

DUNCHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of Dunchideock Parish Council, held Thursday 18th October 2018 at 7.30 pm at:
Dunchideock Village Hall, School Lane, Dunchideock EX2 9UG

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Present: Councillor Sharpe, Councillor Moor, Councillor Robson, Councillor Bean and Sara Westcott, Parish Clerk. No members of the Public.

Declarations of Interest & Dispensations: *(In accordance with the Code of Conduct).*

None declared.

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION: None

2) Apologies for Absence: Councillor Ellis, Councillor Goodchild and Councillor McCarthy

3) To approve the spend to fell the Lime Tree situated on the junction of School Lane, Dunchideock:

Cllr Sharpe explained that the Tree was planted by the Parish in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The tree is the responsibility of the Parish as confirmed by Devon County Council. A professional survey was carried out as there were concerns about its condition. No tree preservation orders are in place and the Tree is deemed unsafe and a risk to the public and highway. Although there is no immediate danger of the tree falling, it is recommended the tree is removed before the winter.

Cllr McCarthy had kindly carried out an unofficial ecology survey of the Tree and confirmed there was no sign of roosting bats.

Three independent quotes have been obtained and these range between £840 +VAT to £300 [no VAT]

PROPOSAL: To approve expenditure on the quote of £300 on the proviso that the work can be undertaken in a timely manner in accordance with the recommendations.

Should the contractor be unable to complete the work in reasonable timescales the second least expensive quote should be pursued.

RESOLVED: To approve the spend to remove the Lime Tree

Voting: Unanimous

4) Items for Information -

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday 20th November- 7.30pm in the Village Hall

5) Meeting closed: 7.40 pm

Minutes Approved

Signed:

Date: