

**West Bagborough Parish Council.**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**2017**

**Present:** Cllrs: Charlie Ritchie. Lorna Hending. Elaine Woollacott. Stuart Parkman. Martin King. Martin Jones.

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

**Apologies.** Cllr W.Waygood.

**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.

**134. Crime Report.**

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

**135. County and District Councillors Reports.**

135.1. Cllr Watson reported that; Work on Deane House has started: Planning re the new homes at Staplegrove has been deferred due to safety concerns re roads.

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

136.1. Play park project. Quotations for the work are awaited. The old swings and slide have been safely removed from site. The Chair thanked Cllr Waygood for carrying out the work at no cost.

136.2. The Clerk reported that there would be no additional insurance costs if the Council took on a lease for the car park. Enquiries re planning permission are on-going.

136.3. There is no further action on fast broadband. Phase 2 of the Connecting Devon & Somerset does not have anything for West Bagborough/Triscombe.

136.4. Fields in Trust are still working on the Trust papers.

136.5. The repair to the village sign, damaged during the winter, is on-going.

136.6. SCC Rights of Way are planning to do some work on Stout Lane and other locations across the Quantocks. This will be done using a digger to level ruts to improve access and other measures to help with high flow conditions. Council has received a grant (£500) from SCC ROW to cover some of the costs for emergency works on Stout Lane.

136.7. Cllr Jones has offered to repaint the telephone box at no cost but using materials supplied by Council. The Chair thanked him for this kind offer.

136.8. Cllr Hending raised the question of 'Pride in Bagborough' and asked whether the Council should look to starting a group to encourage parishioners to be more involved with 'housekeeping' in the public areas of the village. Since the cutbacks in general maintenance by SCC/TDBC the village is beginning to show the signs of lack of care. e.g. hedges and verges not properly trimmed, gulleys not cleared etc After some discussion it was agreed that a questionnaire should be drawn up and circulated around the Parish to gauge opinion/support

136.9. Concerns were heard about Triscombe Quarry and the movement of the quarry face that is apparent. Council resolved to approach the owners with the concerns about—what monitoring is being carried out and what do the results show---at what point will protective measures to prevent a major rock fall be taken---what areas are at risk of flooding in the event of major fall.

**137. Planning.**

137.1. 45/17/0006T Tree works at Bashfords Farmhouse. Council supported the application.

137.2. Only advertising consent is required for the signs at New Road/A358 junction

**138. Finances**

138.1. SFPA Play Park Inspection £80 Grounds Mtce £1140.

138.2. The Clerk also reported that a Payment of £144 from TDBC had been incorrectly credited to the WBPC account by TDBC and that this had been returned.

**139. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision**

139.1. None.

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

140.1. Council noted the following. CPRE AGM. CPRE Landscape Issue and Planning (which is to be held in the library for future reference). PCC Newsletter. CPRE Summer 2017 issue magazine.

**AOB.**

A short discussion on the ruts at the side of the roads where traffic or flood water has eroded the edge of the road. This has left dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and vehicles. The Clerk reminded Council that all such concerns should be reported using the SCC Highways 'Report a pothole' website. That ensures that an inspection will be carried out and any relevant remedial works programmed based on the risk assessment by SCC Highways.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

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

**These draft minutes are produced for information only. Council may amend them at the next meeting.**

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