

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 in the Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr F. Letch

Apologies: Mr R. Hodgson and Mr S. Penny

[2023/6/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th May which had been circulated were approved.

[2] Mrs. Letch explained that Section 106 money was not for repairs but for new building. She also said that she spoke Ukranian which could be of use to Ukranian refugees.

[3] **Public Conveniences.** MDDC would be issuing a new invoice. Action: Clerk to check invoices so far received.

[4] **Village Green etc :** A dog-bin is to be installed. Mr Seller is to provide a map showing the location requested. He suggested that the residents of the three houses opposite should be consulted on the location which is on the right end of the bus shelter car park.

Ms Rogers said that in future, the grass should not be mowed in May or June. The grass should be cleared in time for the fete in July. Mr Seller said that there should be a specification in the contract and that the contract should be checked by a solicitor.

The logs in the church field needed to be removed or put in a separate area.

An oak tree had been donated by Lord & Lady Swire. This could be placed at the bottom of the triangle.

Ms Rogers said that the car park beside the bus shelter had dried out. A new surface needed to be installed. Mr Austin said that this needed to be done every few years.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr Barber about painting the bus shelter.

New signs about dog fouling would be installed. Offenders could be reported to the enforcement officer.

Signed Date

[5] Financial report:

Current Account Balance as at 31/3/2023£13,455.00

INCOME: MDDC [Precept less DALC subscription].....£4,445.30

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed :

407 Down St Mary Village Hall £135.00

Current Account Balance as at 28/4/2023£17,765.30

Cheques issued:

408 Community First [Insurance].....£189.95

409 Stapletons [Accountants] £96.00

410 Mike Leach [Grasscutting] £200.00

411 Ms P. Rogers [Rounders] £32.99

412 Ms P Rogers [Scones] £120.65

413 A. J Tucker [Hire of Loos] £252.00

414 Mrs. M. Tucker [Clotted Cream] £102.60

415 A. Martin [Clerk's Salary] £500.00

416 Ms. J. Sey £140.10

417 R. Hodgson £ 96.54

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 6/4/2023£11,618.19

Interest: April£9.07

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 5/5/2023£11,627.26

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT:

A. Martin [Flowers] £40.00

This payment was agreed.

6] Planning: 23/00762/FULL | Erection of a dwelling following demolition of agricultural building, utilising the Class Q fallback position (23/00203/PNCOU) | Agricultural Building at NGR 275558 103116 East of Chaffcombe Coplestone Devon

Signed Date

There were no comments on this application.

7] Correspondence: An online meeting was being held about 20 mph limits. Mr Austin said that there were problems with cars travelling through the village and at Morchard Road. It would be necessary to get further information. There was also a problem about police enforcement. DCC had not accepted many applications for 20 mph zones. There was special training for speed traps.

8] There were problems with the hedges on Union Hill which needed cutting to protect the children who had to walk down to the bus stop. Action: Clerk to write to DCC.

9] Mr Letch said that in other parishes, reports were received in advance from the district and county councillors which could then be discussed at the meetings.

On the subject of planning, he said that it was necessary to make sure that the parish council had enough time to discuss applications. Any comments could be passed to the District Councillor. They are able to ask for an extension for comments. They should also be given any complaints about building without permission.

There are grants of financial help available for parish councils. Some of the schemes expired in February.

For the possible play area – a proper proposal needed to be made. Potential questions needed to be pre-empted.

10] Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th July,

Dates for 2023:

Tuesday 12th September, Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 14th November,
Tuesday 12th December

Anthony Martin, Clerk 6/7/2023

Signed Date