

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies were received from Mrs. N. Letch

[2024/3/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13th February 2024 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[2] **Matters Arising.** Letter to Mr. Pluck had been prepared. It was possible that the application would be resubmitted.

[3] **Public Conveniences:** Awaiting a response from MDDC. There were rumours of a proposed planning application. Mr White agreed to investigate the situation. Other toilets had been sold with the proviso that a disabled/unisex toilet remained.

[4] **Village Green etc:** Large amounts of the Green had been lost over the years. Some of the daffodils had been damaged by cars. A no parking notice was required. It was suggested that stones were needed to provide a curb for the edges of the Green. There were already small stones along the top area.

Proposed action: Contact a representative of the Highways Department about any proposals. A map of the proposals should be placed on the notice board with a request for comments. It was important to preserve the look of the Green. It might be difficult to obtain general agreement. Plan to be finalised at the next meeting.

The Council were still waiting for a new surface at the bus shelter. More quotes were needed. The possibility of installing tarmac was considered. The Bus Shelter itself had blown plaster on both the inside and the outside and needed a proper repair. There was a leak on the roof where a ridge tile had become misplaced. The front and sides just needed repainting.

[5] **Roads:** The A377 was being repaired at Copplestone. The condition of Barn Hill was very bad. Work needed doing on the ditches and drains. There was a lot of runoff from the fields.

Signed

Date

[6] 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

Cheques issued:

425 Information Commissioner £40.00

426 Village Hall [Rent]..... £135.00

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

Interest: December£13.50

January£15.38

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/2/2024£11,747.67

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT: None

Internet Banking: Mr Tucker had been unable as yet to provide a specimen signature.

7] Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th April

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

Anthony Martin, Clerk

1/4/2024

Signed

Date