

DOWN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Mr J. Tucker, Mrs J. Giles-Bullock, Mr A. Clark, Mr P. Seller, Mrs P. Rogers and Mr A. Martin [Clerk]

Apologies: Mr M. Austin, Mrs M. Squires, Mr J Daw

[2019/9/1] The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th July 2019 which had been circulated were approved and signed.

[2] Matters Arising:

- i. Litter Bin: MDDC to be contacted about progress
- ii. Pollution on Barn Hill: Situation appeared to be better. Ditches needed to be cleared.
- iii. Section 106 money: There was still money available for a suitable project.

[3] Correspondence: A] Climate Change. The Council's response was to promote bus and train services, to encourage reduced use of cars and the buying of local produce.

B] Mid-Devon have launched a consultation on the redistribution of wards. The Council had no comments to record.

[4] Toilet Block. Statement of accounts of yearly expenditure had been received. The yearly estimate of £12,430 seemed to be on the high side and would be an unacceptable burden on the Council.

[5] New Bus Shelter. Estimates for the shelter were received. Mr Austin was deputed to finalise the arrangements.

[6] Highways: Yeo Road to be closed while SW Water installs a new main. The hedges on the A377 needed to be cut again as they were a danger to high vehicles. MDDC have still not cut the grass by the picnic area.

[7] Village Hall. Quiz and curry evening to be held 11th October.

[8] Village Green. Still a major problem with dog mess. Consideration given to installing a low fence to keep out dogs. Other possibilities included new trees or bushes and granite benches. Some of the existing trees needed to be trimmed.

[9] FINANCIAL REPORT 9/9/2019

Current Account Balance as at 1/7/2019 £9,381.73

RECEIPTS:

None

PAYMENTS:

Cheques Cashed:

360 Stapletons [Accountant]	£72
362 M. Leach [Grasscutting]	£170.00
363 MDDC	£830
Balance as at 1/8/2019	£8,309.73

Business Reserve Account Balance as at 7/6/2019 £11,542.12

Interest for June..... £1.77
July£2.09

Balance as at 7/8/2019 £11,545.98

REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

A.V. Martin – McAfee Security Renewal £89.99

This payment was agreed.

Payment also agreed to an outstanding bill from M. Leach.

The Auditor, Alison Marshall has asked for confirmation that the Council would like her to continue for 2019/20. The fee is £100. The Council agreed to this.

[10] Planning: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 08/01282/FULL to allow for the granny annex to be used as holiday accommodation, Wolfen Farm. No objection.

Retention of change of use of agricultural land to a mixed use of agriculture and for the siting of 3 portable buildings, toilet block, car park and access

Land at NGR 275683 104180 (Lindfield Day Opportunities) Morchard Road Devon.

The council objected to this application. The site had an entrance on to a busy bend of the A377 as well as being close to the river and the railway; these being a risk especially for children and those with learning difficulties. The site was visually detrimental. There were reports that there had been problems with previous projects with concern for animal welfare. It would be a bad precedent as the buildings had been erected months before the application for planning permission.

Prior notification for the change of use from premises in Light Industrial Use (Class B1(c)) to a dwelling (Class C3) under Class PA The Store Morchard Road Crediton Devon EX17 5LR. No objection.

Conversion of studio outbuilding to residential annexe . Higher Living Farmhouse

No objection

Notification of intention to fell 1 Cypress tree and reduce 1 Cypress tree by 5m within the Conservation Area

Land and Buildings at NGR 274234 104333 (Town Court House). No objection

[11] There were still concerns about speeding on the A377

[12] Suggested appointing a volunteer road warden now that the lengthsman's visits had been curtailed.

[13] Suggestions that there should be a day set aside for volunteers to clean the road signs.

[14] **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8th October

Future Dates: Tuesday 12th November, Tuesday 10th December

Signed Date