

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on Thursday 16th July 2015.

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

In Attendance: Cllr Rigby SCC. Cllr Watson TDBC.

Apologies. Martin King

Co -Option.

Council confirmed that William Waygood was co-opted to Council in accordance with relevant standards.

Parishioners Questions. Several parishioners attended and asked questions about follow up on items from the Annual Parish Meeting and the vacancy on Council. The Clerk explained the process followed for the advertising and co-option of candidates in the circumstances after an election. The matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting would be covered in the meeting.

Declarations of Interest. None declared

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

58.Crime Report.

58.1. Nothing of significance relevant to the Parish.

59.County and District Councillors Reports.

59.1. Cllr Rigby spoke about:- the new Somerset Options programme which deals with options for Care; the plan for a cycle path from Bishops Lydeard towards Taunton has moved forward, Systrans has completed a supportive report and it is hoped that money from the C.I.L. will help towards the costs of work; the Flood Mitigation Fund is open again.

60.Matters Arising.

60.1. The new notice board for the Village Hall Location will be installed by the end of the month. (post meeting note, board is now in use). The proposal to move the old board is outstanding.

60.2. Council reviewed the notes from the Annual Parish Meeting.

60.2.1. Agreed that Cllr Martin Jones would liaise with County Highways on matters re traffic etc.

60.2.2. Agreed that Cllr Waygood would talk with Kings Estates about the possible re-opening of the footway alongside the lane by the Old Rectory.

60.2.3. Agreed that Cllr Parkman would talk to the AONB about the possibility of providing/sponsoring a waste bin for the lay by at Greens Hill.

60.2.4. A parishioner (Mrs. Bond) has offered to talk to SCAT about the possibility of some cartography/design for a village map to be produced by parishioners when directing deliveries etc.

- 60.3. Council had not yet found any suitable businesses to help with emergency work re drains etc. An advert should be placed on the website, SK e-mail and notice boards.
- 60.4. Council heard from the sub-committee on fast broadband that a compmnay had been found who could provide a faster speed via a wireless link. The system is already working successfully in the East of the County. Costs are within reasonable range. A meeting has been arranged for anyone who may be interested to find out more.
- 60.5. Council accepted a recommendation to move to a new website. Tim Stanger who has been running and maintaining the village website is hoping to move away soon. The Council's insurance brokers have provided, free of charge, access to a professional network that specialises in providing and supporting Community Websites. The Clerk is working with Paul Gaunce (Popham Hall Committee Chair) to set up the new site.

61.Planning.

- 61.1. Council has objected to the proposal (45/15/0006) to site a new phone mast in the area of London Farm. Many objections have been made by local people. The matter will be determined by TDBC planning committee.

62.Finances

- 62.1. The Clerk reported that the Annual External Audit has been returned with one minor comment about an incorrect totalised figure for assets arising from an error in adding the total.
- 62.2. Cheques were paid to
 - 62.2.1. Clerk Fees (April to Sept 2015). £300.80 nett.
 - 62.2.2. HMRC. PAYE for clerk. £49.20.
- 62.3. Council agree a move to e-banking. SALC have recommended using Unity Trust Bank that provides a specific e-account for Parish Councils. Clerk to arrange.

63.Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- 63.1. The Clerk reported on the Community Infrastructure Levy. This is a levy on development which will provide a 15% share of each levy made to the Council. The money is to be used in specific ways.
- 63.2. SCC have advised an Adopt a Path scheme for local people who want to help with the upkeep of paths, footways etc within the Parish. Volunteers will be managed by SCC. Details to be posted on website and e-mail lists.

64.Correspondence for Information.

- 64.1. None noted.

Briefing/Library Documents.

Nothing new listed.

Date of Next Meeting.The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 17th September 2015 at 1900.