

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mrs M. Squires

There were six members of the public in attendance.

[2022/07/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th May 2022 which had been circulated were approved.

[2] **Public Question Time:** The Council were questioned about the cutting of the village green. There was a further question concerning the cutting of a strip of land adjacent to 1 Beech Drive. After discussion, it appeared that that strip was not owned by the Council. Therefore, it could be cut by anyone who is prepared to accept liability.

[3] **Public Conveniences:** The tenancy had now been advertised at Helmores. Mr Seller had expressed an interest. MDDC would retain the bus stop, disabled toilet and cupboard. An invoice had been received from MDDC which would need clarification.

[4] **Village Hall:** An afternoon party to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee had been held. It had been well attended and a good supply of food had been provided.

[5] **Village Green:** The bench at the top of the green had been refurbished at the expense of Mrs Petherick in memory of her husband.

[6] **Financial report:**

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

INCOME:

None

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EXPENDITURE:

395 A.J. Tucker [Marquee] £ 2,389.00
396 Community First [Insurance] £192.80
397 Stapletons [Accountant] £90.00

Cheques Issued but not yet cashed

398 A.V. Martin [Clerk's Salary] £500.00
399 A.V. Martin [Jubilee Mugs] £557.28

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

Interest: April £0.81, May £1.01, June £0.95

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/7/2022 £11,570.08

Requests for Payment:

M.D.D.C. Public Conveniences 2022/2023 £830.00
P. Rogers Hog Roast Expenses £322.50

The latter payment was agreed.

VAT was due to be reclaimed.

7) Planning: An application for alterations at Bartonbury had just been received by MDDC.

8) Defibrillators: The lease had now been renewed for four years. Some new signage would be requested.

9) Action Plan:

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

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10) **School Buses:** Letters had been sent out saying that the school bus to QECC would no longer call at Down St. Mary. The children would have to walk down Union Hill which the council considered quite dangerous. There were blind corners and high hedges. The MP and MDDC would be contacted.

11) **Public Comments:** Comments were made about the grass-cutting on the Village Green. It was agreed to discuss this again at the meeting in September or October.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th September in the Village Hall at 8pm.

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

Anthony Martin, Clerk 6/8/2022

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