

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mr A. Clark

[2022/03/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th February 2022 which had been circulated were approved.

[2] **Public Conveniences:** Waiting to hear back from MDDC. The lease would have to go out to tender. Mr Seller had applied for a Small Business Loan.

[3] **Village Hall:** The flooring in the entrance porch had become weak due to dampness and care had to be taken when entering the hall. Colin Pluck has removed the rotten wooden floor so it is back to the tiles until the contractor concretes it. At least it is now safe. The cause of the dampness has been investigated and will be rectified by a grating and gravel. The air bricks will be uncovered where soil and vegetation have covered them. The heating is only partially working and will have to be replaced as no compatible parts can be sourced. Other repairs to the clock and roof are also being organised

A social evening of darts, table tennis, cards and dominoes has been arranged for the 25th March at 19:30. Planning for the bring and share afternoon tea and scarecrow competition are progressing. The AGM will be at 19:30 on Monday 25th April.

The hall committee have recently received a grant for loss of earnings due to Covid for £2667.00

[4] Village Green

A plaque and a tree map are to be erected.

[5] Financial report

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

INCOME: None

Signed Date

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed

393 Information Commissioner £40.00
394 Mr J. Tucker [Fruit Trees etc.]£1,177.05

Current Account Balance as at 1/3/2022 £13,926.23

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/1/2022£11,567.02

Interest: January £0.10

Balance as at 7/2/2022£11,567.12

6) **Defibrillators:** There are several months left to make a decision as to whether the council should buy the existing equipment or a new set. Grants were available. Repairs were needed to the lighting and more signage was required.

7) **Jubilee:** Insurance company to be notified. A Saturday evening event was proposed. This could be held in the Church Field if the PCC agreed. 100 mugs to be ordered and handed out to all children at the tea. Mr Tucker was to investigate the purchase of a marquee.

8) **Action Plan:**

Repair or replacing of signposts – to be considered

Repairs to Yeo Road – It was hoped that the work will soon be done.

Trees along the A377- work had now been done. Visibility and road width had been improved. There had been one objection.

Potholes: There were complaints that they are being badly repaired.

The fence to the playground had blown down. This was a job for MDDC.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th April 2022 in the Village Hall.

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

Anthony Martin, Clerk 9/4/2022

Signed Date