

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr J. Tucker, Mr A. Clark, Mr R. Hodgson, Mr M. Austin, Mrs N. Letch and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

Apologies: Ms P. Rogers, Mr P. Seller, Mr S. Penny, Mrs M. Squires

In attendance: Mr F. Letch

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

[2] **Public Conveniences.** MDDC were negotiating with a business at present and were unable to reveal details. The bill sent to the parish council had been put on hold.

[3] **Village Green etc:** The three replacement trees had been bought. They needed to be planted before winter. The daffodil bulbs also needed to be planted. It was proposed that they should be planted on 26th November. A notice could be put on the notice board asking for volunteers.

A quote had been received for installing the dog-poo bin. The council were not prepared to meet the cost. Clerk to contact Mr. Penny.

[4] **Finance:**

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

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed :

420 Mike Leach [Grasscutting- May & June] £200.00

421 M. Leach [Grasscutting July & August]..... £200.00

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Current Account Balance as at 1/11/2023.....£15,550.11

Cheques issued:

None

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

Interest: September£13.45

October£14.86

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/11/2023£11,704.84

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT:

MDDC [Election Expenses] £127.35

M.Leach [Grasscutting September & October]£200.00

5] **Planning:** None

6] **Emergency Planning:** N. Letch had attended a presentation about this. Possible to contact Devon Communities Together. Emergencies would include power cuts, pandemics, bad weather, drought, cyber attack, industrial action or transport accidents. It was necessary to know who the emergency contact was for each incident. Lewis Dyson was the new resilience officer.

A group was needed to organise this and establish a point of contact with the Parish Council. There might be a problem recruiting because of public apathy.

A list was needed of people who owned 4x4s who could fetch medicine and food.

7] **Traffic Speed Monitoring.** So far there had been 2 volunteers. Problems in noting number plates were discussed. It might be possible to install rumble strips.

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8] There was a discussion about potholes and why they were repaired so badly. No parking signs were priced at £475.

9] **Internet banking.** This was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It was necessary to agree that all the old signatories were removed and the names of the new signatories were added. This would have to be verified as a true account and signed.

10] Work was still needed to spruce up the bus shelter and repair the village pump.

11] There were hedges at Barnfield Edge that needed to be cut back.

12] Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th December

Further Dates for 2024:

Tuesday 9th January, Tuesday 13th February, Tuesday 12th March, Tuesday 9th April, Tuesday 14th May, Tuesday 9th July, Tuesday 10th September, Tuesday 8th October, Tuesday 12th November, Tuesday 10th December

Anthony Martin, Clerk

6/12/2023

Signed Date