

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2017.

Present: Cllrs. R O'Hare, J. Tombleson, A. Sparling, C. Henson, Chairman D. Powell.

In Attendance: Clerk D. Wass, P. Wight

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Duke due to illness, Cllr Higson due to work, Martin Dewdney due to attending another meeting.

The reasons given were approved.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF TH ORDINARY MEETINGS HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER AND 25 OCTOBER 2017

Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Sparling Seconded Cllr O'Hare

4. PLANNING

Planning Application 6/20/17/108

Applicant Mr R Wight

Proposal: Proposed change of use to new home based works space to be located within former agricultural shed, as per amended plans and additional information 3/11/2017

Location: Throat Farm, Luxborough

Mrs Wight addressed the meeting and explained the revised plans which had been submitted following the Parish Council comments at the meeting held on 25 October.

Resolution: Support Cllrs O'Hare and Henson, No Objection Cllrs Tombleson, Sparling and Chairman.

5. REPORT ON EXMOOR PANEL MEETING 7 NOVEMBER

Cllr Sparling gave a very comprehensive report as follows:

- Apologies for absence received from the Fire Service.
- The West Somerset Lottery – a few thousand pounds have now been allocated to local good causes. Details of winners can be seen on the website.
- Rural Housing - a number of Housing Needs Surveys are planned. Luxborough should receive their survey early next year. Exmoor Rural Housing Network has a facebook page. It is hoped that this page will become interactive and engage more people in the problems and solution they encounter with finding suitable housing. One of the problems with helping people find housing is getting people to engage and “myth busting”. Rural housing is a tangled issue, Magna has a new building

programme underway but they still struggle to get people to register on Homefinder. The survey needs to have the right questions to get the right answers and not just to concentrate on current needs but also future needs.

- PCSO reported that he had been assured by the Police and Crime Commissioner that they will be maintained in West Somerset in spite of rumours to the contrary. There is still a lot of poaching going on with people out at night with firearms who perhaps should not be and they would like the public to report any activity that is considered illegal or of concern generally. Cllr Tombleson enquired as to whether the PCSO reports could be circulated to the village when they attend the PC meetings. The Clerk agreed to publish these on the PC website.
- Dragon X road closure. This has been put back until early 2018 due to a new water main being installed in Wheddon Cross and the A39 will be part of the diversionary route. An email will be sent around the village to notify everyone of this. Cllr O'Hare enquired as to whether there was a notice about the road closure towards Dunster as no one was aware of this until it happened. The Chairman informed the meeting that this was not an official road closure but roadworks that discouraged people from using the road by signage but it was not actually closed.
- A map was produced with all the locations of the saltbins distributed to parishes, 25th November is salt collection day. Luxborough has an ample supply so do not need to collect more at this time.
- Travel Somerset is the site to look at for information and updates on roads in Somerset and is the updated version.
- No report from the Fire Service.
- The Exmoor Local Plan is now going to print and Luxborough should receive a copy soon.
- Airband. The scheme is coming to its conclusion with the wrap up likely in early 2018.
- Heritage Signpost Scheme. A report is due out in early 2018.
- ENP Housing Policy report due January 2018.
- The next meeting will be in January 2018
- A copy of the ENP draft Partnership Plan was given to the meeting.

6. UPDATE ON FIBRE BROADBAND

The Fibre Broadband is now live and the Chairman asked that a letter be sent on behalf of the PC to Nigel Duke thanking him for the exceptional effort he has made to make this happen.

Resolution: Clerk to write a letter of thanks to N Duke.

Proposed Chairman Seconded Cllr Sparling

7. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairmans Announcements.

10. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The Clerk read out the following emails that had been received

- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue draft Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation. Invitation to take part and link to website.
- Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum. Agenda for the next meeting at Winsford Village Hall on Thursday 23 November at 10.30am
- Notification of Approval of Planning Application for Lyndale Cottage, L Quinn
- Update from St Margarets Hospice
- New HPC Community Fund Grant Programmes Information Events

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Clerk's travelling expenses to attend SALC courses and printer ink expense were approved and a cheque for £105.49 in favour of the Clerk was signed.
- Proposed D Powell, seconded Cllr Sparling
- The Clerk informed the meeting that the application for a grant to comply with the Transparency Code requirements has been approved and a cheque for £1,690 should be received shortly.
- From the Transparency Fund the Clerk is to be paid £45 for setting up the website and £45 per month for updating the website together with £10 for setting up Internet connection and £20 per month towards the cost of the internet. A cheque for £120 was signed in favour of the Clerk.
Proposed Chairman Seconded Cllr O'Hare.
- The Clerk is to purchase a laptop and printer/scanner for the PC and to be reimbursed from the Transparency fund.
Proposed Chairman Seconded Cllr O'Hare
- The Clerk announced that the PC is now enrolled with HMRC as an employer and herself as the sole employee and this will be kept up to date.
- The Clerk produced an up to date bank statement from Nat. West Bank showing a balance as of 31 October 2017 of £2,012.98.

9. SALT

Resolution: No more salt required as adequate supply at present.

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Bank account signatories. The Clerk mentioned that she had acquired a list of signatories registered with the bank and there were two listed who were no longer on the council.
- Resolution: The Clerk to present at the next meeting paperwork to remove old signatories.
- PC Precept. To be agreed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

