

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mr J. Tucker, Mr D. Cooper, Mr J. Daw

[2018/3/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13th February 2018 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[2] Mr. Clark declared an interest in item 11 [Railway Timetable]

[3] Highways. The roads were still in a bad state but this was common across the county. The situation had not been helped by the abolition of the parish lengthsman and the reduced cleaning of the drains. Devon County were putting money aside to help with these problems. Yeo Road would be closed for work on the water main later in the month.

There was still no progress with the safety report on children crossing the A377. There were still problems with vehicles speeding through Morchard Road. A flashing sign was suggested.

[4] Village Hall. The Skittles Evening had been postponed because of the snow. All the tickets had been sold. Plans had been made for the Summer Fayre and an antiques evening in September. The Clerk reported that the new notice board was on order.

[5] Village Green. Tractors had been driven across the green while the road was closed for water main repair. This had caused deep ruts which will have to be filled in and reseeded. Suggested Mr Leach be approached. There is no excuse for driving across the green.

[6] Defibrillators. Mr Cooper had completed an application to the National Lottery.

[7] Parish Website and Broadband. No problems at present.

[8] Bus Shelter & Public Conveniences. Glass in Bus Shelter still needed to be replaced. Another pane had since been broken. Andrew Busby to be contacted. Noted that the conveniences and car park seemed to be well used.

[9] **FINANCIAL REPORT 13/3/2018**

Current Account Balance as at 1/2/2018 £ 3,017.49

INCOME:

None

EXPENDITURE

Cheque Cashed: 336: M. Leach £170

Balance as at 1/3/2018£2,847.49

Signed Date

Cheques not yet cashed:

337: M. Leach£170

338: A. Martin [Purchase of Notice Board]£229.20

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/2/2018 £11,523.00

[Interest: February £0.44

Balance as at 7/3/2018£ 11,523.44

Requests for payment:

Rent for Village Hall £90.00

Clerk's Salary 2017-18 £500

These payments were agreed on a motion proposed by Mr Austin & seconded by Mr Skelton and agreed by all present. [Mr Clark declared an interest as chairman of the Village Hall Committee]

[10] Planning: None

[11] Correspondence: Barnstaple Timetable Consultation from GWR

The revised timetable was better than expected but it was necessary that both the 6:30 and 7:30 from Barnstaple should stop at Morchard Road. This was needed by both workers and students. Some customers walk to the station and it was too dangerous to walk along the A377 to Copplestone. An official letter to be sent to the GWR.

[12] Fly-tipping: 8 or 10 tyres and toxic waste containers had been dumped in Yeo Road.

[13] Snow: It was noted that it was safer to drive on roads that had not been cleaned. Will Jones does his best as voluntary snow warden but his first duty is to his animals in snowy weather.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 8:00 pm

Dates for future meetings in 2018:

Tuesday 8th May, Tuesday 10th July, Tuesday 11th September,

Tuesday 9th October, Tuesday 13th November, Tuesday 11th December

Signed Date