

WIDWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Councillors of Widworthy Parish Council were summoned to a meeting of Council held at Wilmington Village Hall on Tuesday, January 10th 2017, the meeting started at 7.30 p.m.

Those present Councillors Rob Gardner, Andrew Pearsall (Chairman) & Janet Twist, Cllr Garham Godbeer (EDDC) and Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (DCC).

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Helen Parr (EDDC). Cllr Olive had hoped to attend – no apology was received.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on November 8th 2016 were confirmed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.
3. Declarations of Interest for this meeting - Cllr Twist declared she was now an officer of the Wilmington Community Land Trust.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
Meeting dates. The Council discussed suitable days for meetings to be held. The most convenient day for the Parish, District and County councillors to attend was found to be Tuesdays. To avoid clashes with PCC meetings it was decided that meetings would continue to be held on Tuesdays but changed to the third Tuesday of the month. Proposed Cllr Twist seconded Cllr Pearsall. Clerk to determine and circulate meeting dates for the next year.
5. Adoption of new Standing Orders
The new Standing Order as circulated by the Clerk in were unanimously adopted by the Council and supercede any previous Standing Orders. Proposed Cllr Twist seconded Cllr Gardner.
6. Reports
Cllr Randall Johnson (DCC) gave an update that the government settlement has not been good but there are new funds for both childrens and adult services area which have large budgets due to the high numbers of disabled in Devon. SWHighways nno longer have the contract for maintaining roads on behalf of DCC. Skanska will take over, starting in April 2017. DCC are linking up with Gigabit to supply superfast broadband. Cllr Randall Johnsons Locality Budget will be available to use until March 31st. Cllr Randall Johnson then left the meeting.

Cllr Godbeer (EDDC) advised that EDDC are looking at other novel ways of funding affordable housing in the district. The planning application for the redevelopment of the EDDC Knowle site in Sldmouth has been turned down by the planning department. The Town Hall in Exmouth is presently being refurbished to become the site for the new EDDC satellite office.

PCSO Widger reported that there had been no crimes in the month leading to the meeting.

Cllr Twist reported that Wilmington has split from the proposed CLT with Farway, Northleigh and Southleigh mainly due to being geographically isolated from them. The Council held a general discussion on suitable sites and noted that Offwell are now undertaking a needs survey. A company for the Wilmington CLT is being formed and Cllr Twist is now the Company Secretary. She advised that of the £100 donation agreed by the Council they needed £40 immediately to register the company with the Financial Conduct Authority. They may need up to £200 as start-up funds this year. Cllr Pearsall proposed and Cllr Gardner seconded that a cheque should be issued. The next meeting of the CLT is on January 23rd 2017.

A35 group update. There was no report this meeting due to illness. Cllr Twist advised that speed watches have taken place and found that 6 out of 200 vehicles were speeding. In view of the standing orders, concern was expressed about if there are any governance documents for the A35 Group in existence.

7. Parishioners Questions. None

8. Highways issues – general and A35.

Cllr Pearsall agreed to check the repair of the bus shelter and report back to the Council. The Clerk is to contact EDDC concerning the siting of a sign on the pavement outside Wellington Farm. It was felt that it was obstructing the pavement.

Highway Community Enhancement Fund – this to fund equipment for our Road Warden. Cllr Pearsall will advise the Clerk what equipment is required.

9. Planning Applications & issues.

Gibbons Farm – The Clerk advised that EDDC Planning Dept are still awaiting the result of ongoing discussions between the applicant and Highways.

The Clerk read an e mail from the DALC concerning the what is expected of Parish Councils in planning matters. In view of the obvious confusion by the public, information will be placed on the website to clarify the issue.

9a Finance –

Payments - C Miltenburg salary & expenses - £806.53, CLT company registration expenses - FCA £40. Proposed Cllr Pearsall seconded Cllr Gardner.

2017/18 Precept. The Council discussed the Precept which has not risen since 2006. In view of the forecast costs the Council unanimously agreed to raise the Precept request to £2,450. It was also agreed that some monies should be used in the next year to fund tasks by a Parish Lengthsman and

that generally donations to local organisations etc should be raised from £15 to £50. Proposed Cllr Twist seconded Garrdner.

Adoption of Financial Regulations. The new Financial Regulations as circulated by the Clerk were unanimously adopted by the Council and supercede any previous Financial Regulations. Proposed Cllr Twist seconded Cllr Gardner.

Delegate access to Lloyds bank account to allow the Clerk to view the account on line was agreed. Proposed Cllr Twist seconded Cllr Pearsall.

It was noted that £5000 of the Councils funds are a DCC grant to relocate the illuminated speed sign when the A35 road redesign takes place. It was agreed to hold these monies in the No 2 account. Proposed Cllr Twist & seconded Cllr Pearsall. Clerk to organise the transfer.

Clerk to clarify payment for hall hire with Mrs Broom.

10. Emergency Planning - public access defibrillator. The Council agreed that the payphone box would be a suitable site for defibrillator. Clerk to contact BT Payphones to advise the Council wish to adopt it. The Clerk is obtaining information on public defibrillators from the Community Heartbeat Trust. The Council noted the DCC grant for flood mitigation that is now available.
11. Discuss any correspondence circulated. The Council noted the letter from EDDC concerning nuisance dogs and dog mess and the introduction of PSP orders. Out of control dogs have recently been seen in the vicinity of Widworthy Court. Clerk to obtain notices from EDDC Dog Warden.
12. Date of the next meeting: It was agreed to next meet on March 21st 2017.
13. Any other business – none

The meeting ended at 9.40pm