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DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes might be subject to slight alteration

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), Mrs T Brock, C Gillett and Miss R Warne.

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, three members of the public and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

136/02/15. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's D Barber and R Milton.

137/02/15. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. None.

138/02/15. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th January 2015 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

139/02/15. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

140/02/15. Co-option of 2 Councillors. Five applications were received but one candidate was ineligible because they had not lived in the parish for a year. Richard Gibson and Heather Warne were co-opted onto the Council.

141/02/15. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any other planning applications received by the council. No applications received.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC. No decisions received.

c) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

142/02/15. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. In addition to all the usual highways problems two large potholes were reported in Whitemoor Lane. The dip beside

Hollow Walls Cottages has been filled in but there is now a trench on the side of the road. This has been marked so might be repaired. The road from Esworthy Cross to Worthy Cross is in a poor condition at Swineham. It was reported that the water running down the road by the school, caused by a spring coming up through the surface, has dried up following the work carried out in December and there hasn't been a problem with ice.

b) Any other highways issues. None.

143/02/15. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reported that the NDC share of the council tax for 2015/16 will stay the same as for 2014/15. He said the Parish Council would want to see the Jubilee Inn succeed when it re-opened. Councillors felt that the village would support it. The company that received planning permission to erect wind turbines at Batsworthy want to start work on February 23rd and then do their wildlife surveys in the summer, which would contravene the planning conditions. The solar park at Bommerton was one of the last applications of its type to be approved and applications are now drying up.

b) County Cllr. No report.

c) Police. No report.

144/02/15. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was agreed to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £70.56 Clerk's salary (chq no 206)

Mrs J Larcombe - £18.50 Clerk's mileage and expenses (chq no 207)

b) TAP Fund Application. A quote for the work to install a water supply at the Village Green has still not been received. It was agreed to make an application to the TAP Fund using £500 as the cost if a quote wasn't received in time to submit an application by the deadline of February 28th.

c) Request for a donation from Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau. A letter was received from the CEO of the Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon CAB asking the Parish Council to consider giving the organisation a donation. The service is used by parishioners. It was agreed to make a donation of £50 (chq no 208).

145/02/15. Play Area

a) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month. Cllr Mrs Brock will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.

b) New signs for the play area. It was agreed that Cllr Vigus would purchase two 'Please shut the gate' signs from Mole Valley Farmers. The Clerk will find out what information is required to be on the sign for the play area and it will then be printed and laminated. It was suggested that the school might be able to help with laminating.

c) Rospa Play Area Inspection. The annual inspection of the play area is due to be carried out in March.

d) Repairs to flagpole. It was reported that the flagpole had gone missing for a period of time but had now been returned. Cllr Gillett has the flag that was on it. Cllr Vigus will phone the person who is believed to have taken the flagpole, without permission, to tell them where their flag is.

e) Any matters arising. Mr Dart will be asked to cut the grass for the 2015 season. He will be asked to arrange for one cut to be three to four days before the fete on June 13th.

146/02/15. DCC Public Transport Consultation. Due to funding cuts DCC are carrying out a consultation on cuts to bus services which they subsidise. Bus service no 696, operated by TT Coaches and which runs through East Anstey to South Molton on a Thursday will not be affected. Bus service 307 from Barnstaple to Bampton on a Saturday, passing through Woodburn Cross, will be withdrawn.

147/02/15. Public Question Time. Victoria Ward spoke about the Blackerton Ecocentre which she is opening with her family on the former Care Blackerton site. They are looking at community broadband for their centre but might be able to include some others around them. They are hoping to open in 2016 and are planning to hold courses and are looking at having a business hub and running volunteer days. They also own what was the function room and are looking into whether this could be hired out and whether planning permission would be required. It was suggested the parish website could have links to businesses in the parish. Mrs Ward was offered a stall at the Village Fete and the opportunity to put something in the newsletter.

148/02/15. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman. The Methodist Church has closed and Allways End Methodist Church will probably be sold. The hall has benefited from grant funding for the disabled access and improvements to the toilets and it was questioned whether this would have to be repaid. The Clerk will find out about the Community Right to Bid which is part of the Localism Act.

Salt supplied to the Parish Council, as part of the DCC Snow Warden scheme, is stored at SGB Agriculture which has now closed. Arrangements will be made to distribute it around the parish so that it can be used in the event of snow and ice.

149/02/15. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:
South Molton & District Community News – February 2015

150/02/15. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at Allways End Methodist Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The first item will be to discuss arrangements for the fete. Cllr Ley gave his apologies.

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