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### **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, R Gibson, C Gillett, R Milton, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.

**In attendance:** Eight members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**17/06/16. To receive apologies.** Apologies were received from County Cllr Yabsley.

**18/06/16. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**19/06/16. Planning for the Village Fete.** Standing Orders were suspended for this item to allow members of the public to take part in the discussion.  
The final arrangements were discussed and agreed.  
The risk assessment has been completed and a copy given to the Clerk.  
A view on the weather will be taken from the five day forecast.  
Setting up will start on the Thursday night before the fete.  
Jon Matthews and Kieron Vigus will provide first aid cover.  
Ian Vigus, Clare Vigus and Sarah Milne will mark out the run.  
There will be stewards to oversee the parking and they will wear hi-vis jackets.  
Arrangements were made for 6 fire extinguishers to be brought to the fete.  
Heather and Rebecca Warne will run the bar on behalf of the Parish Council.  
The Clerk will apply for a Temporary Event Notice.  
Due to a national event the YFC might not be able to do the tug of war but the rope will be available.  
The school are loaning their coconut shy for the event.  
People were encouraged to bring their gazebos and be set up by 11:30am.  
Arrangements have been made to borrow 2 urns.  
The WI will require 5 tables for the teas, Mrs Wood will meet Mr Barber on the Friday afternoon to organise the WI area. 150litres of drinking quality water, in a tank, will be available for use for refreshments.  
There will be a hog roast and the equipment needs to be in by 11am for it to be ready for mid-afternoon.

Standing Orders were resumed.

**20/06/16. Public Question Time.** There were no questions.

**21/06/16. Proposed defibrillator.** Funds raised at the fete will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator. The preferred site for the defibrillator is the phone box but it was recognised that it required some refurbishment..

Members of the public left the meeting.

**22/06/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th May 2016 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 Chair.

**23/06/16. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** None.

**24/06/16. To Co-opt a Councillor.** This item was deferred until the next meeting. One person has applied and the Clerk will circulate details to all councillors.

**25/06/16. Planning**

**a) To make a recommendation on any 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.

**26/06/16. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note that have been carried out.** The Clerk said she had reported the deteriorating condition of the parapet of the bridge over the disused railway line to Highways England, Historical Railways Estate (on behalf of Department for Transport). They had also been contacted by Devon County Council approximately a month before in relation to the parapet condition. An email from a Civil Engineer said the parapet condition had been noted in the previous inspection report, and there is an item of works listed, however the condition is such that currently it is a relatively low priority in that, whilst cosmetically it is not ideal, the overall risk is considered low. In terms of the overall condition of the structure, it is examined annually and any/all changes in condition (such as cracks, displaced masonry, vegetation, impact damage) are recorded such that they have an ongoing record of what is happening at the structure and any trends that give rise to concern. Having looked back through the previous inspection reports for this structure there do not appear to be any particular concerns. He appreciated that the above may not be the ideal answer, but unfortunately they have circa 3500 structures and a limited budget, so need to prioritise those locations that are seen as higher risk. However, as mentioned, we will continue to monitor the structure and act accordingly.

**b) Any other highways issues.** The 'School' warning sign has been removed from the bank at Chicoma.

**27/06/16. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** No report.

**b) County Cllr.** No report.

**c) Police.** No report from the Police. There was a report of sheep being stolen and this includes lambs at New Park. An email warning about a suspicious van with a 10 plate registration has been circulated. A parishioner complained about

the difficulty of contacting the Police using the 101 number. After phoning the number she had experienced an extremely long wait to speak to someone.

**28/06/16. Finance**

- a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £86.66 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 241) Zurich has reduced their quotation for the Council's annual insurance and this is now the cheapest quote. The premium will include the insurance for the fete. It was agreed to renew the Council's insurance with Zurich - £333.10 (Chq no 242)
- b) To agree the Annual Accounts for 2015-16 and the Annual Governance Statement.** The Annual Account and Annual Governance Statement were agreed.

**29/06/16. Play Area**

- a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** The top part of the springie has been damaged and enquiries will be made about replacing this part. If a replacement part cannot be found, and the springie is not repaired before the fete, the spring will be removed.
- b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Mrs Warne will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.
- c) Any other matters arising.** No matters arising.

**30/06/16. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman.** No matters were brought forward.

**31/06/16. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** Colin Savage, Rural Housing Enabler Devon Communities Together, has emailed to update the Parish Council regarding progress, particularly with the affordable housing element of the scheme at Blackerton. The developers have made slow progress with selling the open market homes, and have consequently not had to start building the affordable homes for local people. This is frustrating, and he is consequently looking at a different arrangement for getting the affordable homes built more quickly. English Rural Housing Association is looking at this and aim to start on site in 2017, if a suitable approach can be agreed. He has been asked to reassess housing need and has written/emailed to everyone who expressed a need for such housing in 2012-13, and North Devon Council will contact people registered with Devon Homechoice who have a need to live in this locality. The Council will spread the word through email, the website and notice boards. People are asked to respond by 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**32/06/16. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 6th July 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm.