

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2017.

Present: Cllrs A. Sparling, C. Henson, D. Powell

In attendance: Clerk Debbie Wass

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIE FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN.

Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Tombleson, R. O'Hare, J. Higson, F. Nicholson, M. Dewdney.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2017

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2 August 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chairman informed the meeting that the village broadband is nearing completion. The 4G is underway.
- Play Area. D Powell to create a committee.
- Defibrillator. Still awaiting the lady from the ambulance service.
- Clerk Appointment. This position was advertised with no further applicants coming forward.
- Harvest Festival. Service to take place at the church on 19 October with the supper on 20 October at the village hall.
- Bonfire Night. D Powell to consult with the pub for catering, if the landlord cannot supply food then a back up plan will be to have a BBQ on site.
- A letter from the retiring clerk, Annie Powell, was read out thanking all the councillors for their support over the last 17 years particularly during her recent illness.

5. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The Clerk read out the following items that had been received

- Update on Highway Works
- Somerset Waste Partnership Newsletter – restrictions on vehicles requiring permits on weekends has been lifted. Campervans and minibuses will need to apply for a permit in addition to all vehicles of N1 type.
- New village agent for West Somerset is Kirsty Hiron. Kirsty@somersettrcc.org.uk.
- Information cascade from Somerset Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise Strategic Forum including free training offers.
- Newsletter from Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner
- Exmoor National Park Consultative and Parish Forum Minutes of meeting held 15 June 2017.

6. HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL

An invoice for the hire of the village hall for PC meetings for the period 19 October 2016 to 2 August 2017 was approved and a cheque for £127.50 was signed in order to be forwarded to the village hall treasurer.

7. PARISH CLERK'S WAGES

This item was deferred until the next meeting as not enough councillors present.

8. TRANSPARENCY CODE REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk informed the council of the legal requirements to comply with the Transparency Code as laid down by the government and the availability of a grant to cover the cost of setting up and running a website in order to comply and suggested completing the application for the grant and instructing a website building company to construct a website.

Proposed by D Powell and Seconded by C Henson

9. EXMOOR PANEL MEETING

- D Powell attended the meeting. Will Lock from Exmoor Young Voices reported that they currently have 19 sponsors including Luxborough and are looking for more. They would like more housing suitable for young people, with features such as boot rooms for rural workers. There are 5,000 houses on Exmoor of which 1,000 are second/holiday homes.
- There is a new police sergeant at Minehead, Sgt Williams. Shed thefts are up. There is a general under reporting of rural crime such as poaching. A new call team is to be introduced.
- There is a problem with speeding in villages particularly in Exford. A new rule has come into force which states that 30mph speed limit signs need only be positioned at each end of the limit area.
- The Exmoor National Park Local Plan was adopted in July.
- Signposts. Evening training will be given, dates to be announced.
- Next Exmoor Panel Meeting will be hold on 7 November 2017.

10. HOMEFINDER SOMERSET TRAINING

It was felt that this was not relevant for Luxborough.

11. CLERK TRAINING

It was approved for Debbie Wass to attend the next two courses. Proposed: D Powell. Seconded: C Henson.

The meeting closed at 8.30

The next meeting will be a Planning Meeting on 27 September at 7.30pm

Signed

Chairman