

Dunchideock Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2015

Present: Cllrs Swain (Chairman), Dow, Goodchild, Ellis, Riddick and Robson.
TDC Lake and Goodey. 6 residents present.

1. **Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Eveleigh was absent. Apologies were received from DCC Connett. No declarations of interest were made.
2. **Open Meeting** – An update on the condition of the highway at Manstree Cross was requested. Agreed to discuss it in item 4.5.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings** – Minutes of the meetings on the 2nd March, 16th March and 20th April had been distributed. No comments were received. Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr Dow seconded that all minutes be accepted. All agreed.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 **Village fire hydrants** – All hydrants have been photographed and locations confirmed by Cllr Swain. Some locations will need to be updated. Mr W Turner has been consulted during this process. The map in the village hall will be updated and intention is that residents can easily find the location of their nearest hydrant.
 - 4.2 **Village benches maintenance** – One bench is ready to varnish and will be returned to its location in the coming weeks.
 - 4.3 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Robson had no update to make.
 - 4.4 **BT Fibre cabinet** – The Connecting Devon & Somerset team had agreed in principle to pay for half of the proposed stone work required to protect the fibre cabinet. Confirmation is expected shortly.
 - 4.5 **Highways** – Issue at Thornes Meadow is closed. The damage at Manstree Cross has been repaired and will be assessed by Cllr Ellis with a view to protecting the bank. Cllr Goodchild raised the issue of very large vehicles using Clapham Lane and damaging the Grade 2 listed wall. Members discussed possible options to prevent this from happening in the future. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Goodchild will inspect the site and report back at the next meeting.
 - 4.6 **Litter Pick** – Thanks were given to Cllr Eveleigh for arranging the litter pick and to those that helped on the day.
5. **Finance Report** – Clerk reported that the balance in the account was £4093.48. We have received £1189.07 from TDC for the first half of the Precept payment. The NALC/DALC accreditation fee of £60.93 had been deducted at source as requested.
6. **Clerk's Appointment** – Cllr Goodchild proposed and Cllr Dow seconded that the Clerk was doing a good job and that the probationary period has been completed. All agreed.
7. **Annual Insurance Renewal** – Members discussed the policy renewal and Clerk confirmed that the insurer had been engaged to reduce the premium. Cllr Riddick proposed and Cllr Dow seconded that the premium of £154.07 be accepted and the policy renewed. All agreed. Cllr Goodchild will liaise with the PCC to see if policies can be consolidated in the future.

- 8. Internal Audit** – The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit had been completed and that no remarks have been made by the auditor. 2014/15 accounts and the Annual Return have been signed by the auditor. Cllr Swain proposed and Cllr Goodchild seconded that a £15 donation is made to Ide Shop as thanks for conducting the audit. All agreed.
- 9. Approval of 2014/15 Accounts** – Final accounts had been distributed and reviewed. Cllr Riddick proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that the accounts be accepted and signed. All agreed.
- 10. Approval of 2014/15 Annual Return** – The Annual Return figures and control statements had been distributed and reviewed. Cllr Dow proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that the Annual Return be accepted and signed. All agreed.
- 11. County & District Councillors reports** – TDC Lake and Goodey expressed thanks to residents for their re-election and looked forward to working with residents and the parish council in the future. Cllr Goodey mentioned that he is taking the Communities Portfolio at TDC. He also mentioned the Head of Planning at TDC will be attending a meeting at Kenn PC to discuss their concerns about the planning process. Members had also expressed concerns over the ability of a parish council to influence the planning process. Cllr Lake stated that he had been working with Highways to resolve the condition of the road near Manstree Cross. He was disappointed that lack of finances meant appropriate action was not being taken. Cllr Goodey also confirmed that Teign Housing will shortly be publishing the costs of the new Haldon traveller's site.
- 12. Village Hall report** – Cllr Dow confirmed the changes to the shed buildings are in progress and that the bill will be paid when the repairs are made.
- 13. Clerk's Correspondence** – Clerk mentioned communications from the Pensions Regulator, Boundary Commission, Granting of planning application 15/00793/LBC (Lyalls) and the new team lead of rural policing based in Chudleigh (PC Jon Croft).
- 14. Open Meeting** – Cllr Swain and Cllr Ellis discussed the work that Cllr Ellis is undertaking at the entrance of the quarry. Work is being carried out to clean up the brown field site so that it can be used. There are no plans for building on the land.
- 15. Chairman's Remarks** – No additional remarks were made.
- 16. Date of next meeting** – Date of the next parish council meeting was set as 6th July 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman