

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Ms P. Rogers, Mr A. Clark, Mr R. Hodgson, Mrs N. Letch and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

Apologies: Mr J. Tucker, Mr M. Austin, Mr P. Seller, Mrs M. Squires

In attendance: Mr F. Letch

[2023/10/1] The **Minutes** of the meetings held on 11th July 2023 and 12th September 2023 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[2] **Public Conveniences.** Mrs Letch had consulted MDDC. The situation was ongoing. This was a public health issue. It was difficult to find someone to clean the conveniences and there were problems of vandalism.

[3] **Village Green etc :** It was agreed that the three replacement trees should be bought. They needed to be planted before winter. It was already too late to plant seeds this year.

A quote had been received for repairing the car park. Mr Tucker was trying to get another two. The waste could be taken to the allotment on Kelland Hill. It was agreed that Mr Tucker should compare and circulate the quotes and then go ahead.

The dog-poo bin had not yet been received.

Quotes for the grasscutting to be sought from Mr. Leach and D & H Garden Services. They will need to be checked for Public Liability Insurance and a Risk Assessment.

The bus shelter was in need of a spruce-up.

It could be possible to start a road warden scheme. There was a possibility of obtaining funding. Insurance and training including cleaning and litter-picking would be arranged.

Mr. Hodgson was to get a quote for installing no parking signs on the green.

Daffodil bulbs to be planted on the green. This could be done by a working party.

[4] Finance:

Current Account Balance as at 27/6/2023.....£16,734.57

INCOME: None

Signed Date

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed :

410 Mike Leach [Grasscutting - April] £200.00
415 A. Martin [Clerk's Salary] £500.00
418 A.Martin [Flowers]£40.00
419 Ms J. Say [Planters]£44.46

Current Account Balance as at 1/9/2023£ 15,950.11

Cheques issued:

420 Mike Leach [Grasscutting- May & June] £200.00
421 M. Leach [Grasscutting July & August]..... £200.00

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/8/2023 £11,662.65

Interest: August£13.88

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 31/8/2023£11,676.53

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT:

MDDC [Election Expenses]£127.35

5] **Planning:** None

6] **Emergency Planning:** A new officer was being appointed. N. Letch to find out further details.

7] **Traffic Speed Monitoring.** Groups can be trained to do the monitoring. Mr Letch said that these groups could be supported from Crediton. It takes three people to do the monitoring. They would need to record the speed, number plate, colour and make of the car and the time. The police can check on the insurance and MOT.

8] Mrs Letch reported on her estates walk with Anthony Keller.

9] Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th November

Further Date for 2023: Tuesday 12th December

Anthony Martin, Clerk 8/11/2023

Signed Date