

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2017

Present: Cllrs J Duke, A Sparling, C Henson, J Tombleson, Chairman D Powell

In attendance: Clerk D Wass, PCSO P Bolton and L Quinn

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

Apologies were received from Cllr J Higson due to work commitment, Cllr R O'Hare due to holiday and F Nicholson due to work commitment.

The reasons given were approved.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D Powell declared an interest in item 5 and would leave the room when this is discussed.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

Resolved: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 September 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposed: Cllr Sparling Seconded Cllr Duke

PCSO P Bolton then gave a report on local policing matters:

- Door knockers are in the area selling without a hawkers licence, they have a card but this is not official.
- A couple of Eastern Europeans, male and female, are also calling at properties in the area claiming to be deaf and selling pictures and requesting money for their families. They are not deaf at all.
- There have been some house break ins in Minehead probably drug related. Tends to be houses where it is obvious that people are out. Unlikely that Luxborough would be targeted but residents need to be aware and be mindful of security when away from home.
- A lot of reports of scrap collectors in remote areas.
- P Bolton patrols the village area regularly as a deterrent to would be thieves.
- An enquiry was made as to a follow up on the recent incident involving an elderly village resident being asked for money but in spite of extensive enquiries the culprit has not been caught.

4. PLANNING APPLICATION NO: 6/2017/106

Applicant: Mrs Lucia Quinn

Proposal: Demolition and replacement of existing plastic roof and glazed frame of conservatory/lean to

Conversion of existing outhouse to domestic use, bathroom and bedroom.

Landscape garden by extending existing retaining wall and reclad existing garage.

Location: Lyndale Cottage

Lucia Quinn addressed the meeting in relation to her planning application and explained her proposals together with detailed drawings and impressions of what the results would look like. L Quinn then left the meeting.

Resolved: Recommend approval

In favour D Powell, C Henson 2 J Tombleson, A Sparling against J Duke

Cllr Duke objected to the side cladding on the conservatory and the design of the windows on the garage both of which are highly visible from the public highway and are not in keeping with the character of the village.

5. PARISH CLERKS WAGES

The Chairman left the room whilst this item was discussed.

Resolved: to agree and approve payment of the parish clerk's wages to Mrs Annie Powell incorporating an increase on the previous year in keeping with the historical increases. A cheque for £960 in favour of Annie Powell was drawn up and signed by Cllr Sparling and Cllr Henson.

The Chairman was asked to return to the meeting.

A Sparling made a speech officially thanking A Powell for all her hard work over the last 17 years, she has played a very big part in Luxborough village life as well as bringing up a family, looking after her father and cooking for the local shoot in earlier years and more recently during her illness. She always did everything very conscientiously, worked very hard and never allowed any parish council matters to be put to one side and the councillors asked D Powell to pass on a huge thank you.

D Powell thanked A Sparling for her kind words which he would pass on, he also thanked the councillors on behalf of Annie for the flowers which were presented to her last week on behalf of the parish council.

6. INTER PARISH QUIZ

A Sparling requested volunteers to make sandwiches and cake and for people to help on the night with putting out tables and chairs and serving food and beverages. A Sparling to ask Pat McGlynn to send out an email requesting people to make sandwiches and cakes the week before. It was anticipated that around 50 people would attend. D Powell would put chairs and tables out at 1.30 on the day and J Duke would ask N Phillips to assist him.

7. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

The Clerk read out

- an update from C.L.O.W.N.S thanking the parish council for the grant earlier this year and asking to be considered for next year.
- A summary of proposals from the Family Support Service
- A news release offering an opportunity to join the Somerset Community Foundation Board of Trustees
- Information from Somerset Age UK outlining what they provide and asking for volunteers

A cheque in favour of Function 28 Ltd was signed by A Sparling and C Henson in payment of their invoice for setting up the website of £540.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TBA

The meeting closed at 8.30.

Signed Chairman

Date