

HITTISLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th November 2017
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mark Brown, Gill Fisher, Brian Howell, Richard Gard (chairman), Libby Turrell (vice chair) and Cathy Wetherden; Ruth Curtis (clerk & minutes); MDDCllr Derek Coren.

1. **Apologies** - DCllr Nick Way; MDDCllr Heal; Cllrs Curtis and Wetherden
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th Sept 2017** were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 Highways
 - Resurfacing - Highways are meant to be coming back to complete the resurfacing work originally scheduled up to Swallow Tree cross but most urgent is the section up past Teighholt to Quince Cross. There is a bad patch now the other side of the resurfaced area on road to Spreyton Wood Water.
 - Drains are being clogged up with leaves and water cannot get away. Councillors are encouraged when out walking to clear these wherever possible.
 - West Studham – no further news on grant.
 - 4.2 Broadband & mobile phone development – 4G is being made available nearby. There is grant funding available for greater mobile connectivity (via Connecting Devon and Somerset). No news on broadband.
 - 4.3 Precept 2017/18 & budget 2018 – Councillors discussed the budget and potential expenditure increases and future needs. It was agreed by all to keep the precept at the same level of £1850.
 - 4.4 Asset Register – councillors reviewed the asset register and confirmed the noticeboard had been donated with a value of £1. There were no updates.
 - 4.5 Swallow Tree Permitted development ref: 17/01459/PNCOU – councillors noted the approval of the application with the condition that the agricultural building adjacent to the application building on the southern boundary be demolished.
 - 4.6 **Other matters arising**
 - Mare & Foal, Yeoford- share offer £50 a share minimum 5 shares max £30,000. A new valuation has now been completed. Plans include renovation of downstairs to include a café with a shop. Cllrs agreed to be as supportive as possible in promoting the Association's plans. Clerk to look into whether we can buy shares.
 - Community garden – clerk to discuss further with Planning Obligations Monitor.
 - Speed limit signs - Clerk to find out costs for 'please drive slowly through the village' from Touchwood signs
 - Outside notice board – Cllr Howell will repair.
 - Phone box – councillors will organise repair and repaint in the Spring
5. **Correspondence**
 - 5.1 For response
 - CPRE membership - £36 proposed by Cllr Brown and agreed by all.
 - Neighbourhood Plan – Crediton Bishop parish council are discussing a potential plan and councillors agreed they would like to be kept informed of developments and future plans.

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- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service draft integrated risk management plan – interestingly, less 1/3 of emergency calls are fire related. Cllrs discussed the plan and agreed that the risk management plan appears to be competent.

5.2 For information

- Two Moors Way Association – the clerk circulated leaflets and will send any updates on to councillors.

5.3 New correspondence – none

6. **AOB**

- Christmas Fayre was a success and funds raised will go to the church.
- MDDCllr Coren reported that much more rubbish is being incinerated, the aim is to have as little as possible going into landfill. Energy generated needs to be used. Aim is to increase amounts recycled.
- Building works opposite Thornbury farm – the clerk to find out more information.
- Rydon Cross to Thorne Cross – Cllr Fisher had reported potholes (in Cheriton Bishop parish)
- Dog fouling – MDDC measures to combat dog fouling - stencilling fine notice on road where dog fouling has occurred – seem to be working. MDDCllr Coren to email photo of notice to Cllr Gard.
- Collapsed stile on public footpath from Hittisleigh Mill towards Hill Farm – clerk to follow up with Sue & John Painter and contact DCC footpaths

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.