

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mrs M. Squires, Mr P. Heal

Mr Tucker and Mrs Rogers were welcomed following their election as chairman and vice-chairman.

[2022/05/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 19th March 2022 which had been circulated were approved. It was planned that the minutes should be placed on the website and the notice boards within 7 days.

[2] **Public Conveniences:** Mr Seller reported that they were still waiting for the lease to be put out to tender. It was hoped to reopen in Summer 2023. Mr Austin reported that the fence and bench outside had been renewed by MDDC.

[3] **Village Hall:** Mr Clark reported that the AGM had been held in April. Mr Seller suggested the purchase of a sandwich-board. Mrs Giles-Bullock said that it was important to make sure that the whole parish is notified of future events.

[4] Village Green

Mr Seller suggested that a notice should be put up if there is any planned change to the existing pattern of grasscutting. There was a need to be doing more to help the environment. Recent changes had received a lot of positivity and some negativity. The test patch had had some wildflowers come up. It was resolved that the pattern of cutting should be reviewed at the July meeting to which residents of the parish would be invited.

Signed Date

Mr Seller also reported on plans to erect a sign for the orchard and described a possible source for the stand. Concrete benches would cost about £1500.

These would need further consideration.

The existing bench had now been repaired by a member of the parish.

Mr Lee to be asked to provide a plan for the position of the new memorial bench.

Resident at 1 Beech Close to be told that while the council was grateful for them cutting the grass, this was parish land and the council were considering including it in the rewilding areas. There were also insurance issues.

[5] Financial report

Current Account Balance as at 1/4/2022£ 15,584.13

INCOME:

Precept£ 3,661.80

EXPENDITURE:

None

Current Account Balance as at 29/4/2022£19,245.93

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/2/2022£11,567.12

Interest: February: 0.09, March: 0.10

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/4/2022£11,567.31

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT:

J. Tucker [purchase of marquee]£2,389.00

A.V. Martin [purchase of mugs]..... £557.28

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These payments were agreed
Susan Shelley was appointed as auditor.
NatWest to be contacted again about arranging internet banking.

6) **Defibrillators:** Mr Seller was arranging the renewal of the lease.

7) **Platinum Jubilee:** PCC had agreed to the use of the church field providing the parish council had insurance cover and that portaloos were provided. Mr Tucker was to try to arrange for the portaloos.
Leaflets about the mugs were being distributed.

8) **Action Plan:**

Repair or replacing of signposts – to be considered
Repairs to Yeo Road – Still needed a lot of work

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th July in the Village Hall at 8pm.

Future Dates for 2022: Tuesday 13th September, Tuesday 11th October,
Tuesday 8th November, Tuesday 13th December

,Anthony Martin, Clerk 5/5/2022

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