

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mrs J. Giles-Bullock

[2023/3/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th February which had been circulated were approved.

[2] **Matters Arising: Bow Cycle Track;** Mr Seller suggested that if our council was not in a position to bid for Section 106 money then rather than have the money go to waste, the council should support this proposal.

Agreed action: Mr Heal to be contacted and website to be checked.

[3] **Public Conveniences:** Agreed action: Clerk to contact MDDC to find out what their plans were.

[4] **Village Green etc.:** The Council agreed to confirm to Mr Leach that they were willing for him to cut the grass for the remainder of the year. The other applicant would take over in 2024.

The strip outside the cottages needed to be cut. There was an overgrown bush which needed to be cut back. The owner had been informed. There was a public safety issue since the fire hydrant was no longer visible.

The fruit trees needed to have the wire cut back to allow branches to spread. The stakes would need to be kept until the trees were more established.

The car park needed an improved layer of gravel. The painting of the bus shelter had still not been done by the contractor. A new electrical cable was due to be installed nearby.

[5] **Financial report:**

Current Account Balance as at 1/2/2023£11,614.75

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed

Signed Date

406 Information Commissioner £40.00

Current Account Balance as at 1/3/2023£11,574.75

Cheque not yet cashed

407 Down St Mary Village Hall £135.00

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/2/2023 £11,600.32

Interest: February£8.01

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/3/2023£11,608.33

[6] **Planning:** Erection of agricultural building (1794 sq. m) to house milking parlour on site of existing silage clamp. Land and Buildings at NGR 274379 101477 (Appledore Farm) Bow Grid Ref: 274411 / 101523 Parish: Clannaborough 13. The only concern the council had was that the public footpath remained clear.

7) **Coronation Events:** It was planned to have a party on 6th May and a barbecue on 8th May. The Churchwarden had agreed for the church field to be used provided certain conditions were met. A working party would be needed to erect the marquee. Toilets would be needed. Barbecue to be named as a Parish Community Celebration

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th April

Dates for 2023:

Tuesday 9th May, Tuesday 11th July, Tuesday 12th September, Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 14th November, Tuesday 12th December

Anthony Martin, Clerk 17/3/2023

Signed Date