

DUNCHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2016

Present : Councillors Robson (Chairman), Swain, Dow, Ellis, Robson, Eveleigh. TDC Lake. 5 residents present.

Apologies : TDC Goodey, Cllr Goodchild. There were no Declarations of Interest made.

1. Open Meeting – no additional items raised.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2016. Cllr Eveleigh queried there was no mention of expenditure on fireworks for the Beacon event. Cllr Swain explained the arrangement was the same as for the Jubilee. The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Dow and seconded by Cllr Ellis.

3. Matters arising :

3.1. HM The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations.

a) Tea Party 12 June. Cllr Eveleigh reported excellent tickets were produced which were circulated with Country News but the number of confirmed attendees were disappointing at this stage. However, all is going to plan and there is a further meeting on Monday 16th May.

b) Beacon Event. It was agreed this joint event with Doddiscombeigh had been a success. Cllr Swain had done all the work for Dunchideock and he produced a list of expenses totalling £284 which included £242 for fireworks. This is to be shared with Doddiscombeigh. The invoice for half the cost was given to the chairman and paid.

3.2. Community Heli pad. Nothing to report at this stage.

3.3 Defibrillator – Cllr Swain said this was a tricky subject regarding training. The Lord Haldon Hotel investigating further.

3.4. Transparency Code compliance. Cllr Swain stated the fund comes from a Government Grant. Councils were advised to apply if they need a web page for up to £2,000 in computer grants.

4. Finance report – in absence of the Clerk Cllr Swain reported a bank statement balance of £5,574 at 29th April. Additional income received which was for the first precept of £1187 less the DALC subscription.

The Clerk's last payment of salary is £150 but has not stated how much in expenses was involved. Cllr Swain voiced his concern about the hours and work that had been claimed which included possible duplication of time spent with Shillingford and Doddiscombeigh. **It was agreed that Sarah Sharpe should attend a special meeting with the council to clarify matters.**

5. Insurance and DALC subscription. **Insurance** - Incorrect details and a quotation sent for the wrong council supplied. Cllr Swain will deal with this and report back. The insurance is due end of May.

DALC subscription – invoice dated 14 March for £62.21 found in file. Cllr Ellis queried whether it was necessary to join but Cllr Swain said it was necessary and the subscription should now be paid. This was proposed by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Swain.

6. Casual Vacancy (Councillor) Process. The deadline has now passed so the Council is now free to co-opt anyone in village or within two and a half miles. Should be put on notice boards. Agreed this item should be on the agenda for the special meeting with the Clerk(councillors only) and to discuss a planning application for the quarry.

7. Resignation of Clerk. Mrs Sharpe resigned on 29th April. It was very disappointing as she had completed training courses including the Transparency course. Cllr Swain explained the comparison figures of precepts with our neighbouring councils. Doddiscombleigh is similar to Dunchideock and Shillingford is a bit higher. The councillors felt that the current scale for two or two and a half hours per week is about right. Ideally a good local person who wants to help the local community is what is required.

8. Village Litter pick. Cllr Eveleigh reported that 12 villagers took part in the litter pick on 30th April. Teignbridge Council had been very co-operative and Cllr Eveleigh agreed to e-mail thanks to Chris Brain, Waste and Cleansing Officer. TBCllr Lake agreed it might be sensible for Dunchideock to consider acquiring the necessary tools for the future.

9. Fly Tipping. Cllr Swain reported 5 recent fly tippings in the area. TBCllr Lake reported that this is on the increase nationally and Teignbridge are concerned that Devon CC charges are partly to blame. TDC are to implement larger fines in the future.

10. TBCllr Lake's report. Nothing had been brought to his attention. He reported that Devon CC had cancelled the BT contract for high speed broadband as 2019 was their first date, so DCC have gone out to tender. TBCllr Lake also mentioned his efforts to have Exminster station reopened.

11. Village Hall Committee. Cllr Dow reported his appreciation of Viridors funding for the new toilets.

12. Clerk's correspondence. The VAT has not been completed along with the audit papers.

13. Open Meeting. A parishioner asked about the Tancock appeal. It was stated that the grounds for acceptance had not changed so it is likely it will be turned down.

14. Date of next meeting, Monday 4th July 2016

Chairman