

## DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

### **DRAFT MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

#### **Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Mr A. Clark, Mr D. Cooper

[2018/7/1] Mr M. Austin signed his declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman

[2] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[3] Highways. Letter to be sent to Highways asking that the unused and broken bollards and road signs marking the flooded ditch on Barn Hill be removed. Some of the hedges needed cutting, particularly in the visibility splays at Clannaborough Cross, the Bow turn off and on Barn Hill. An elder bush at Jasmine House was overhanging the pavement and blocking the view. There were complaints that the large sign on the A377 was blocking the view from tractors etc.

Steve Tucker from Highways had looked at the speed limits on the A377 and on Union Hill but did not think there was much that could be done without a traffic order. Traffic orders were expensive but it might be possible to do this by combining an application with those from other parishes.

[4] Village Hall. Noted that the clock still needed repair.

[5] Village Green. Further notices about the dog fouling needed to be put up. Accused dog owners could be summoned to appear at Tiverton Council Offices.

[6] Defibrillators. The defibrillators were due to be delivered within the next week. Two quotes had been received from electricians for installing them. It was hoped the defibrillators would be in place by the end of summer. Training day to be arranged.

[7] Bus Shelter & Public Conveniences. Glass in Bus Shelter had now been replaced. MDDC had been thanked for doing this. The proposed new bus shelter was to be discussed with Turner's Tours. A sign for "school children" or "parent and child" was a possibility. The Highways Safety Department recommended that the path be rerouted so that children could cross the road at the right point.

[8] Website and Broadband. No news.

[9] **FINANCIAL REPORT 10/7/2018**

Signed ..... Date .....

Current Account Balance as at 1/5/2018..... £6,963.40

**RECEIPTS:**

Defibrillator Grant: ..... £6,030.00

HMRC Refund ..... £149.77

**PAYMENTS:**

Cheques Cashed:

344: S.W. Ambulances [Defibrillator] ..... £3600.00

345: Stapleton [Accountants] ..... £72.00

346: A Marshall [Auditor] ..... £100.00

Balance as at 29/6/2018 ..... £9,611.17

UNPRESENTED CHEQUE

343: Community First [Insurance].....£211.09

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 29/3/2018 .....£ 11,523.90

Interest for April £0.50

Balance as at 4/5/2018 ..... £11,524.40

**REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT**

Mike Leach [Grass cutting April & May [2]]..... £255.00

This payment was agreed by all present.

[10] Planning: None

[11] The new “Communities Together Fund” which replaces the TAP fund was discussed.

[12] Overflow of sewage from septic tanks behind Sturt Cottages. Letter to be sent to J. Pope of Environmental Health Department at MDCC. Thought probable cause was a blockage in the stream.

[13] Village bus shelter needed redecoration and the vegetation removed. Mr Leach to be asked if he could do this work.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September,

**Dates for future meetings in 2018:**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Signed ..... Date .....