



MINUTES OF DODDISCOMBSLEIGH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 13th March 2014 at 7.30pm at Doddyscombsleigh Primary School

Present: Cllrs N Cupper (Chairman), V Brook, J Le Marchant, R Marsh, M Porter and B Prest

In attendance:, District Cllr Purser, together with 4 members of the public.

Locum Clerk: Cllr Le Marchant (in absence of Suzanna Hughes)

Open Forum

An oak seat is now in situ in the bus shelter. Thanks were to be passed onto Mr S Angeloni his hard work. It was agreed to have another one when the wood is ready.

Positive comments were made regarding the remedial work on some of the potholes towards Willhayes Cross. Questions were raised about deciding which potholes are to be filled. Cllr Purser said the Highways Agency can only complete the works they have been asked to do. It was suggested a survey be carried out around the village and then submit it to Devon County Council. Cllrs Cupper and Marsh agreed to do this.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.57pm.

03/2014.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr E Brook

County Cllr Brook

03/2014.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

No interests were declared.

03/2014.03 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations were received.

03/2014.04 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

03/2014.05 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no County Councillor's report

03/2014.06 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Purser informed members that the budget was approved at the end of February. There was to be no increase in Council Tax. He advised that there was an under spend of approx £300,000. This money is to be used for improvements to Decoy Industrial Estate.

He informed the meeting that there are to be changes in Refuse Collections. A smaller green bin will be for food waste only and will be collected weekly. A recycling bin will collect all plastics fortnightly. An annual charge of £35 will be levied to remove all garden waste. There will be a sack for cardboard. The aim is to recycle up to 59% of waste.

03/2014.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

No reports.

03/2014.08 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman informed members that there was no more information at present. Discussions took place as to how the affordable houses remain and are not sold on the open market. Cllr Purser suggested a clause could be added to ensure that the affordable housing remain local. The houses could be bought either by a Housing Association or a Land Bank Trust. Cllr Purser suggested as this is an 'exceptional site' it would be very unlikely Teignbridge would give approval purely for the open market. The PC should ensure they have control in enabling the local needs are met. The contractor has already agreed to do so and is keen to work closely with the Community.

03/2014.09 BUS SHELTER

The Chairman reported that Cob Solutions inspected the bus shelter and said the cob is in good shape. It has swollen owing to the absorption of water and cracked the render. There is nothing to worry about. Two more lime washes are needed. The quality was very good and it would not fall down. Another contractor suggested shrinkage is normal. Though, the render appears to be thin. Mr S and Mr R Angeloni have filled the smaller cracks and repaired the larger ones. It was agreed to remove the Bus Shelter item from future agendas.

03/2014.10 WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Le Marchant updated the PC regarding the grant aid to fund the re painting of 371 letters on the memorial. The first part has been successful and can now go forward to the next stage with the approval of the PC.

- ***The PC agrees in principle to the works being undertaken'***

Cllr Cupper proposed

Cllr Porter seconded

Vote was unanimous

- ***The PC confirms that the work could go ahead without the grant aid***

Cllr Cupper proposed

Cllr Porter seconded

Vote was unanimous

There were three quotes

A) £359.70 (incl vat)

B) £417.44 (no vat)

C) £599.40 (no vat)

It was agreed to with Company A.

If successful then the Grant Body could fund up to 50% of the cost.

Cllr Porter reported:

Private Albert Carpenter 20896: was killed in action on the morning of July 1st 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Albert's home was listed as Southleigh, Doddiscombsleigh. He was the son of Sarah Carpenter who lived at that address. Albert was born in Oakford, near Tiverton in 1890. He enlisted at Tiverton. It was proposed to add his name to the memorial. Cllr Le Marchant suggested we use the Electoral Fund to pay for this. Providing the funds are allocated then we need to complete the form stating that it is for both the repainting and addition of A. Carpenter's name. Two firms have quoted we await another. The work will take approximately 14 weeks from the inspection. It was agreed to aim for it to be completed by Remembrance Day.

03/2014.11 PARISH WEBSITE

Cllr Marsh reported that the website needs updating. He proposed a company called Parish Council .net that are willing for a one off payment of £100, plus a continuation with our annual commitment of £200 for a Silver Package, the site can be significantly improved. This could include a Controlled Forum to enable people to comment. There needs to be a confidentiality element. Two responses to the advert for assistance with running the website have been made. Cllr Marsh will make contact and discuss the way forward with both applicants. He asked all councillors to view the link and send any comments to him.

03/2014.12 ELECTOR FUND

The fund is calculated 256 electors x £1.55 = £396.80

Cllr Purser suggested we complete the form on line and also ask Dunchideock for support.

03/2014.13 RURAL AID

There were no firm suggestions.

03/2014.14 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Members commented that the lengthsman service had completed some gully clearing up Tick Lane. Gully clearance is being addressed on a priority basis.

It was reported that mortar is leeching out at both ends of the footpath. Cllrs Cupper and V Brook will investigate.

03/2014.14 CORRESPONDENCE

Christow are planning on 'Beating the Bounds' on Sunday 4th May. It was suggested that information regarding the event goes into the magazine to inform the parishioners.

Cllr Marsh will do this.

03/2014.15 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS / ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

There was nothing to report.

03/2014.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 10th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Doddiscombsleigh Primary School.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Unapproved