

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2014 in the Parish Church

Present: Mrs J. Giles-Bullock [Acting Chair], Mr M. Austin, Mr A. Clark, Mr D. Skelton, Mr D. Cooper, Mr J. Daw & Mr A. Martin [Clerk], Mr A Busby [MDDC] and 15 members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs M. Squires, Mr J. Tucker,

[98] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th January 2014 which had been circulated electronically were agreed by all present & signed by the Chairman.

[99] Public Questions:- Several members of the public spoke on the subject of the proposed car park. Some felt that more residents at the consultation meeting were in favour of the Union Hill siting than the Barn Hill site and were unhappy that the council had reached a different decision. It was stated that there was a public sewer under Barn Hill. Some were concerned that the cost could spiral. There was a suggestion that the cost should be passed on to the users of the car park. Some felt that the cost should not fall upon those who had parking of their own and would not use the car park. Some felt that there was no advantage to the residents of Morchard Road. There was also the question of whether the residents of Sturt Cottages would be prepared to use parking spaces in Barn Hill. It was suggested that the council organized a feasibility study and that the public would be able to comment at every stage. The council agreed that there would need to be at least one more public meeting. At present the Chairman was investigating the details of the proposed sites with the owner and the local utilities.

Matters Arising

[100] Public Conveniences. Mr Busby explained that financial support from MDDC might be reduced from 2015/6. Suggestions already made included coin-operated locks or reducing the size to one unisex loo. It might be necessary to increase the precept. He would be reporting back to MDDC.

[101] Village Green. The Green was still being cut into by lorries.

[102] Village Hall. Work on the refurbishment was continuing.

[103] Parish Website. The website was now being used more often.

FINANCE

[104]

Current Account balance as at 7/11/2013 £4,190.42

Current Account balance as at 7/1/2014 £11,173.42

Total withdrawn.....£17

Total paid in.....£7,000 [Lightsource]

Cheques cashed:

278 Women's Institute.....£17.00

Cheques not yet cashed:

277 Village Hall.....	£100.00
280 A.V. Martin Clerk's Salary [Apr-Sept].....	£285.00
281 Adendy Ltd [Accountant].....	£15.00
282 Unite Carers {Donation}.....	£10.00
283 Information Commissioner.....	£35.00
284 MDDC {Grass Cutting}.....	£967.10

Total £1412.10

Current Account less uncashed cheques.....£9761.32

Business Reserve Account as at 7/1/2014 £ 1,514.79
[Interest £0.19]

Planning

[105] 13/00746 Erection of a 500 kw wind turbine, Langland, Morchard Bishop. This application has now gone to the Secretary of State on appeal.

Any Other Business

[106] Report of Potholes in Yeo Road. The drains were also blocked and eroding the tarmac at the farm entrance. Other potholes were reported on the A377 at Waterbridge.

[107] Bus Shelter. Would need to be considered for repair later in the year.

[108] Golf Club sign at Waterbridge was now out of date & needed replacing.

[109] Further request for hard standing on the triangle by the Devonshire Dumpling where children were running across the A377 to catch the bus.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 8:00 pm.