

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

Present: Cllrs.R. O'Hare, J. Duke, C. Henson, A. Sparling, Chairman D. Powell. Clerk, F. Nicholson, M. Dewdney and R. Lillis.

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

Apologies for absence were received from J. Tombleson as away on holiday and J. Higson due to work commitments. The reasons given were approved.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2017.

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

Proposed: R. O'Hare. Seconded: A. Sparling

4. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had contacted Teresa Bridgeman regarding the road closure between Luxborough and Roadwater and had been informed works should be completed by Friday 19 January and the road is also open at weekends and evenings. The Chairman had also been asked to look into a fallen tree and debris blocking the river and contacted Teresa Bridgeman and was told there are plans to carry out some stoppage work along the valley.

The Chairman had contacted the enforcement officer at ENP regarding the unlawful use at New Mills, who had visited the owner but without a resolution.

5. UPDATE ON HISTORIC SIGNPOSTS PROJECT

Cllr Sparling and the Chairman attended a training course run by Charlotte Thomas. Anyone who works on the signposts has to be trained due to insurance and health and safety and has to sign up and notify Charlotte before they wish to paint and she will supply the materials. The sign at the Beeches has lost the top, the sign at Felons Way has composite fingers and the bank has been eroded away and the fingers are now broken. Charlotte has agreed to move this post within the project so it is not so vulnerable. To replace the fingers with cast iron will cost in the region of £300 per finger. If the village is able to make a contribution towards the fingers this will increase the chance of this being done within the project. The signpost at the bottom of the hill in Pooltown has been renovated within the project.

Resolution: To contribute £300 towards the new fingers on the post at Felons Way.

Proposed: Cllr R. O'Hare. Seconded Cllr J. Duke

6. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Exmoor Panel next meeting on Tuesday 16 January at 7pm in Winsford village hall.
- Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum next meeting Thursday 18 January at 10.30 am in Winsford Village Hall.
- Emails had been received regarding the new single Council. Martin Dewdney distributed a fact sheet to the councillors. The consultation period will end on 19 January, this has been extended to allow for more feedback.
- Somerset Scientific Services had sent a fact sheet on asbestos containing materials which the Clerk has put on the PC website.
- The Awards for All funding has been awarded for the housing need survey planned for Cutcombe and surrounding parishes.
- A second edition of the Enterprising Minehead newsletter had been received with the latest news and updates.

7. **PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT/RENEWAL** Update on the play area. A workshop had been held to ascertain what local children would like. The carol singing raised £362.55 towards the new play area. Money is needed in order to get the plans sorted before grants can be applied for.

The Chairman informed the meeting that £1000 is needed to pay for two consultants to get designs and plans and for health and safety before any grants can be applied for. It is estimated that the total cost would be in excess of £20,000. It was felt that a leaflet should be distributed to all the parishioners outlining the anticipated costs of the project. It was agreed that it is not appropriate for the Parish Council to donate any money at this stage and that the parishioners should be made aware of the commitment they would need to make to this scheme.

Resolution: The Chairman to speak to the play area committee and pass on the Parish Councils thoughts.

8. REQUEST FROM THE RURAL SERVICES NETWORK TO COMPLETE A SURVEY ON GROWING A RURAL COMMUNITY.

The Clerk produced a copy of the survey and agreed to complete and forward on.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 9.1 It was agreed to increase the precept by 10% for 2018/19 to £1,977.

Proposed: R. O'Hare Seconded: C. Henson

Resolution: The Clerk to complete and forward the form to Taunton Deane Council.

- 9.2 The Clerk informed the meeting that a cheque for £1,750 had been received from the Transparency Fund.

- 9.3 A form from Nat West Bank was signed to remove two old signatories from the bank account.

- 9.4 A cheque for £688.97 was signed to reimburse the Clerk for the purchase of a laptop and printer.

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date

