

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Mr W. Jones and Mr L. Denno

Apologies: Mr D. Cooper

[2018/11/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th October 2018 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[2] Snow Warden Scheme. Mr W. Jones was willing to continue as snow warden although he had to prioritise work on his own farm. He was willing to distribute salt to others. The council approved this and an order of another half-ton of salt.

[3] Highways. A new traffic survey was to be taken on the A377 where there a problem of speeding through Morchard Road. Some of the hedges had been trimmed and it was hoped that Network Rail would continue the work. Lorries were still being pushed into the middle of the road. The drains on Barn Hill need to be checked every three months. It was not clear if this was the responsibility of Devon Highways or of the landowner.

[4] New Bus Shelter [Morchard Road]. A grant was obtained from the "Communities Together" Fund. Mr L. Denno showed local designs based on a cruck frame. This would be in timber with a traditional Devon tin roof. Other possibilities were suggested including a polycarbonate roof, a reduced monopitch. It was important to consider the visibility at that location. The design to be reconsidered over the next fortnight.

[5] Village Hall. Christmas Event was scheduled for 15th December. Mr Tucker agreed to sink a pipe into the green for the Christmas tree. The finances were solvent.

[6] Village Green. One of the buses on the green had been removed. The other one does not obstruct the defibrillator.

[7] Defibrillators. The signs were to be installed.

[8] FINANCIAL REPORT 13/11/2018

Current Account Balance as at 1/10/2018 £9,058.60

RECEIPTS: None

PAYMENTS:

Cheques Cashed:

Signed Date

349 MDDC [Public Convenience Contributions]£1660.00
This figure comprises the amounts due for both 2017/18 & 2018/19 [£830 x 2]

350 A.V. Martin [McAfee Renewal of Total Protection]£54.99

Balance as at 1/11/2018 £7,343.61

Cheque awaiting second signature:

351 D. Cooper [Defibrillator Signs]£ 52.20

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/8/2018 £ 11,525.85

Interest for August £0.49, September £0.49, October £1.94

Balance as at 7/11/2018 £ 11,528.72

The Cheque for Mr Cooper was signed.

Request for payment:

Mr M. Leach [Grass Cutting, June, August and October]..... £255.00

[Cutting Hedge at Bus Shelter & Staining Wood].....£ 160.00

Total £415.00

This payment was approved.

It was noted that business rates on toilets were to be dropped.

[9] Planning: Alterations to existing access track

Land at NGR 274560 105652 Track to Bradfield Morchard Road

Ref. No: 18/01674/FULL. No objection.

Notification of intention to fell 1 Yew tree in a Conservation Area

Bushell House The Green Down St Mary

Ref. No: 18/01762/CAT. The Council were opposed to this application. This was a native tree in the conservation area. Whereas the Council had sympathy for the landowner it was felt that other options should be considered.

Notification of intention to reduce the crown of 1 Oak tree (T4) by 4-5m within the Conservation Area

The Old Rectory Down St Mary Crediton Devon EX17 6EA

Ref. No: 18/01816/CAT

Notification of intention to reduce the overhang of 2 Holm Oak trees (T6 & T8) and 1 Oak tree (T7) by up to 2m within the Conservation Area

Signed Date

The Coach House Down St Mary Crediton Devon EX17 6EA
Ref. No: 18/01817/CAT

The Council expressed some concern about these applications two but would not object if the works were necessary.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th December

Provisional Dates for 2019

Tuesday 8th January

Tuesday 12th February

Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday 9th April

Tuesday 14th May

Tuesday 9th July

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 12th November

Tuesday 10th December

Signed Date