

**Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Council held on Friday 24th May 2013
in the Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.27pm**

Present: - Cllrs Sanders - (in the Chair)
Cole
Clarke
D Jeffery
Salter
Pearce
Phillips
Slattery

In attendance:- Cllr Potter DC, David Atkins (Clerk & RFO).

Note: Cllr Channon CC attended the APM and left to attend another meeting as did PC Wallace.

1/13/14 Election of Chairman for the ensuing year

Cllr Sanders was proposed by Cllr Cole. Cllr Salter raised the question in respect of the matter of 'Interests' and had the matter been cleared by Denise Lyon, Monitoring Officer at East Devon District Council. The answer given was 'Yes'. Neither Cllr Sanders or Cllr Cole had an interest, as raised by Cllr Salter.

Vote was 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Cllr Sanders duly signed the Declaration of Office.

2/13/14 Apologies:- Cllr Cook (away), H Jeffery (illness).

3/13/14 Election of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year

Cllr Cole Proposed by Cllr D Jeffery

Vote was 6-1-1.

4/13/14 Minutes of the meetings held on 25th March and 12th April 2013, as amended, were received. Cllr Salter said that in his view they were still not correct as it was nothing to do with pecuniary interest. Further discussion ensued but a vote was taken for approval.

Proposed by Cllr Cole, Seconded by Cllr Clarke.

Vote was 6-2.

5/13/14 Reports

A) Chairmans

1. Police - referred to at the APM, affixed to the main Minutes and copied here.

March - There were a total of 21 incidents reported to the Police during the month. This is an

increase of 2 on the previous month's figures.

April - There were a total of 18 incidents reported to the Police during the month. This is a decrease of 3 on the previous month's figures.

2. Other - None.

B) Clerks

Income, Expenditure now referred as Receipts and Payments (my apologies this has been the format for many years but expressed wrongly). These formed part of the APM and are affixed to the main Minutes and on file, computer and hard copy. It was agreed that Cllr H Jeffery take on the mantle of Account Scrutinizer, to carry on the analysis that Mr Simmonds had carried out.

C) County Cllr - As per APM report. Note (affixed in both sets of Minutes).

D) District Cllr - As per APM report. Note (affixed in both sets of Minutes).

I am the vice-chairman of the Blackhill and Venn Ottery Quarries Liaison Group. We look after residents' concerns whilst quarrying is in progress and, in particular, ensure that Devon County Council planning conditions are being adhered to.

Congratulations to the Parish Plan Working Group, whose work was formally adopted by the Parish Council in October, 2012, and ratified by the District Council in December, 2012.

I am a member of the Newton Poppleford Village Hall Committee and am pleased with the upgrading programme that has recently been taking place.

One of my jobs at EDDC is that of Member Champion for Rural Communities (including Post Offices). I have the privilege of attending meetings at the headquarters of the Local Government Association and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. At the Local Government Association I promote support for the fairer funding campaign for rural areas and, at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, I lobby ministers and senior managers of the Post Office to protect and enhance the future viability of the Network of Post Offices.

Planning policy issues in the district and this ward have been of great public interest this last council year. I am a member of the Development Management Committee at EDDC and do not wish to prejudice my ability to debate in that forum. What I will say is that I do hope the Parish Council will look carefully at the positive outcomes of an application, as well as the negative, for the benefit of the community as a whole.

E) Any Other - None.

6/13/14 Correspondence - Email or hard copy.

A) County if any - None.

B) District if any - None.

C) Any other - None.

7/13/14

Matters raised by Members

A) Cllr Phillips - Re. Request from the Tennis Club for 3K funding for Club House. The money to come from Section 106 funds held by EDDC. It was noted that a public meeting had to be held to gain the support of the General Public to the Proposal. It was also made clear that a Planning Application would have to be made. It was also pointed out that the development would take place in the flood plain. Mr Zirker explained it would be erected on stilts to allow flood flow to pass under. He went on to explain the rationale behind the requirement that of older folk needing to rest between their games.

Members debated the issues surrounding the perceived need. Chris Burhop supported the concept on behalf of the Club, Cllr Cole had misgiving as to flood plain, need, and why the Pavilion could not be used.

It was finally agreed to hold an open meeting in the near future to gain public opinion and views on the concept with Officers from East Devon present.

B) Cllr D Jeffery - Re. Planning Applications and the need to have them on the table half an hour before the meeting commenced, for members to view as previously carried out. It was agreed this would be instigated forthwith.

8/13/14

To co-opt one member to fill the vacancy on the Council

The Clerk had been notified of 3 people that wished to be considered. Ben McGowan, Val Ranger and Mrs M Tillotson. A question was asked as to when a Poll was needed instead of a co-option procedure. The Clerk advised that the due process had been followed with the statutory notice given and that 10 Electors had not requested a Poll, therefore the members could co-opt. The Clerk handed members voting slips for the name of one candidate who had to receive the majority vote. The candidates present spoke of their interests and members noted the previous information from Ben McGowan who was unable to attend the meeting.

The vote was scrutinised by Gill Potter and the candidate with the most votes was Mrs M Tillotson. The Clerk said he would visit her as soon as possible to give her the necessary documentation, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Declaration of Interest, and Acceptance of Office for signing. In the meantime she could not participate or operate as a Cllr. The two other applicants unsuccessful at this time were thanked for their interest, it being noted that Val Ranger would continue to put forward the concerns of Harpford in respect of current and future matters. Noted.

9/13/14

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed

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