

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 30th June 2014 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm

Present:- Cllrs H Jeffery (Chairman), Cole (Vice Chairman), D Jeffery, Cook, Phillips, Ranger.

In attendance:- Cllr Potter (DC) and D G Atkins (Clerk &RFO).

Apologies:- Cllrs Slattery, Pearce, Tillotson, Clarke and Channon (CC).

10/13/79 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

10/13/80 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th April 2014 as amended were approved and signed.

Proposed	Cllr	Cole	
Seconded	Cllr	Ranger	Vote 4-1 abstention (not present).

Note – The full amended Minutes are on the website and in the file.

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th May (The Annual Parish Council meeting were approved and signed).

Proposed	Cllr	Phillips	
Seconded	Cllr	Cole	4-2 abstentions

10/13/81 **Reports**

A) Chairman's

1. Police – no report received.
2. Internal Audit 2013/14 Account.

The Chairman reported that she had received a letter from the internal auditor with no matter needing the attention of the Council. Noted.

3. To consider further matters in respect of forward thinking as previously requested. Listed below:-

Traffic and road safety, school re. build, car park and parking, netting at play area, boulders reinstatement at Back Brook, Fete next year, East Devon Way upgrade, upgrade of broadband, web and communications, bridge over Back Brook reinstatement, footway gate from Webber's Meadow to main road, public speaking.

Cllr Ranger reminded the meeting of the request to hold the open session at the start of the meeting instead of the end. It was resolved to give it a trial on an individual meeting basis.

4. Date of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee meeting. It was noted this was arranged for Thursday 10th July in the Pavilion at 8.00pm (agreed to send out a reminder).

B) Clerks

1. Finance receipts, payments and bank balance to end of May. Noted.
2. To report receipt of £2000 in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan from EDDC.
3. Up-date of Harpford Hall, Clerk and Cllr Ranger.

The Clerk advised that “The Community Right to Bid” was awaiting approval to proceed from the District Council. The Officer had inspected the location that day and was to report to Nigel Harrison the Economic Development Officer in respect of the legislation.

Cllr Ranger overviewed the history and current position. It was noted that she was holding letters from the Agent and Mr Futcher, the Archdeacon from the Diocese. It was further noted that a lot of interest is being seen, from a wide area. It was also noted that knotweed was present around the site and this would be reported along with the flooding potential of the area adjacent. Note – On the matter of finance she had established that CIC referred to Community Interest Companies.

4. World War One, report of evening play and fish and chip supper. Cllr D Jeffery reported a successful evening had been held that £500 had been raised bringing the area total to £10,678. Newton Poppleford having raised £1512.00. The Chairman thanked all those who took part especially Tricia Barclay for arranging the evening.
5. Water leak at public conveniences. The Clerk reported that discussions were ongoing with South West Water and that he had been contacted by an Officer who was very helpful and was to re-calculate the account due to the fact that their stop cock was faulty. It was noted that the fault was in the valve that controlled the flushing of the urinal.
6. Footpath at end of Burrow Lane to Sidmouth bus stop. (Request) It was noted that the hedges were overgrown and this reduced the pedestrians ability to walk safely to the bus stop.

It was resolved to advise the County Cllr. It was also suggested that the stop be moved back so that the entrance to Burrow Lane could be used as it formed a small lay by area.

7. Car Park, School Lane. Further information. The Clerk advised the meeting that he had sought information from SW Highways in respect of maintenance of the area. It was noted the estimated cost of Tar and Chip would be around £17,000 and a full tarmacadam surface around £45,000 but that at this time the surface was good except for a few patches and

therefore it would last over 15 years. It was noted that the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Potter had met with many Officers at EDDC and that they had been informed of the concerns expressed by Members and the number of Rights of Way involved, e.g. garages, toilets, church, burial ground, houses and the bungalows off the car park.

C) County Cllr - No report.

D) District Cllr – Cllr Potter reported the white lining of the roundabout at the Exeter Road, Exmouth Road. In respect of public speaking at DMC Meetings at East Devon District Council. He stated that he was not against it, he was in favour. He referred to the light of DMC meetings recently and that a new formula was required to avoid repetition. East Devon had the most public speaking sessions out of all the Districts. The new formula was in two parts. Minor applications 9 properties or less, 2 speakers against, 2 in favour, Agent/applicant and the ward members 10 or more 5–5 and Agent and ward members. Noted.

E) Cllr Phillips

1. Blockstone, Back Brook, reminder noted when contractor available.
2. Netting re. Cricket balls. It was resolved that Cllrs D Jeffery and Phillips would liaise over the matter of posts fitting seeking advice from the suppliers as it was considered in the interests of the Council to have one contractor to fit and erect the nets.

F) Cllr Slattery Re. Website

It was noted that the matter was progressing slowly and it was hoped the new upgraded system would be operational on the 1st of August.

G) Mr Swan P3 up-date. Mr Swan referred to the article he had placed in the newsletter, he reported that DC had just started cutting the vegetation on the footpaths, their only cut by DCC, he reported on F28 and 16 where a tree had fallen, he had advised CDE. He then referred to the Red Bridge at Harpford, it being hoped that some remedial works would be undertaken by the Autumn. On the matter of the bridleway at Venn Ottery he was pleased with its addition to the paths network. Cllr Cook referred to the Balsam Bashing Working Parties and the few number that had attended particularly the last one when help was needed.

Cllr Ranger raised the concern of horse riders in the Venn Ottery bridleway where a soft area was causing concern it was felt that some more stone was required.

Cllr Slattery referred to litter picking being done by the School.

H) Footpath 40A Sidmouth – Definitive Map

Modification Order 2012. The slight alteration between point A-B and between X and Y were noted.

10/13/82 Planning Applications Received

A) In respect of 14/0701/FUL, Cllr Cole reported this had been dealt with at the planning meeting on the 26th as the matter of an amendment to the roof had no impact on the Councils previous view in respect of the flood plain.

B) 14/1305/FUL, 9 the Copse

Proposal:- Two storey side extension.

Observations:- It was agreed to hold a site inspection as the property was in the flood plain.

C) 14/1251/FUL April Cottage, Higher Way, Harpford

Proposal:- Construction of a replacement dwelling.

Observation:- It was agreed to hold a site inspection to gauge the impact on the area.

10/13/83 Freedom of Information – Review of Procedure and Considerations of a Charging Regime

It was resolved to seek further information off the website and information commissioner. It was further agreed to create a sub committee to report back in due course. Membership Cllrs Ranger, D Jeffery, Chair and Vice Chair.

10/13/84 Dispensation Policy - To consider and approve a policy for dealing with these matters. It was noted that a paper had been circulated. It was resolved that no one person should have the responsibility and therefore it was a matter for the full Council.

Proposed Cllr Cole

Seconded Cllr D Jeffery

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10/13/85 Review of the Code of Conduct and Interest

Note from East Devon re. update and new forms for filling out by all Members except Cllr Ranger who had only just completed one on being elected. Copies had been sent to members.

10/13/86 Planning Decisions Results of Any – None to hand.

It was reported that Mr White's application had been determined at Appeal.

At this point the Clerk was reminded that he had agreed to raise the matter of Committee membership referred from the last meeting. It was resolved to create Finance, Planning and confirm Personnel. Members wishing to serve as below:- Finance – Cllr D Jeffery, Slattery, Phillips, Chair and Vice.

Planning:- Cllrs Cole, Cook and Ranger, Tillotson, Phillips, Chair and Vice Chair and Pearce.

Personnel:- Slattery, D Jeffery and H Jeffery.

Finance:- Chair and Vice Chair, Slattery, D Jeffery, Phillips.

10/13/87 Closure – The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm

The Clerk was asked to contact those not present to establish if they wished to join any Committee.

The Chairman advised the meeting at this point that the Clerk's Appraisal had been completed with 2 or 3 items needing his attention.