

DUNCHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Dunchideock

Present – Cllrs P Goodchild(Chairman), Cllr. Baker, Cllr. Dow, Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. Eveleigh, Cllr. McCarthy, and Cllr Swain.

Also in attendance - Cllr J Goodey (TDC), Mrs C Retallick (clerk) and 1 member of the public

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Mrs Penny Goodchild asked the council if the public discussion could be at the end of the meeting. The councillor then discussed the merits for holding 2 sections either end of the meeting.

2) Apologies For Absence: None

3) Declarations Of Interest: None.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information)

- Cllr Goodchild noted that there have been difficulties with banking arrangements, new forms have been prepared for signature this evening. The meeting confirmed they were satisfied with the current arrangement for three signatures recorded and any two to sign cheques.
- Following the enquiry made in a previous meeting about the ownership and retention of the telephone box on Blacksmith Hill, an application for registering an interest has been completed. Should the council decide to take over the ownership, its maintenance would become the council's responsibility, possibly undertaken by parish volunteers. This council need to discover initially if the box is in danger of being removed by BT before continuing further.

5) District and County Councillor Reports –

Cllr J Goodey noted that in neighbouring parishes the councils have decided to split the public forum sections between the beginning and end of each meeting and are finding it very beneficial.

Cllr Goodey then informed the meeting of a planning application at Peamore, which although is not in our parish, would affect the traffic through this parish. The application is for Industrial and employment land scheme suggesting mixed uses and creating 1580 jobs. Neighbouring parishes had commissioned a road survey which does not concur with the applicant's official survey and has highlighted many areas of concern. The chairman asked if comments submitted from this parish would be helpful and Cllr Goodey confirmed they would. Cllr McCarthy offered to research the application and circulate the details to the other members

Cllr Goodey advised the meeting that other parishes who have adopted telephone boxes find there been no shortage of volunteers to maintained it.

Cllr Swain enquired if the DCC Cllr Connett had sent apologies or a report? The clerk confirmed neither had been received and that agenda are sent. However Cllr Goodey confirmed that Cllr Connett has been representing the parishes affected by the Peamore application.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of May and 20th June 2017. (Circulated)

There was a discussion about the presentation of the minutes. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting minutes will be confirmed at the next Annual Parish Meeting in 2018 BUT the matter regarding the caravan at Lyalls will be followed up immediately. The minutes from the May and June council meetings were signed as a true record of those meetings.

7) Clerk report

- Since the last council meeting I attended the presentation of the proposed management plans at Haldon forest. It was interesting to learn more about the facilities there. The proposed development is to be kept within the existing boundaries but the movements within the site would flow easier; there will be more car parking with a one way system. More tracks are planned and some will be identified for specific user groups ie. a shorter, flatter route for toddlers and longer tracks which are more challenging. The buildings will be upgraded with a slightly larger cafe, a recycling area for the site use, improvements to the toilets and disabled facilities.
- The Annual Audit has been submitted to the external auditor Grant Thornton. So far there has been two queries with regard to the previous year's accounts.
- Edited model Standing Order and Financial regulations have been prepared for a working party to consider once the date is set.
- A considerable amount of time has been spent updating and familiarising myself with the website. Missing documents have now been added.

8) To set a date for working group - to consider documents and policies for the council.

It was agreed the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Baker and the clerk will meet on Wednesday 9th August at 8pm at the Chairman's house.

9) PLANNING – No applications to discuss

For information only the meeting discussed

- Penhill application has still not been decided although the heritage report has now been received by TDC. The comments contained seem to give mixed opinion and not entirely supporting the proposals.
- Buller Hill Quarry – scoping opinion with proposed chalet development. Cllr McCarthy offered to circulate more details to councillors.
- The Haldon Forest Management Plan - Cllr McCarthy had circulated comments to the councillors and asked for their thoughts. Cllr Baker noted that Dunchideock was not mentioned as a neighbouring parish also some important wildlife species had not been mentioned. Cllr McCarthy will seek an extension so Dunchideock PC can respond and asked councillors to respond to him asap.

10) FINANCE	- <u>Expenditure</u> - Clerks salary	£181.40
	HMRC	£ 22.00
	Clerks travel expenses	£ 76.05
	A Marshall internal Audit	<u>£ 50.00</u>

Income - None

All the payments were authorised.

The budget, bank reconciliation and Statement were circulated to all councillors.

The spread sheet presented gives the councillors a clear understanding of the council's finances.

11) Highways Maintenance – community enhancement fund.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of previous work by councillors investigating improvements to the road between Webberton Cross to Underdown. A report has been sent to highways highlighting the difficulties along that stretch of the road. It was noted that over recent years the report of problems along that road have decreased which would suggest that any improvements would probably not be considered at this time. The Chairman asked the councillors whether this matter should still be pursued and the meeting agreed to continue requesting improvements for this road.

12) Councillors' Reports – None

13) MEETINGS ATTENDED & REPORTS – None

14) Items for Information – Cllr Ellis reported an increase of fly tipping in this area, he advised Cllr Goodey of the sites and reported that it is becoming fairly regular occurrence. Cllr Goodey reported that TDC has recently succeeded in prosecuting persons for fly tipping and they will follow up any reports.

Cllr Eveleigh advised the meeting that the previous Chairman has removed and destroyed the councils scrap paperwork. She asked for permission to purchase a cabinet, for up to £50 – all agreed.

Cllr McCarthy reported that the Village hall committee are researching internet connection; he noted that the additional costs incurred in line rental may eventually need to be added onto Village Hall rental charges. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next council meeting.

Cllr Baker asked Cllr Goodey why TDC Chief Executive Nicola Burbeck had resigned. Cllr Goodey was unable to comment on the matter however he did reassure the council that it was as a result of a 9 months plan to reduce costs and restructuring of the council with the aim to save money. Cllr Baker considered that TDC was now running with little or no leadership and it is disgraceful.

Cllr Ellis left the meeting.

The Chairman informed the meeting that due to medical reasons he would not be undertaking any council business for the next 2 weeks.

The next council meeting will be on 19th September 2017, 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Meeting closed at 9.22pm

Email Circulation

Odes tone Spring - Penn Hill Farm development - Rogue Traders Exeter 01/06/2017 11:55:51 [181220] - Funding News June - : Online TDC agenda and reports - June Agenda - Internal Audit Rpt 2017 - Parish crime report May 2017 Exminster and Rural (003) - Your views on Neighbourhood policing - Ogwell Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation

Agenda items

Internet charges at the village hall