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item 3.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BORDENGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Clayhanger WI Hall 18th September, 2018

ATTENDEES Cllrs: J Gabb, S Mundy, D Southward, M Williams, R Maltby, T Bainbridge, H Bainbridge(chair)
Clerk Hazel Ridd

Absent District Cllr C. Collis (family bereavement) and D Cllr R Radford, and Cllr. C Hill

1. Apologies received from Cllr. C York (holiday), and Cllr A Brown (work)
2. No declarations of interest.
3. Minutes of last meeting –minutes taken as read – everyone in favour that they are signed as true record by Chair H Bainbridge.
4. Progress Report – 1) Chimney Down car park. R Maltby discussions in progress regarding blocking off one of the entrances, with subsoil, which is available locally. Surplus stone is available to block off the middle gap. New management has been approached re acquiring big stones from Westleigh to define the car parking area. Possibly erecting a post and wire fence to mark the farm entrance at the top end. 2) Definitive Map Review – Huntsham has sent a report on the muddy and rutted conditions of parts of the footpaths 3) Borden Gate Flood – the farmer has dug a ditch in the field, and some mud has been removed. The road did not flood during the recent heavy rain. 4) Clayhanger WI Hall – DCC locality budget has promised grants of £750 and £500, and a fire extinguisher has been donated.
5. Planning –1) 18/00943/FULL Beech Ridge Farm. Permission Granted. 2)18/01035/FULL Not completely happy with this application, extra calf rearing, and replacing temporary home.
6. Finance: see separate report -i) Cheques for H Ridd clerk's wages £250, ii) Clayhanger WI Hall £10. iii) £150 each to the 3 Parish Churches for upkeep of churchyards. A new cheque for £50 to be given to Mid Devon Mobility, (TDCTA) as cheque dated 16/1/18 has not been presented, due to delay in name change. - cheques signed at end of meeting.
7. Police report: Cllr S Mundy reported on his findings at the Police meetings. The police force is completely under resourced. Borden Gate deemed to be very safe. 5 officers on shift for the whole of Mid Devon. 3 areas are covered, Threat to the elderly, risk with regard to mental health, and harm to the very young. Small crimes are not their target audience, their advice is "lock it up, mark it, and use good padlocks". Major organised crimes involve drugs, and the M5 allows quick escape from the area. Crime stoppers website. Devon & Cornwall Alert – subscribe to receive text messages. This will be advertised in Parish Magazines. Special Constables work 20-30 hours a week, and don't get paid.
8. District Cllr H Bainbridge reports J27 first hearing separate from the local plan is 20/21st September, and need 60 new houses. Burlescombe are concerned there will be extra quarry lorries. It is the policy to develop the three market towns. The Eastern Urban Extension – other side of A361. It won't be possible to have a beacon on Chimney Down – there is not enough of us to safely do this.
9. Correspondence –1) Microsoft Office to be upgraded automatically to include up to 5 machines at any one time. This was considered to be a risk to Data Protection. 2) Scribe accounts package - Cllr M Williams proposed and Cllr D Southward seconded – to adopt the package, as quoted £129 + £25.80 VAT. This will enable council accounts to be kept more easily, and reporting is prepared in the required formats, by the software. Complete with access to unlimited support. 3) Winter report: Huntsham salt bins full, Cllr J Gabb to check Clayhanger bins, Cllr R Maltby confirms salt stocks are adequate. No one is able to sign up for Snow Warden. Devon Highways self help link <https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/self-help>
10. Clerks report – Clayhanger WI donation mentioned above under progress report
11. Councillors reports – none
12. next meeting to be held Tuesday November 13th Hockworthy VH, and January 15th 2019 Huntsham VH.

Chair Cllr H Bainbridge declared the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Chair:

Signed as true and correct.

13/11/2018