

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mr J. Tucker

[75] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th December 2015 which had been circulated electronically were agreed by all present & signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

[76] Village Green: There was a problem with dog fouling. The drainage near Town Court may need to be diverted under the Green.

[77] Possible Fun Day: Dates of events at Copplestone School to be checked to avoid a clash. Suggested that it could be held at Morchard Road.

[78] Super-fast Broadband. Improved broadband should be available from 20th January. Thanks were expressed to Mr Cooper for his work as Village Champion.

[79] **FINANCE**

FINANCIAL REPORT 12/1/2016

Current Account balance as at 1/12/2015 £3946.49

Cheques not yet cashed

315 Mid Devon....Grass Cutting.....£770.04
316 Information Commissioner... License for 2016.....£35
317 Donation to Copplestone School via Mr Austin.....£8
Total £813.04

Expected Balance.....£3133.45

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 6/11/2015.....£6,517.88
Interest...November.....£0.28
Interest...December.....£0.28
Balance as at 7/1/2016.....£6518.44

[80] Budget for 2016/7 Preliminary Figures

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income	2014/5	2015/6	2016/7
Precept & Grant	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Expenditure			
Insurance	£232.86	£187.81	£250.00
Lights for Hall	£1,035.37		

Paint	£105.79		
Parish Website	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Work on bus shelter	£130.00	£150.00	
Grass Cutting	£747.72	£770.04	£800.00
Hire of Hall	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Election Expenses		£127.35	
PAYE		£18.20	
Public Conv'ces		£830.00	£830.00
Car Park			£300.00
DALC Membership	£80.12	£81.06	£85.00
Data Prot. Lic.	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00
Clerk's Salary	£538.12	£550.00	£600.00
PAYE Admin.	£60.00	£45.00	£60.00
Auditor's Fee	£78.00	£35.00	£35.00
Grant Thornton	£120.00		
Donation PCC	£50.00		
Donation A. Giles	£50.00	£200.00	
Don. Tiv'ton Trans	£200.00		
Don. Copp'ne Sch		£8.00	
TOTAL	£3,662.98	£3,237.46	£3,195.00

It was unanimously agreed to increase the precept to £3000 for the next year, the first increase for two years. This increase was needed to cover the new expenses on the conveniences and car park. Agreed that DALC subscription be deducted by MDDC.

[81] Awaiting estimates for new accountant.

Correspondence

[82] Grass Cutting Consultation. The Parish Council was unable to take on any further commitments. They felt that Devon C.C. was responsible for providing the safety measures for the parish. There were already problems of visibility. Devon C.C. would be considered liable in the case of an accident. It was felt they were reneging on their responsibilities.

Planning

[83] Conversion of former winery to two dwellings, erection of garage/car port after demolition of existing car port, enclose existing plant room and demolition of existing storage building. The Old Mill Ref. No: 15/01968/FULL

Listed Building Consent for the conversion of former winery to two dwellings, erection of garage/car port after demolition of existing car port, enclose existing plant room and demolition of existing storage building. The Old Mill Ref. No: 15/01969/LBC

The Council still felt that that road could not take a lot of traffic. There was a weak bridge and a risk of flooding.

Any other business

[84] Highways. Barn Hill Road had the surface breaking up near the flooded ditch. Surface also bad near Thorne Farm. Lorries had encroached on the Green. Ditches needed to be clean and drains unblocked. Potholes could be reported online.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 8:00 pm.

Future Dates for 2016

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 12th April

Tuesday 10th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 13th September

Tuesday 11th October

Tuesday 8th November

Tuesday 13th December