

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J. Tucker, Mrs J. Giles-Bullock, Mr M. Austin, Mr A. Clark, Mr D. Cooper, Mr J. Daw, Mrs M. Squires and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

Apologies: Mr D. Skelton

[22] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th June 2016 which had been circulated electronically were agreed by all present & signed by the Chairman. The meeting scheduled for 13th September had been cancelled.

Matters Arising

[23] Village Green. Mr Leach had continued to cut the grass. The Council were pleased with the work. One oak needed to be pruned back. The five young oaks needed to be reduced to three by next spring. A sign had been erected to guide contractors to the Old Mill but it needed to be moved further back. Leylandii hedge needed to be cut back. Letter to be sent to owner.

[24] Morchard Road Grass. The grass on the Triangle and the Picnic Area had been cut by Devon County Council.

[25] Highways. There were still potholes at the Junction of Barn Hill with the A377.

[26] Village Hall. Next event would be at Hallowe'en.

FINANCE

[27] FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Account balance_as at 29/4/2016.....£2,759.05

INCOME

Mid-Devon [Precept less payment to DALC].....£1,837.36

HMRC [Refund of VAT].....£396.98

Total £2234.34

EXPENDITURE

320 A. Giles.....£50

321 K. Skowronski.....£85

322 Community First.....£196.75

323 M. Leach£170

TOTAL £501.75

Balance as at 1/9/2016.....£4,491.64

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/9/2016.....£6,520.63 [Interest:
June £0.27, July £0.26, August £0.29]

[28] Requests for Payment:

M. Leach [Grasscutting] £170 + £170 = £340
South & West Internal Audit £50

These payment were agreed by all present on a motion proposed by Mr Tucker & seconded by Mrs J Giles-Bullock

[29] The External Auditor was checking the accounts. The Council need to clarify that the money paid to Miss Giles in 2015 was in fact a donation to the Farming Community Network on their 20th Anniversary and the Devon YFC building fund where the charity will be based.

[30] Possibility of grant towards cost of the toilets to be investigated. Charge for use of toilets suggested.

[31] New accountant to be sought.

Correspondence.

[32] Street Cleaning Survey. Completed by Mr Clark

[33] Lightsource. Needed to get an update on progress.

[34] Telephone boxes. Future closure of boxes at Down and Morchard Road proposed by BT. Possibility of purchasing a red box for parish council use to be investigated.

[35] Refuse collection facilities in new properties. No comments.

Planning

[36] Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse under Class Q. Land and Buildings at NGR 276109 103625 (Adj. to Eppfield House) Copplestone Devon. No objection.

Any Other Business

[37] Fly Tipping. 8 bags household waste dumped at Nymphayes. Similar problems with garden waste.

[38] Farming Community Network. Mrs J Jones was congratulated on her recent completion of a half-marathon raising money for The Farming Community Network & Cancer Research. Donations are encouraged.

[39] Complaints about a camper van parked at Morchard Road.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th November at 8:00 pm.