

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 in the Village Hall

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

[85] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13th January 2015 which had been circulated electronically were agreed by all present & signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

[86] Village Hall. A.G.M. had been held & it was hoped that relationships with the rest of the parish would be improved. Mr Austin proposed for the Parish Council to fund the outside painting of the Village Hall. This proposal was rejected.

[87] Village Green was very wet at the moment. It had suffered from an escaped herd of bullocks. There was also a problem with parked cars limiting access to car and lorries. Suggested taking a strip off the green or installing an area of mesh. Also complaints about a pothole and a Helmores' sign being placed on public land.

[88] Car Parking. There were still problems and an accident had nearly occurred. Suggested further conversation with Mr Barber.

[89] Website had received 1000 hits in the last month. Needed more input from the village.

[90] Bus Service. The possible ending of the No 5 evening service was discussed. The Council agreed that would be a problem for local residents.

FINANCE

[91]

FINANCIAL REPORT 10/02/2015

Current Account balance as at 1/11/2014 £9796.06

INCOME

None

EXPENDITURE

297: Adendy Ltd [Fee for processing wages].....	£30
299: MDDC [Grass Cutting].....	£747.72
300: Rent of Village Hall.....	£100

Current Account balance as at 30/1/2015 £8918.34

Business Reserve Account as at 7/1/2015 £ 1,515.55

Cheques not yet cashed:

298: Clerk's Salary [Apr – Sept].....	£285
301: Information Commissioner [Annual Fee].....	£35

The estimate for grass cutting by MDDC was accepted.

Correspondence

[92] Letter received from Mrs Jan Phillips resigning as litter warden for Barn Hill on moving from the village.

[93] Mid-Devon Local Plan received. No effect on Down St. Mary.

Planning

[94] Change of use for the siting of 3 static holiday caravans; Waterbridge Golf Course, Down St Mary Ref. No: 15/00005/FULL

The Council opposed the application because of worries about the sewage and the cesspool as well as the danger of increased development. There should be restrictions of use.

[95] Erection of replacement conservatory; Mardale, Copplestone Ref. No: 15/00026/FULL

No objections

[96] Proposed solar farm at Sharland Farm. Noted. Awaiting further information.

Any Other Business

[97] There were concerns about the roll-out of improved broadband.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th March at 8:00 pm.