

**DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 in the Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Mrs M. Squires & Mr P. Seller who has decided to resign.

[2024/1/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 which had been circulated were approved and signed. Copy to be sent to NatWest for setting up the internet banking.

[2] **Village Green etc:** There was no new evidence about the person who allowed their dog to foul the green. Mr. Penny to be contacted about the proposed dog-poo bin. Invitation received for the donation of a tree. Suggested the council should ask for a rowan tree.

Application had been received for a new water main to connect to Longmeadow Barn. The council wanted to see a map of the proposed route and an explanation why this main was needed. Usually this would be an issue for South West Water.

[3] **Public Conveniences:** Clerk to contact Mr Penny for further information. Someone from MDDC to be invited to a future meeting. Business Rates could be affected by the fact that two-thirds of the convenience was shut.

**[4] Finance:**

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

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed :

424 A.J.Tucker [Trees and Bulbs] ..... £187.15

Current Account Balance as at 29/12/2023 ..... £15,362.96

Cheques issued:

422 M.Leach [Grasscutting September & October] .....£200.00

423 MDDC [Election Expenses] ..... £127.35

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

Signed ..... Date .....

Interest: November .....£13.95

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/12/2023 ..... £11,718.79

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT:

DALC Subscription .....£129.01

Information Commissioner ..... £40.00

The Budget for 2024/5 was approved. Recommended that the McAfee subscription be suspended. More money to be transferred to Reserve Account.

It was resolved to keep the same precept as in the previous year and to review it next year.

Proposed that the “20 is plenty” signs which have faded be replaced. “No Parking” sign also needed.

5] **Roads:** There were still problems with potholes. Yeo Road needed repair. Union Hill would need gritting if schoolchildren were supposed to use it in icy weather. Speed monitoring could be a job for a teenage volunteer.

6] **Repairs needed:** Bus Shelter to be repainted. Repairs needed to notice board and the village pump.

7] Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th February

Future Meetings: 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

7/2/2024

Signed ..... Date .....