

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 29th September 2014
in the Village Hall at 8.00pm**

Present: - Cllrs H Jeffery – (Chairman), Cole (Vice Chairman), Cook, Clarke, D Jeffery, Phillips, Ranger, Salter, Slattery and Tillotson.

Apologies: - Cllrs Phillips – (Holiday), Channon (CC) (other meeting).

In attendance: - D G Atkins (Clerk & RFO), Cllr R Bloxham (Speaker), Cllr Potter (DC).

Open Session

A query was raised in respect of the late addition of the PC newsletter on the email list. Cllr Slattery apologised for this oversight. Shan Merritt pointed out that it was on the website.

Garden Society - Mrs Swan raised the matter of the flower bed at Kirbees. She indicated that the garden club considered that shrubs and grasses would be a better way of maintaining the area. They proposed to place a membrane over the area and cover in shingle. The overall cost was estimated at £40 with volunteer labour and donations. Members of the Garden Club would plant it up.

Ms Cameron Webb raised the matter of Draft Minutes and Finance figures and requested that they be posted on the web at the same time as the Agendas for all to have time to evaluate before the meeting.

Also raised was Back Lane hedge cutting. It was noted that this was being co-ordinated by a resident with a contractor.

It was also brought to the meeting's attention that there were some seats in the parish that needed maintenance. The clerk advised these were under the control of East Devon District Council, he would make a list and pass to them.

Shan Merritt referred to the meeting held in the pavilion on new health matters, where Dr Kerr was present and a lady from the PCT. The consultation period on the proposed changes is 11 weeks. Cllr Cook sought to establish as to whether any discussion had taken place re. the Sidmouth Practice. It was pointed out it was not and does not form any part of this consultation. It was noted some beds would remain in Ottery St Mary for acute times such as flu etc. The R D & E was to be in charge of the new procedures. Dates of other meetings were noted.

It was at this point noted that Mark Gerry had not arrived and thus the Council meeting commenced.

Declarations of Interest: - None.

10/13/94 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 30th June 2014 were approved and signed.

Proposed Cllr Cole
Seconded Cllr Slattery 7-0-3 abstentions.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2014 – Cllr Salter raised the matter of Minute 10/13/90 in that it was not in order to add to the motion something that was not part of the motion, therefore the words “*Cllr Cole raised the matter that a sequential test was needed after the proposal had been made*” were withdrawn and initialed. The clerk suggested that in future all applications in respect of the flood plain have the standard observations included in respect of a sequential test. Cllr Salter proposed this course of action, agreed.

Cllr Ranger pointed out that under the heading of Harpford Hall at one meeting it was stated one thing was reported which was then not the same at the next. **Query.** Noted (no action). These minutes were then approved as amended.

Proposed Cllr Salter
Seconded Cllr Jeffery 7-0-3 abstentions

10/13/95 **Reports**

A) Chairman's

1. **Police** – (No report received).
2. **Traffic Matters** – Cllr Slattery referred to his report, details discussed, full report attached at Annexe A. It was noted that speed was not much of an issue but volume was, 25 accidents had been logged over the last few years.

It was agreed to seek co-operation of other parishes in respect of a speed sign to be used by others through the parishes together fund. It was also raised by Cllr Slattery that consideration be given to school warning signs, these were to be investigated. Cllr Slattery was thanked for his comprehensive report. Any further comments to be passed to the clerk.

3. **Neighbourhood Plans** report on open meeting – No report available, passed to next meeting.
4. **Terms of reference for Planning Committee** – The Chairman referred to a draft of the terms. A debate ensued and points raised

were noted. It was agreed to consider further at a future planning meeting.

5. **Terms of reference for Finance Committee** – Approved. Cllr Ranger wished to join the Committee. Agreed.

Proposed	Cllr	Slattery	
Seconded	Cllr	D Jeffery	7-0-3 abstentions.

B) Clerks

1. **Receipts, Payment Schedule July and August** – Noted and tabled to the public.
2. **To report second half year precept and government grant -** Received in the total sum of £18,750 and £1,262.50 respectively.
3. **To report that the external Audit was completed** in August with no matters requiring the attention of Council. Noted.
4. 106 Funding up-date. Noted not available, Officer away.
5. Any other matters. The clerk reported that the cricket protection netting and poles had been delivered and were to be stored in the wooden shed on the field and would be erected by the Sidmouth groundsman for next season. Noted.

- C) County Cllr** – An emailed report had been forwarded to the Chairman which referred to the delivery of the Bridge over Back Brook and in respect of Red Bridge over the river Otter it was noted that a joint meeting was to be arranged with interested parties. It was agreed to send a letter to the EA pointing out the perceived problems.

- D) District Cllr** – Cllr Potter sought leave to stand down standing orders to allow Cllr Bloxham to address the meeting. He referred to the matter of public speaking at meetings at East Devon with particular reference to planning, pointing out that the District Council was doing more than most other Councils' to accommodate the general public's views. Major applications 5-5 for and against and minor 2-2.

Many points were raised pointing out various matters of concern. Cllr Bloxham said he welcomed the points raised and would investigate further. He was thanked for his attendance.

The meeting resumed.

Cllr Potter referred briefly to his minor stroke, he also reported some good news that of super fast Broadband would soon be available in the area. He also referred to the LGA and Post Office matters where it had been understood no more PO's would be closed but business was still being taken away. He then made the point that in future the District Councils would not operate as "Stand Alone Councils" they were to work with neighbouring Councils, in our case Exeter and Teignbridge.

Harpford Hall – Cllr Ranger had nothing further to report.

Mr Swan – P3 Matters – It was noted that in respect of Footpath 15 the Bridge had now been delivered and Footpath 3 needed a little attention in respect of the replaced rocks which were now at a lower level. Cllr Cole responded that the matter was noted and that more rocks were needed along with planting of willow on the playing field side of the brook as suggested by the EA.

Footpath 16 Red Bridge referred to earlier in the meeting. On the matter of Balsam, he was concerned at the lack of volunteers helping this season commenting that more man power was needed. It was suggested that Bicton College be asked to join in. A letter thanking Mr Swan and his helpers was noted and that all tributaries of the river Otter had been attended to but the main river was a much larger project.

10/13/96 Planning applications received

A) **14/2029/LBC** Elvey Cottage, High Street

Proposal: - Replace cement render with lime render on front and side elevations.

Observations: - Fully support.

Proposed Cllr Salter
Seconded Cllr Cole

10/13/97 Communications

1. Dee Woods referring to
2. Lorna Dalton – referring to the state of Webbers Meadow and the cutting of the growth beside the river and Back Brook which she

considered should not only be cut back to allow better egress but should be cut more often.

It was explained that the EA had advised that vegetation should not be completely removed to aid bank stabilization.

It was agreed to ask Toby Taylor to cut the growth 5 times during the year and to pay for this service. It was further agreed that Cllr Salter inspect the resulting cutting and report back to Council on any further works considered necessary. The clerk said he had asked Toby to give another cut as soon as possible and to cut the wildflower area next to Back Lane. It was further noted on request from Cllr Salter that the budget allocation was £800 for work in the meadows.

10/13/98

Matters raised by Members

Cllr Cook sought more information in respect of the Health provision of Doctors Services and again considered that with a new surgery being provided in Sidmouth people from Newton Poppleford should be allowed to sign on with that surgery which was on a bus route as opposed to Ottery St Mary which was not possible. It was noted previously that the PCT and the Doctors said it was not possible.

10/13/99

Closure