

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mrs J. Giles-Bullock

There were seven members of the public in attendance.

There was a minute's silence in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II

The Chairman read out the proclamation of the accession of King Charles III.

The proclamation was signed by the clerk and ordered to be affixed to the parish notice board.

[2022/09/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 12th July 2022 which had been circulated were approved.

[2] Public Question Time:

A) A petition was submitted saying that the village green should be maintained as before for the use of residents.

B) A question was asked about the responsibility for maintaining the new trees.

C) A question was asked about the rerouting of the school bus.

D) A question was raised about the speed limit. This is 60 mph except where the street lights are where it is reduced to 30 mph.

[3] Public Conveniences: No current progress. Invoice to be queried.

[4] Village Green: It was now proposed to hand the cutting back to M.D.D.C. They would keep the green tidy as before. The existing contractor would mow the green again before the end of the year.

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New tree guards will be installed. The trees appeared to have gone into early hibernation. A new sign will be installed in the spring of 2023 once the trees have revived.

[5] Financial report:

Current Account Balance as at 1/7/2022£16,574.13

INCOME:

None

EXPENDITURE:

400 P. Rogers [Hog Roast] £322.50

Cheques Issued but not yet cashed

398 A.V. Martin [Clerk's Salary] £500.00

399 A.V. Martin [Jubilee Mugs] £557.28

Current Account Balance as at 1/8/2022£16,251.63

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

Interest: July £0.92, August £1.05

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/9/2022 £11,572.05

Requests for Payment:

M.D.D.C. Public Conveniences 2022/2023 £830.00

Down St Mary Village Hall [Rent]£90.00

These payments were approved.

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6) Planning: A question was raised about the timing of planning application reviews. Mr Heal said that too many applications were being called in at the last moment. A parish council could ask for an extension if they did not have a meeting in time. The Planning Officer would come out if the Parish Council needed him.

A) Erection of 5 dwellings following demolition of existing buildings: Land and Buildings at NGR 274555 105562 Bradfield Morchard Road [Ref. No: 22/01110/FULL] The Council felt that it was good to see eco-planning. They were worried about this leading to more building along the A377 at Morchard Road. There was a question of access onto the fast main road. It would be better that there was lower-cost housing.

B) Listed Building Consent for the change of use of former detached stable to annex, reconstruction and adaption of existing lincay for agricultural storage and repairs and alterations to farmhouse to include repair/replace windows/doors, repair thatch, leading and damp and erection of replacement sunroom: Bartonbury Down St Mary Crediton Devon EX17 6EB [Ref. No: 22/01071/FULL & Ref. No: 22/01072/LBC] The Council had no comments.

C) Application to the Forestry Commission by Mr Vanstone for a grant to create new woodland on a site formerly part of Wolfin: The Council agreed to support this application.

7) School Buses: Mrs Squires said that a committee would be looking at this. At present the county expenditure on school transport was too high. It was pointed out that the children were having to cross the busy A377. It was a known accident spot. The timing on the proposed route for the bus was wrong and the proposal to use a private taxi was unreasonable. The pick-up point at the Dumpling was considered dangerous.

8) Bus Shelter: Mrs Giles-Bullock had arranged for Callum to paint the shelter and to cut the bushes. It was suggested that more planters were needed.

9) Other Items: Proposal to donate £100 to a charity in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. Remaining Jubilee mugs to be sold.

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10) **Public Comments:** The bus shelter was still being used for primary school children's buses and regular service buses.

Renewed calls for a pedestrian crossing and increased area of speed limit at Morchard Road.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th October in the Village Hall at 8pm.

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

Anthony Martin, Clerk

4/10/2022

Signed Date