

West Bagborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on Thursday 20th November 2014.

Present: Cllrs: Lorna Hending. Stuart Parkman. (Chair).. Elaine Woollacott. Charlie Ritchie. Martin Jones

In Attendance: Cllr Peter Watson TDBC.

Apologies.

Cllr M Rigby.. Martin King Billy Waygood

Parishioners Questions.

Ms Hickman asked that a request for a speed limit be discussed. Chair agreed to cover at the end of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest.

Charlie Ritchie declared an interest in planning ref 0021/0022

Minutes of Last Meeting

Council resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as a true record. CR/EW

35. Matters Arising.

- 35.1. The new notice board has been ordered at £1070 including 2 oak posts.
- 35.2. The project to use the old football field has been cancelled. Difficulty with funding, better access and planning issues mean it is not really viable. Some of the existing playpark equipment will need renewal soon so Council considers that any available funds should be directed there. It may also prove possible to provide a small skate area within the existing park.
- 35.3. The replacement playpark has been put on hold until after the winter.
- 35.4. Cllr Hending reported that the fun day arranged with 'in the mix' was not well supported despite flyers being sent. A further day may be arranged for December-January to see if there is any real support for restarting the club.

36. Crime Report.

- 36.1. There had been 2 thefts in W.Bagborough. There have been reports of door selling of poor quality tools so contact 101 if approached by these men. Catch teams have been approved in the latest budget plans. The damage to Ms Hickman's property was caused by a large trailer approaching too close to her property due to vehicles parked on the other side of the street. PCSO asked whether the Council had ever asked for any speed reduction measures.

37. County and District Councillors Reports.

- 37.1. Cllr Watson advised that the long awaited roundabout at Bishops Lydeard may start in January 2015.
- 37.2. Cllr Watson spoke about the plans in B/L to employ a lengthsman. He agreed to ask B/L PC to send some information to the Clerk

38. Planning.

- 38.1. Council had responded to planning applications as noted in the agenda.
- 38.2. The TDBC Trees officer has confirmed that works to remove the orchard at The Old Rectory did not require approval.

39. Finances

- 39.1. Cheques were paid as per the agenda.
- 39.2. The clerk presented the half yearly accounts which were accepted by Council.
- 39.3. The precept for 2015-2016 was set at £3500. The increase is required to provide additional works such as emergency hedge cutting or drain clearance.
- 39.4. The Clerk reported that the agent appointed to manage the PAYE account had failed to make timely reports to HMRC resulting in a penalty of £400 from HMRC. The Clerk has appealed the penalty and written to the agent;. Further action will depend on the outcome of the appeal.

40. Correspondence for Discussion/Decision

- 40.1. SCC/TDBC are consulting on mobile library services and plan to stop the mobile library visiting the parish. Council recognised that with only 3 registered users with 8 visits in 2013 it was sensible to support the proposal.
- 40.2. The updated Somerset Minerals Plan does not contain any changes with regard to the Parish.
- 40.3. The Clerk read a note about an issue of double taxation caused by a decision made by TDBC. Council decided this was of no significance to the Parish.

41. Correspondence for Information.

- 41.1. All noted as per agenda. Log in details for SALC website to be sent to all Councillors.

42. New Items. (AOB)

- 42.1. The question of traffic speeds/parking restrictions etc was discussed again as a result of the recent damage to Ms Hickmans property. The clerk had spoken to the Highways engineer for the area (Mr Gary Warren) after he had spoken with Mrs Hickman. Providing physical measures such as speed humps etc would result in significant visual impact in the village. Putting a speed limit in place would also require signage etc. Council has always held a view that speeds would not decrease even if limits and signs were posted (46% exceed 30 mph limits: ROSPA). Agreed to talk again with Cllr Rigby to see if a visit can be made by Highways to look at possible solutions to the pinch points up from the Rising Sun.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held in the Popham Village Hall 15th January 2015 at 1900.