

WIDECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 15 March 2018 in Church House, Widecombe

Present: Councillor Newbolt-Young (Chairman), Fenton, Lomax, Routley, Southcombe & Welby

Also present: County Cllr G Gribble and one member of the public

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

4247 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr T Hassell
- Cllr S Booty
- Cllr S Morley

4248 OPEN FORUM

No comments were made.

4249 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members 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 or requests for dispensation.

4250 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2018 which were approved and signed by the

Chairman as a true and correct record.

4251 POLICE REPORT

None.

4252 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gribble informed members that he had been working hard to ensure that the grit bins were filled. This had now been done.

4253 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report.

4254 DELEGATE REPORTS

(a) Communication – Cllr Hassell has produced a leaflet to be distributed asking parishioners to register should they wish to sign-up to be notified via email for any or all of the following items: Parish Link; Parish Council agendas, minutes and news; other parish news, announcements and alerts. Cllr Hassell has confirmed that MailChimp, the system being used for these notifications, complies with the new data protection regulations which come into force on 25 May.

4255 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Grazing Licence

Members considered two applications for the grazing licence for the parish field (1 April – 30 November 2018) and agreed to accept the higher bid of £110 from Katie Bearne who had been the licensee in 2017.

(b) Tree Works

Members received quotations for works to reduce the north-eastern stem of the large copper beech tree on the Green. It was agreed to accept the lower of the quotations, received by Geoff Partridge, for £150.

(c) Grant requests (s137 LGA 1972)

Members considered the following applications:

Widecombe Pre-School

It was agreed to grant £200 towards the cost of purchasing new ride-on tractors.

St Pancras PCC

An application was made for a grant towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard. It was agreed that this application should be deferred until the next financial year as a sum of £200 had already been granted for this purpose in June 2017.

Leusdon Memorial Hall

It was agreed to grant £450 towards the cost of two projects being undertaken by the hall: the rebuilding of the front steps to the hall and the installation of a new storage shed and concrete base.

(d) Maintenance of hedge and bank adjacent to leat opposite tennis court

Cllr Gribble reported that he had looked at failing bank and maintenance of the hedge but had not yet had the opportunity to contact the owner regarding his responsibilities. He would follow this up over the coming month.

(e) Community Led Housing Event

Members were reminded that this event will take place on Thursday 22 March at 7.00pm in Church

House. The clerk advised that a grant for £100 had been awarded to host this event.

4256 PLANNING

(a) New applications/appeals:

(i) 0125/18 – Construction of agricultural livestock building at Great Dunstone, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Members agreed to support this application.

(b) Decisions:

(i) 0051/18 – Erection of agricultural building (18.3m x 10.6m) at Dartmoor Christmas Trees, Lower Cator, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning consent

(ii) 18/0011 – Proposed tree works, Widecombe Green (Reduction of large copper beech)

Members noted that DNPA does not intend to protect the tree and therefore works, as detailed in the notification, can proceed

(iii) Replacement extension & alterations, Mollys Cottage, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning consent

(iv) Removal of asbestos ceiling within dwelling, replacement door and windows to hay barn, Rowden Farm, Widecombe-in-the-Moor

Members noted that DNPA has granted conditional planning consent

4257 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

(a) Payments for approval:

Members received and approved the following payment for approval:

â€¸â€¸â€¸ Cheque no 000974 – Clerk's salary and disbursements – £241.95

â€¸â€¸â€¸ Cheque no 000975 – Widecombe Pre-School (s137 LGA 1972 grant) – £200

â€¸â€¸â€¸ Cheque no 000976 – J Lomax (refreshments for APM) – £43.75

â€¸â€¸â€¸ Cheque no 000977 – Leusdon Memorial Hall (s137 LGA 1972 grant) – £450

(b) GDPR

The clerk advised that she had attended some training regarding the new data protection regulations which come into force on 25 May. A summary of actions which the Parish Council will need to undertake will be compiled by the clerk.

4258 HIGHWAYS

Members were advised that a vehicle has hit and caused damage to Newbridge. Cllr Gribble advised that this should have been recorded on the CCTV and would be followed up by the County Council. A member of the public commented on the condition of the road outside the primary school. Cllr Gribble advised that this should be reported on online.

4245 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4246 MATTERS OF INFORMATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Fenton advised that he had attended a meeting with the Bishop at which they had discussed how parishes might commemorate one hundred years since the end of the First World War. It may wish to consider a street party, for example. Plans are also being made for when the Queen dies. Churches are being asked to hold a service and open a book of condolences. There will be ten days between the death of the Queen and a full state funeral.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.50pm.

Signed Dated

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5 April 2018 at 7.30pm.