

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J. Tucker, Mrs J. Giles-Bullock, Mr A. Clark, Mr P. Seller, Mrs P. Rogers, Mr M. Austin, Mrs M Squires, and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

[2022/01/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th December 2021 which had been circulated were approved.

[2] Public Conveniences

Mr. Seller was working on the plans but they had been delayed due to a family bereavement. He hoped to have the plans finalised by September. It would be necessary to check on all the legalities.

[3] Village Hall

The AGM would be held in April. The Hall would be opening up for events but with minimal outlay. A social evening was being planned. An outside event was to be held for the Platinum Jubilee. The Summer fete would be put off until later in the year.

There was a discussion about the Jubilee event which would most likely be a street party on the green or on the church field [subject to permission]. It might be possible to purchase a marquee and it might be necessary to hire portaloos.

[4] Village Green

The supplier of fruit trees had now sold out so an attempt would be made to purchase some elsewhere. The wildflower meadow would be cut once a year. Mr Seller would be planting a trial patch outside his house. It might also be possible to plant wild flowers on the strip of grass before Beech Drive. This might also be a place to put a bench in memory of Mrs Betty Summers if the villagers wanted one. The materials to repair the existing bench at the top of the green were to be ordered.

Kerbstones were needed to divert water from the lower part of the green.

[5] Financial report

Current Account Balance as at 1/10/2021 £15,333.28

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE:

Signed Date

Cheques cashed
392 M. Leach [Grasscutting July/August] £ 190.00

Cheque not yet signed
393 Information Commissioner £40.00

Current Account Balance as at 1/12/2021 £15,143.28

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/10/2021 £11,566.73

Interest: October £0.09, November £0.10

Balance as at 7/12/2021.....£ 11,566.92

The Budget for 2022/2023 as circulated at the previous meeting was approved. The precept was to remain as in the current year. A deduction would be made for the membership fee of DALC.

6) **Planning:** No new applications

7) **Defibrillators:** There are several months left to make a decision as to whether the council should buy the existing equipment or a new set.

8) **Action Plan:** Other items that needed doing included:

Repair or replacing of signposts

Repairs to Yeo Road

Getting Network Rail to cut back the trees along the A377

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th February 2022 in the Village Hall.

Future Dates for 2022: Tuesday 8th March, Tuesday 12th April, Tuesday 10th May, Tuesday 12th July, Tuesday 13th September, Tuesday 11th October, Tuesday 8th November, Tuesday 13th December

Anthony Martin, Clerk 17/1/2022

Signed Date