

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mr P. Seller, Mrs J. Giles-Bullock, Mrs M. Squires

[2022/11/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th October 2022 which had been circulated were approved. Mr Heal to be contacted about the dog fouling signs.

[2] **Public Conveniences:** There were no current applicants to take on the lease. MDDC to be contacted to find out their plans for the future.

[3] **Village Green:** Dog fouling remained a problem. Since the reception of the petition, the existing pattern of cutting would be continued. Mr Leach had submitted a quote of £100 per cut. It was noted that some of the diseased ashes in the parish were recovering. The bus shelter was still awaiting painting.

[4] Financial report:

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

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed

398 A.V. Martin [Clerk's Salary]	£500.00
399 A.V. Martin [Jubilee Mugs]	£557.28
401 M Leach [Grasscutting]	£285.00
403 SW Ambulance [Defibrillator]	£3,360.00

Current Account Balance as at 1/11/2022 £12,239.75

Cheque not yet cashed:

402 Village Hall [Rent]	£100.00
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Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/9/2022 £11,572.05

Signed Date

Interest: September: £2.09

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/10/2022 £11,574.14

Requests for Payment:

M. Leach [Grasscutting] £285.00

This payment was agreed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for internet banking on a motion proposed by Mr Austin and seconded by Mrs Rogers.

[5] **Parish Precept:** The Parish Council had managed to keep the amount of the precept stable for six successive years. There was now a need to adjust for the current economic situation. It was agreed to increase the precept by £800 for 2023/4 on a motion proposed by Mr Clark and seconded by Mr Austin. This will be a 21% rise but on average 3.5% per year.

6) Planning:

A] **Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation and erection of a rear extension** Ellicombe House Morchard Road EX17 5LS Ref. No: 22/01822/HOUSE . There was concern about quad bikes but this was on a private road.

B] **Reserved Matters for the erection of four dwellings with associated garaging and parking following demolition of existing buildings following outline approval 19/01461/OUT** Land and Buildings at NGR 274927 105148 Morchard Road Ref. No: 22/01490/ARM There needed to be clarification about the rights of way in this area. The footpaths need to be fully accessible before planning is finalised.

C] **Erection of 4 dwellings following demolition of existing buildings (amended from 5 to 4 dwellings 25.10.22)** Land and Buildings at NGR 274555 105562 Bradfield Morchard Road Devon Ref. No: 22/01110/FULL There were no objections.

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

Dates for 2023:

Tuesday 10th January, Tuesday 14th February, Tuesday 14th March, Tuesday 11th April, Tuesday 9th May, Tuesday 11th July, Tuesday 12th September, Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 14th November, Tuesday 12th December

Signed Date

Anthony Martin, Clerk 21/11/2022

Signed Date