

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present**

K. McGrath – Chairman  
J. Middleton – Vice Chairperson  
M. Perry  
R. Poole  
V. Pitman  
C. Hake – Clerk

Also present were 5 members of the public.

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

**1.12.16 – Apologies**

R. Hapgood.

**2.12.16 – Declaration of Interest**

None

**3.12.16 – Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting, which had previously been circulated, were agreed.

**4.12.16 – Police Report**

1/11/16 – Langford Budville Missing Person  
11/11/16 – Criminal damage to property  
13/11/16 – Missing Person  
17/11/16 – Missing Person  
26/11/16 – Missing Person

There has been a report of ASB in the Village. This involved tyres on a vehicle being let down. Enquires underway and the victim is being supported.

**5.12.16 - Finance & Legal**

**a. Precept**

The Councillors have all received a copy of the half yearly figures; the Parish Precept will be set at the same figure as last year, £6,840. The fact that there is a high chance the precept will in future years be capped was discussed. It was unanimously agreed this was the correct amount to precept for.

**b. Play Inspection/Invoice**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £90 invoice for the play inspection. The report was also discussed, There are a few minor issues which will be attended to.

**c. Jubilee Hall Invoice**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £45 Invoice for the hire of the Jubilee Hall.

**d. Office Expenses**

It was unanimously agreed to pay the annual Office expenses of £100 to the clerk

## **Planning Applications**

21/16/0015/CQ

Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (use classC3) and associated building operations at The Potato Store, Bere Farm, Langford Budville – Support

21/16/003

Erection of garage extension and replacement mono-pitch porch roof to the front elevation at Newstead, Langford Budville. – Support

## **Approvals**

None

## **Refusals**

None

### **6.12.16 – Runnington Finger Post**

After a long discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will find out the protocol with regard to getting the finger post mended, this is being made more difficult due to the fact half of it is missing.

### **7.12.16 – Re siting of letter box**

The newly sited letter box is to be moved closer to the footpath and turned around; this will allow easier access to it when cars are parked in the lay-by.

### **9.12.16 - Clearance of ferns on triangle**

It was unanimously agreed to arrange for the ferns on the triangle to be scythed, this will hopefully allow the bluebells to flourish.

### **10.12.16 - Listed buildings – Harpford Bridge**

Mr. McGrath has been down to look at the bridge and apart from some erosion he felt it was in reasonably good condition and required no attention apart from perhaps some repointing, which probably won't happen.

### **11.12.16 – Report back on Litter pick**

Mrs. Middleton thanked Lynne & Keith Moore for opening the Hall and providing refreshments, 13 parishioners turned up and were provided with high viz jackets, there were a few issues with the weather and high volume of traffic which everyone was made aware of. It was decided that perhaps another year a litter pick wouldn't be arranged so near Xmas although it was successful.

Runnington parishioners were also thanked for the litter pick which they had arranged.

### **12.12.16 – Footpaths**

The access gate at Stancombe Farm has been fixed, there are a few problems with some wooden gates on various footpaths, it was agreed that these will be looked at in the Spring.

### **13.12.16 – Correspondence**

The clerk read a letter from Mr. Moore regarding a possible planning application which he wondered if the PC could sort out for the Village Hall, the Clerk has replied to Mr. Moore.

A letter has been received from Mark Fiddes. Tree Works Ltd, who had noticed an application for coppicing, he has offered his services with 10% discount, no decisions can be made until the application is approved.

The meeting closed at 8.20 when the Councillors and parishioners enjoyed a glass of wine and mince pies kindly provided by Mr & Mrs McGrath and a cake from Mrs. Pitman.

**The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**