

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mr J. Tucker, Mrs M. Squires

There was one member of the public in attendance.

[2022/10/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13th September 2022 which had been circulated were approved.

[2] Public Question Time:

Mr Mugleston of Marydowne House explained his application for dealing with the trees and hedges in his garden. [Notification of Intention to remove 1 Ash tree, group 6 Ash stems and Leylandii hedge, remove lower 3 limbs and reduce upper limbs by 3m of 1 Oak tree and remove lower 2 limbs of 1 Oak within the Conservation Area.]

[3] Public Conveniences: Mr Sellar reported that he seemed to be the only person interested in taking over the lease. However, with rising costs, it seemed the wrong time to start the venture. A similar model in Crediton had recently failed. Discussion was needed with the finance officer about the invoice.

[4] Village Green: The grass had been cut. There had been a problem with a defecating dog and an owner who refused to pick up after it. More signs about dog fouling were needed. There had been some trouble with anti-social behaviour from one resident. A questionnaire would be sent out for suggestions to improve the village green and setting aside areas for meadows. It was suggested that the PCC should be contacted about the possibility of wild flowers and seating in the Church Field. Mr Sellar had arranged for 500 new daffodil bulbs which he would plant on the Green. He also produced a proposal for wild flower options which could be put to the village. He had already planted some seeds in front of his house. If MDDC were to take over the cutting of the grass, the precept would have to be raised. Quotes were needed. An approach had been made to Mr Leach. Mr Austin was to arrange clearance of the ditch and the removal of some intrusive saplings. It was agreed that the Council would pay for the clearance. The new trees had begun to flourish and bear fruit. The bus shelter is yet to be painted.

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[5] Financial report:

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

INCOME:

H.M.R.C. VAT Refund£690.40

Current Account Balance as at 30/9/2022£16,942.03

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques Issued but not yet cashed

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

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

401 M Leach [Grasscutting] £285.00

402 Village Hall [Rent] £100.00

403 SW Ambulance [Defibrillator] £3,360.00

Estimated balance £12,139.75

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 [Under discussion]

6) Planning:

A] Notification of Intention to remove 1 Ash tree, group 6 Ash stems and Leylandii hedge, remove lower 3 limbs and reduce upper limbs by 3m of 1 Oak tree and remove lower 2 limbs of 1 Oak within the Conservation Area.

Marydowne House EX17 6DU Ref. No:

22/01854/CAT: No objection.

Note: information about dying ash trees should be sent to the relevant owners,

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B] **Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation and erection of a rear extension** Ellicombe House Morchard Road EX17 5LS Ref. No: 22/01822/HOUSE: No objection.

7) **Emergency Planning:** It was agreed that a list should be compiled of people who might have necessary equipment such as chain-saws or diggers. This could be added to the website.

It was necessary to plan for potential flooding at Morchard Road.

A list should also be made of people's needs in an emergency.

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

Future Dates for 2022: Tuesday 13th December

A provisional list of dates for 2023 will be produced.

Anthony Martin, Clerk

25/10/2022

Signed Date