

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr A. Clark, Mr D. Skelton, Mr M. Austin and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

Apologies: Mrs J. Giles-Bullock, Mr J. Tucker, Mr D. Cooper, Mrs M. Squires

In the absence of Mrs Giles-Bullock, Mr Austin took the chair

[69] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th November 2017 which had been circulated electronically were agreed by all present & signed by the Chairman with two amendments. Item 61 – Mr Austin had volunteered to cut the grass where the Christmas Tree would be. Item 68 – It was suggested that all the roads would be better as access only except for Union Hill.

[70] Highways. The Safety Committee was looking at the problems when children had to cross the A377 to board the bus. Waiting to hear their recommendations. Suggested asking one of the safety team to attend a future meeting.

[71] Village Hall. The Race Night had been successful and raised £363. Next event would be Christmas Carols on the Village Green. Events for 2018 were being considered.

[72] Village Green & Bus Shelter. Too late for a further full cut until the spring. The area outside the bus shelter needed to be sprayed.

[73] Defibrillators. Application to be made to the Lottery Fund. List of defibrillators and their suppliers to be made so that a decision could be made on the most appropriate one.

[74] Parish Website and Broadband. Website needed a gallery of photographs. Broadband had been irregular recently.

[75] **FINANCIAL REPORT 12/12/2017**

Current Account Balance as at 1/9/2017 £8,156.58

INCOME: None

EXPENDITURE

Cheques Cashed:

333 M. Leach [Grass cutting] £170.00

Balance as at 1/11/2017..... £7,986.58

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/11/2017£6,521.89

Signed:

Date: 9/1/2018

[Interest: November £0.23]

Balance as at 7/12/17 £6,522.12

Requests for payment:

Information Commissioner: £35

Mike Leach [Grass cutting]: £170

[76] A new accountant was still needed. Other councils to be consulted.

[77] Draft budget for 2018-19 presented:

DALC Membership	£90.00
Insurance	£225.00
Grass Cutting [Leach]	£510.00
Internal Audit	£50.00
Information Commissioner	£35.00
Clerk's Salary	£500.00
HMRC [PAYE]	£15.00
Rent of Village	
Hall	£90.00
MDDC [Public Conveniences]	£830.00
MDDC [Car Park]	£250.00
Defibrillators	£800.00
Accountant	£100.00
TOTAL	£3,495.00
Precept	£3,750.00
Possible purchase of notice board	

[78] Letter received from Council for the Protection of Rural England suggesting the Council should join.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8:00 pm

Dates for meetings in 2018:

Tuesday 13th February, Tuesday 13th March, Tuesday 10th April, Tuesday 8th May

Signed:

Date: 9/1/2018

Tuesday 12th June, Tuesday 11th September, Tuesday 9th October, Tuesday 13th November

Tuesday 11th December

Signed:

Date: 9/1/2018