

CRUWYS MORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting was held in Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall on Thursday 11th February 2016 at 8 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs S. Smyth (Chairman), Mr D. Berry, Mrs J. Mitchell, Mr A. Chave, Mr M. Lake, Mr G. Kingdom, Mr G. Hall, Mr N. Baker, Cllr P. Colthorpe (District Councillor)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M. Squires (County Councillor)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2016 had already been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposal: Agreement to the content of the minutes was proposed by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr Lake unanimously agreed by the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

MATTER ARISING

The clerk reported that Cllr Squires was still awaiting a reply about highways providing a new Pennymoor village sign.

It was stated that there are now several fingerposts either missing or dropped off. Mr Lake kindly offered to refix those signs that had just fallen and can be replaced.

As there appears to be some confusion as to whether the Highways Department are still providing signs, the clerk was asked to contact them to find out the situation.

PLANNING APPLICATION (16/00119/FULL & 16/00120/LBC) – Conversion of existing Mill to holiday accommodation at Coombeland Mill, Pennymoor.

A short discussion took place

Proposal: Mr Berry proposed and Mr Chave seconded recommending acceptance of this application and the meeting unanimously agreed.

Proposal: Mr Berry proposed and Mr Chave seconded agreement to this payment and the meeting unanimously agreed. A cheque was duly drawn and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

PARISH GRASS CUTTING

The chairman stated that she had discussed this matter with Councillors at Thelbridge Parish Council and it was decided that their clerk would attend one of our meetings together with the District Council officer to discuss the areas of grass cutting shown on the maps and what changes there will be from next year 2016/7.

The clerk stated that she had already contacted Mr Busby at Mid Devon DC who has confirmed he will attend our next meeting on 10th March 2016.

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TRANSPARENCY CODE GRANT

The clerk reported that as agreed at the last meeting she had bought the following for the parish council funds:

Laptop - £229.00
Microsoft Office – £79.00
Laptop bag – £14.99
Wireless mouse - £9.99

The total cost was £332.98 with the rest of the grant monies being held to purchase a printer when needed.

TAP FUND

There was concern that time was running out to claim the TAP Fund monies whilst a decision was being made about what to spend the money on, so the clerk was asked to write to the District Council requesting an extension to applying for the monies allocated to our parish.

Some discussion took place about the possibility of employment someone from Templeton to do odd jobs around the parish, but there was concern about what jobs could be done, health and safety, equipment needed and insurance. The chairman stated that she would contact the chairman at Templeton to find out the position.

NEW WEBSITE

The clerk reported that she had recently been on training on Mid Devon District Council's new website which the parish council's website needs to be transferred to. She stated that that there was now a new website on the following link:

<https://parish.middevon.gov.uk/cruwys-morchard>

All the information from the old website had been transferred to the new one and an additional section had been created to provide details and links on the parish planning applications

HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

The following potholes in the parish have been reported:

- Robins Post
- Swingate Cross to Top of Cotton Lane
- Way Village to Stickeridge Farm
- Outside Caddyshack, Pennymoor

Meeting closed 8:55 p.m.

Signed (Chairman)..... Date.....