

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 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]

[2024/2/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th January 2024 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[2] **Public Conveniences:** Clerk deputed to write to the Finance Officer at MDDC to find out what was happening.

[3] **Village Green etc:** There were donated trees to be planted and a location needed to be decided.

Mr Pluck had sent a map of his proposed new water main explaining why he needs a new water meter. The Council were happy as long as this was authorised by South West Water and that everything was put back as it was. Drains could be a question for DCC Highways. Permission might be needed from the appropriate authorities.

It was necessary to get a notice for no parking on the Green. Church was to be asked if they could put out a notice when a large turnout was expected. Suggestions were made about putting up posts, a granite kerb or some large stones.

Other suggestions were made of installing recycled benches or creating a stone circle to act as a picnic area.

The Council were still waiting for a new surface at the bus shelter. More quotes were needed. The possibility of installing tarmac was considered.

[4] **Correspondence:** Council agreed to accept the offer of a free portrait of the King.

[5] **Finance:**

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

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE:

Cheques cashed :

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

423 MDDC [Election Expenses] £127.35

Current Account Balance as at 1/2/2024£15,035.61

Signed Date

Cheques issued: None

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

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

Village Hall [Rent]..... £135.00

Internet Banking: Mr Tucker had been asked to provide a specimen signature.

6] **Repairs needed:** Signposts were in need of repair.

7] Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th March

Future Meetings: Tuesday 9th April, Tuesday 14th May, Tuesday 9th July, Tuesday 10th September, Tuesday 8th October, Tuesday 12th November, Tuesday 10th December

Anthony Martin, Clerk

5/3/2024

Signed Date