

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3 November 2016 in Church House, Widecombe

Present: Councillor Fenton, Morley (arrived 7.40pm), Routley, Southcombe, Tempest (elected Chairman for the meeting), Welby and Whale Also present: District Cllr Jeffery and Mike Brokenshaw (Teign Heartbeat) Members of the Public: There were eight members of the public present. Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

4056 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THIS MEETING In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Tempest was elected Chairman for this meeting.

4057 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Newbolt-Young – Cllr S Booty – PC A Dudley – County Cllr G Gribble

4058 OPEN FORUM No comments.

4059 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and to declare any disclosable interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they have in any items to be considered at this meeting. Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting. There were no declarations of interest.

4060 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4061 POLICE REPORT PC Dudley was unable to attend the meeting but had advised that there were no issues relevant to Widecombe.

4062 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT No report.

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4064 DELEGATE REPORTS No reports.

4065 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Defibrillator The Chairman welcomed Mike Brokenshaw from Teign Heartbeat to the meeting who gave advice on purchasing and installing a defibrillator. He informed members that in the UK, 50,000-60,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur outside a hospital and the survival rate in the UK is currently 6-8%. Access to a defibrillator, particularly in rural communities, will improve this statistic. He advised that usually they are sited in an area with the highest concentration of footfall as you have around 3-5 minutes to act. The other key thing is ensuring everyone knows where it is. Signage is therefore very important. The device needs to be visible and, if housed in a cabinet, will need an electricity supply (pads lose their stickiness in cold weather and the cabinet has a heater which maintains an even temperature). The cost of one unit is approximately £1,250 + VAT including a cabinet. There are some ongoing costs including replacement battery, pads and electricity supply. Cabinets can be locked or unlocked. If locked, it would be linked to the ambulance service. We would need to appoint a 'guardian' who would check the device on a monthly basis. Teign Heartbeat will also run a two hour training session for up to 20 people free of charge which will cover use of the defibrillator and CPR training. Finally, the Parish Council will need to put together a governance document setting out how the device is managed. Sample documents can be provided by Teign Heartbeat. The Chairman thanked Mr Brokenshaw for his presentation which members found very useful and interesting. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should place an order for a defibrillator, cabinet and information sign. In the meantime, the clerk would chase up the licence which was being drafted by TDC to allow the defibrillator to be mounted on the bus shelter with electricity being supplied from the public toilets.

(b) Widecombe Fair Members received a presentation from members of Widecombe Fair Committee and a proposal that the Widecombe Fair Committee take over the organisation and

running of the village green on Fair Day. The vision for the Committee is that the green will be available for local traders and to provide an entertainment area so that the feel of the Fair is extended onto the village green. The proposal would be to pay the Parish Council a lump sum (£1,200 was suggested) to rent the land and the Fair Committee would arrange and pay for everything else. It was suggested that should the proposal be accepted, Widecombe Fair Committee should offer a long term commitment and that the payment should be reviewed annually. After a lengthy discussion, a majority of those members present agreed in principle to the proposal. The next step would be to receive a detailed written proposal from the Fair Committee for further consideration by members in January's meeting.

(c) BT Consultation on the proposed removal of public payphones on Dartmoor Comments were invited on the proposed removal of public payphones on Dartmoor. There were two telephone boxes within the parish which had been included in the proposals (Dunstone and Dartmeet) and it was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the removal of both boxes due to poor mobile phone signals in these areas.

(d) Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation Members were given the opportunity to offer their views on how the local plan should guide future development on Dartmoor. There were no comments at this stage.

(e) Parish Field Grazing Licence It was agreed that the grazing licence should be advertised to begin on 1 April and to run until 30 November. All tenders will be considered by members in their meeting on 3 March. It was reported that sheep are escaping from the field into adjacent land. It was agreed to discuss how this can be remedied in January's meeting.

#### 4066 PLANNING

(a) New applications:

(i) 0526/16 – Demolition of existing bungalow and build replacement dwelling at Top Lodge, Ponsworthy, Widecombe-in-the-Moor Members noted that this application has been withdrawn.

(ii) 0539/16 – Erection of agricultural building (retrospective) at Blossom Farm, Widecombe-in-the-Moor Members had no objections to this application.

(b) Decisions:

(i) 0436/16 – First floor extension over single storey section of property and single storey rear extension, Bridge View, Ponsworthy, Ashburton Members noted that conditional planning permission has been granted for this application.

#### 4067 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

(a) Payments for approval: The following payments were approved: Cheque no 000933 – Clerk's salary and disbursements (Nov & Dec) – £437.24 Cheque no 000934 – Grant Thornton UK LLP (external audit) – £120

4068 HIGHWAYS Cllr Whale expressed his ongoing concern about missing finger boards at Ponsworthy.

4069 CORRESPONDENCE Members received further correspondence from Mr Godfrey inviting them to visit Blackdown Piper Farm. It was agreed that the invitation would be declined as a visit would serve no purpose at this time.

4070 MATTERS OF INFORMATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN None There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 5 January 2017 at 7.30pm