electoral Boundaries for TDBC was underway. Council will have the opportunity to comment once gthe details are available.

72.2. The Clerk requested feedback on the TDBC Portfolio Holders reports sent out by Cllr Warmington. Council agreed it is a useful document and thanked Cllr Warmington for providing copies.

73. Matters Arising. (On going Matters.)

73.1. The play park sub-committee still needs to be set up to look at phase 2 of the playpark improvements.

73.2. Cllr Jones reported that a very useful meeting with County Highways Engineering has resulted in a commitment from Highways to improvements in 2016/2017 such as repainting the 'SLOW'signs, additional warning signs etc as part of improving road safety through the village. Discussions with Cllr Rigby and the small projects scheme are progressing with hope for works during 2017-2018. Council thanked Cllrs Jones and Hending for their efforts in achieving this important improvement.

73.3. There is a new supplier for the village fast broadband contract. A new line has to be installed by BT in Bishops Lydeard and then the project can commence. *(Post meeting note. The line has been installed and the project should start within a few weeks. Added 5th April.)*

73.4. As providing a bin has proven impracticable Cllr Parkman is now talking to the AONB about a sign asking people not to dump rubbish in the Greens Hill layby.

73.5. Emergency maintenance has been completed on Jubilee Walk. Cllr Hending reported that the work has been completed in a professional manner and appears to have resolved the localised flooding. Council resolved to make sure that in future the costs of such emergency work is identified before approving such work.

73.6. The Clerk reported that the dangerous tree at Triscombe (the avenue) has been removed and a replacement planted. Council resolved to thank the Kings Estates for their help.

73.7. No further progress made with identifying a project for the use of the CIL grant.

73.8. No further information available re the house numbers at Vale View.

74. Planning.

74.1. 45/15/0018. Mobile phone Mast. The clerk reported that TDBC had asked whether the Council would support a revised location (as outlined at the January meeting) but with a taller mast (15 meters). Council resolved to agree to the new location in principle.

74.2. 45/16/0005T. Tree removal at Orchard House. Council supports.

74.3. 45/15/0017. Council discussed the decision by TDBC Planning Committee to approve the application despite advice to the contrary by Officers, the AONB and others. Council resolved to raise a formal complaint and instructed the Clerk to compose a letter for the Chair to forward to TDBC Planning. The Clerk reported that a group of local residents had decided to form a campaign group to fight the decision to approve.

74.4. 45/16/0003LB. Council discussed this at length. Council recognised that the revised location is likely a safer access point than the original but had concerns about the access becoming dual purpose and allowing access to the agricultural land adjacent to the property. Council resolved to request conditions prohibiting use of the new access to domestic access ONLY for Richards as the safety risk of large agricultural vehicles using the access and spreading mud onto the lane would be unacceptable in this high risk location.

75. Finances

75.1. Village Hall rent. (07.15-03.16) £70.00

75.2. Emergency Work Jubilee Walk. MJ&MA King. £336.00

75.3. The final pieces of paperwork for the change to Unity Trust Bank were circulated and signed off. Council resolved that the Clerk should now forward the application for the new account.

75.4. The Clerk advised Council that HMG has issued a warning that if Parish Councils continue to increase precepts significantly then the law will be changed to include them in the need for a referendum for any increase above 3%.

75.5. Details of the new external audit procedures have been advised. Council resolved to use the formally appointed auditors for annual audits from 2017. Council noted that this meant no change from the old system which had run successfully for many years.

76. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

76.1. Council made no comment on the TDBC Youth Housing Strategy.

Correspondence for Information. & Briefing/Library Documents.

Council noted the Somerset Day on 11th May. Road closure on the A358 at Bishops Lydeard. Avon & Somerset Police Newsletter. Somerset Waste Partnership Newsletter. TDBC Isolation and Loneliness Project.

AOB.

None.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 19th May 2016 at 1830 followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 1930