

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2017
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, District Councillor Roger Habgood and County Councillor James Hunt

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

1.02.17 – Apologies

None

2.02.17 – Declaration of Interest

None

3.02.17 – Minutes of the last meeting

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

4.02.17 – Police Report

01/01/17 – Langford Budville Criminal Damage to property.

There was a vehicle recovered in Chipley and an abandoned 999 call in Runnington.

There were 2 further reports of tyres being let down on a vehicle in Langford Budville, crime prevention measures are in hand.

Parking issues have arisen in Langford Budville, with some vehicles parking on a dangerous bend; advice has been given to the owners.

5.02.17 - Finance & Legal

a. Quotes for coppicing on triangle

2 quotes have been obtained and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Tom Sellick.

b. Concerns regarding full time settlement at top of Wellisford Rd. adjoining wildlife trust.

A letter has been sent to Mrs. Dunford requesting an update on this matter, it is all in hand and she will update the PC when she has more information.

c. Andi Rickard Invoice (fern clearing)

It was unanimously agreed to pay the £47.50 Invoice.

d. SALC Regional Conference for all South West & Parish Councils

Mrs. Middleton has expressed an interest in attending this and it was unanimously agreed that it would be nice to have a representative from LB PC.

Planning Applications

None

Approvals

None

Refusals

None

6.02.17 – Request from VHC

There is nothing organised yet, the PC will discuss this when more information is available.

7.02.17 – Update on relocation of village post box

The lady who was dealing with this has left; the Clerk has spoken to various other people who are looking into it.

8.02.17 – Update on Litter

Whilst the recent road closures were in place six and a half hours were spent picking litter, this looked good for all of 3 days, and sadly it is just as bad again.

9.02.17 – Update on salt bins

There has been a recent complaint regarding the state of one of the salt bins, TD has been and looked at the salt and deemed it perfectly useable, it was claimed that one bin was full of dog waste, this was not the case and the offending bag of dog waste was removed.

10.02.17 – Update on drains

Some of the drains are starting to get blocked again, it was agreed that the drains are not emptied often enough but there is nothing much anyone can do about this problem.

11.02.17 – Update on the changing of speed signs around the triangle

Mr. Perry has written to J. Sharpe who has apologised for the delay but has said this will be done after April 1st.

12.02.17 – Damage on land owned by Wild Life Trust

There has recently been damage caused on the Common from quad bikes, young trees have also been destroyed, Anyone with any information regarding this please report it to The Wildlife Trust.

13.02.17 - Runnington Finger Post

The gentleman dealing with this has gone on leave for a month, he has passed it on to his college and we await information from her.

14.02.17 - Footpaths

The footpath at Ramsey lane which had a lot of drainage improvement done to it is reverting back to its old state, this will be monitored.

Since the Crown field has been fenced off there is a lot of dog mess around the footpath, dog owners are reminded that you are required by law to clean up behind your dog, this path in particular is used by the school children, there is a dog waste bin at the top of the footpath and owners are urged to use it, we are all aware of the diseases which can be caused by dog faeces so please act responsibly.

15.02.17 – Correspondence

The PC has received quotes from TD for the grass cutting and emptying of the litter bins, these quotes are much the same as last year and it was unanimously agreed to carry on with the arrangements the same as last year.

A request from Mrs .Middleton & Mrs. Farr for assistance with regard to holding a regular get together at the Village Hall to tackle the problem of rural loneliness was received; Mr. Moore (VHC) has kindly offered the use of the hall FOC. This will go onto the next agenda for full discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.40

The next meeting will be held on March 13th 2017.