

Dunchideock Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015

Present: Cllrs Swain (Chairman), Dow, Ellis, Goodchild, Riddick and Robson. 4 residents present.

- 1. Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Eveleigh, DCC Connett and TDC Goodey.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** –No declarations of interest were made.
- 3. Open Meeting** – Missing sign for fire hydrant at the bridge by Belvedere Park was reported.
- 4. Minutes of the previous meetings** – Minutes of the meeting of the 6th July had been distributed. No comments were received. Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr Riddick seconded that all minutes be accepted. All agreed.
- 5. Matters Arising**
 - 5.1 Village fire hydrants** – Cllr Swain has completed the required work and will agree locations with the fire service before publishing details on the website.
 - 5.2 Highways** – Noted that Manstree Road has been patched but that the repair at Manstree Cross was already showing signs of damage. The safety mirror at the same location was also still in need of repair. Reported that the finger on the sign was damaged and needed reporting. Some rocks have been added to protect milestone marker by the quarry entrance but more will be added.
 - 5.3 Councillor Training** – Cllr Riddick is booked on a DALC training course.
 - 5.4 BT Fibre Cabinet** – Work to protect the cabinet has been completed. Members commented that the work has been done to a high standard and that it is in keeping with the area. Donation from BT towards cost is being chased.
- 6. Finance Report**
 - 6.1** Clerk reported that the balance in the account was £3803.92 and confirmed that this reconciles with the cash book. £300 had been received from TDC Lake and Goodey's Community Fund.
 - 6.2** Clerk presented payments for approval: Cheque 193 for £225 Clerk's salary Jul to Sept, Cheque 194 £25 Clerks' home workers allowance, Cheque 195 £9.94 Reimbursement for email address, Cheque 196 £1000 for stonework protecting fibre cabinet, Cheque 197 £30 for training course, Cheque 198 £52.22 reimbursement for materials to repair benches. Cllr Riddick proposed and Cllr Robson seconded that all payments be accepted. All agreed.
- 7. Neighbourhood Watch** – There is now a vacancy for NHW coordinator. Cllr Robson is unable to take on the role and it will be advertised on the website and in Country News. Cllr Swain will take on the role in the interim.
- 8. Clerk Vacancy** – Peter Richardson will step down as Clerk and RFO at the end of September to focus on family and work. Cllr Swain thanked Mr Richardson for his work and contribution. The position will be advertised locally and on the DALC website. A locum Clerk may be hired towards the end of the year but in the interim Cllr Swain will take on the task.

- 9. County & District Councillors Reports** – TDC Lake reported on the progress of TDC’s new green waste policy which has started rolling out in Newton Abbot. TDC Lake will keep the parish council up to date with progress and noted a road show being held during October in Exminster.
- 10. Village Hall Report** – The recent curry night was very successful and raised £800. The wine tasting night has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Funds are being raised to renovate the toilet block. DCC Connett has contributed £1000 from his Locality Fund towards the project. A major grant application is being worked on and it is hoped this will provide most of the funds. Thanks were passed on to the organisers of the Produce Show.
- 11. Clerk’s Correspondence** – The Clerk and Cllr Swain reported on the correspondence that has been distributed to councillors. Key items were noted as DCC Minerals Plan, Elector Fund, Transparency Code Grant, Data Protection sign up. Cllr Goodchild will review the DCC Minerals Plan and prepare a comment on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Swain and the Clerk will follow up on the Transparency code and Data Protection. Cllr Riddick will take on the Elector Fund on behalf of the Village Hall.
- 12. Open Meeting** – Residents reported on the status of a possible illegal residential dwelling at the plot of land at Lyalls and the impact that this is having on residents and businesses. TDC Officers including TDC Lake and Goodey have been engaged. The parish council understood the comments made and agreed to write to TDC to express concern and to support action being taken. Parking issues at Tower Court were noted.
- 13. Chairman’s Remarks** – Cllr Ellis noted that The Beer family have requested that the plaque presented to Cyril Beer by the Parish Council in recognition of his services to the Council could be put up in the village hall. This will be passed to the Village Hall Committee. No other comments were received from councillors. Cllr Swain further thanked the Clerk for his hard work and substantial contribution to the work of the parish council and wished him success in re-starting his career.
- 14. Date of next meeting** – Date of the next parish council meeting was set as Monday 2nd November 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman