

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2017
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present

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

Also present were 5 members of the public and County Councillor Roger Hapgood

10 minute discussion on matters affecting the Parish and Agenda.

1.12.17 – Apologies

None

2.12.17 – Declaration of Interest

None

3.12.17 – Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting and the Annual PC Meeting which had previously been circulated, were agreed.

4.12.17 – Police Report

4/11/2017 – Drug Offences

30/11/2017 – Damage to property (Tyre let down)

Neighbourhood watch reported there have been a lot of thefts from sheds and cars and reminded everyone to be vigilant.

5.12.17 - Finance & Legal

a. Precept 2018/19

The half yearly figures were circulated and it was unanimously agreed to set the precept this year at £6,000

b. Play Inspection Report

It was unanimously agreed to seek professional advice on how to proceed regarding a few problems which have arisen from the Inspection.

c. Runnington Finger Post

After seeking advice from SCC on the materials to be used it was decided to go ahead with their quote, although this may take a little longer than hoped the price is very reasonable.

d. Church Grants

It was unanimously agreed to pay the Church Grants as previous years.

e. Office Expenses

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

Planning Applications

None

Approvals

None

Refusals

None

6. Wording for proposed new signs

The wording for the new signs on the Triangle was approved, the Clerk will now order the signs.

7. SID Update

Notification has been received from County Hall that it will no longer be providing its existing SID service to Parish and Town Councils as the SID's are reaching the end of their serviceable life and the financial investment is too large for the CC to replace them.

There are 3 options which the PC will discuss in detail to decide what will suit best.

8. Speed Watch Update

The proposed meeting with the Police was cancelled due to bad weather, it has been rescheduled to finalise the training.

9. White Post Road Markings

It has been reported that the road markings at White Post are very faint; The PC will request highways to look at this and hopefully resolve the problem.

10. Wivvy Link

At the last meeting the Clerk read a letter from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership requesting help with funding the Wivvy Link Service, it was unanimously agreed that without this service a lot of people would struggle to get into town etc, as there is now no bus service, the PC will therefore donate £240.

11. Footpaths

A bridge along the footpath behind Stancombe Farm is collapsed; enquiries will be made to find out who is responsible for repair.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk has received an overdue invoice for emptying 3 dog waste bins, the Pc have only 2 being emptied, this was reported to Darren Hill and it will be amended.

The meeting closed at 8.15

