

## **DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Mr D. Cooper, Mr J. Daw & Mrs M. Squires

[55] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 which had been circulated electronically were agreed by all present & signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters Arising**

[56] Village Green: Leaves were being deposited on the Green from 2 Beech Drive. There was still dog fouling on the Village Green. It was noted that Parish Councils have the right to fine offenders.

[57] Village Hall: Still awaiting painting

[58] Bus Shelter: The surrounding area still needed tidying. Problems with clover.

[59] Parish Website. Mr Cooper reported that he was expecting to see there had been 15,000 visitors since going live, in the next couple of weeks. The Crediton Courier are using some of the newsletters in their weekly edition.

[60] Broadband. Most of the parish is connected to the Copplestone Cabinet 3, which is located on the A377 across the road from the Devonshire Dumpling. The Copplestone exchange is live, but the parish are still waiting for our cabinet to be switched on before parishioners can place an order with an ISP. Mr Cooper will chase OpenReach and Connect Devon and Somerset and give an update. There were concerns about the state of the BT phone lines.

[61] Morchard Road Car Park: Suggestion made that some way of charging for the use of the car park be considered. Revenue was needed to support the cost of the car park.

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#### **FINANCE**

##### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Current Account balance as at 1/10/2015 £4388.04

##### **INCOME**

None

##### **EXPENDITURE [Cheques Cashed]**

313: Village Hall [Grant from MDDC].....£321

314: A.Martin [Clerk's Wages [Apr-Jun]].....£120.55

Current Account balance as at 30/10/2015 £3946.49

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Business Reserve Account as at 7/8/2015.....	£6,517.07
Interest [Aug].....	£0.25
Interest [Sep].....	£0.29
Balance as at 7/10/2015.....	£6,517.61

**Any Other Business**

[63] A question was raised as to whether the new vehicular access to the Barn Shelley cottage had been included in the original plans.

[64] Query raised over the terms of the music license for Waterbridge Golf Club

[65] There was a blocked ditch near Barn Shelley. Possibly a pipe was broken.

[66] Complaints of blocked drains on the road to Bow.

[67] Problems with mud near Higher Living.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00 pm.