

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2016
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present

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

Also present were PCSO Sharon Cridland and 6 members of the public

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

1.02.16 – Election of new Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Poole opened the meeting and asked for a proposal for a new Chairman, Mr. Perry proposed Mr. McGrath and this was seconded by Mrs. Pitman. Mr. McGrath took the chair and thanked Mr. Poole for his support he then signed the Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman then asked for a proposal for a new Vice Chairman, Mrs Pitman proposed Mrs Middleton and Mr Perry seconded the proposal. Mrs Middleton signed the Acceptance of Office.

2.02.16 – Apologies

None

3.02.16 – Declaration of Interest

None

4.02.16 – Minutes of the last meeting

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

5.02.16 – Police Report

The meeting closed at 7.44 and PCSO Cridlan read the report.

The meeting re-opened at 7.50

A parking complaint was received; there were no reports of Anti-social behaviour. A bike marking Event has been planned in Wiveliscombe at Kingsmead School on 27th Feb from 10am – 1pm.

PCSO Cridlan left the meeting at 7.53

6.02.16 – Finance & Legal

a. External Audit for Smaller Authorities – Update

Under the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 ('the Regulations') SAAA is required to make audit arrangements for all smaller authorities other than those that have given notice that they wish to make their own arrangements. The SAAA scheme will therefore cover all authorities that have not formally decided to opt out. Authorities covered by the SAAA scheme are referred to as 'opted-in' authorities. The PC falls under Group 3: Opted-in authorities with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25k.

b. Brendon Hill Tree Services Invoice

The Invoice for £545 was unanimously agreed.

c. Dog Waste Bin emptying.

It was unanimously agreed that Taunton Deane would be contacted with regard to emptying the dog waste bins once a month at a cost of £2.64 +VAT per visit. The PC were pleased that these bins are being used but sadly not by every dog owner.

Planning Applications

None

Approval

21/15/0012

Erection of single storey extension to rear at Hawthorn Cottage, Runnington

Refusals

None

7.02.16- Footpaths

No report

8.02.16 – Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

After a long discussion it was agreed that a Commemorative Tree will be planted on the Triangle, advice will be taken on the type of tree, it is hoped the PC and Village Hall Committee can arrange something together for the day with perhaps a Church Service.

9.02.16 – Correspondence

Parish Questionnaire

Mrs Middleton handed out information to the Council and requested that 3 items on the Questionnaire were placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the statistics of the questionnaire would be made available to the parishioners.

The meeting closed at 8.20

