

PARISH COUNCIL OF WEMBWORTHY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday January 15th 2015 7.30m pm at the village hall.

1/ Members present, Chairman Councillor Graham Penter, Councillor Dave Phillips Councillor Tony Tancock, Councillor George Markou and Councillor Lawrence Peters. Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires also present. Apologies from Councillors Mark Towell and John Stammers.

2/ PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions but Mr Sam Moyse and Mr Phil French from DART attended to request support from the parish council see Agenda Item 5/ Defibrillator for the Village.

3/Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as correct apart from an adjustment for planning application PADDONS FARM 14/01657/FULL as the only comment should be that the parish council supported the application.

4/Matters arising from the minutes.

Old Land Rover causing an obstruction and an eyesore in the village.

Last response from Bob King Highways officer on 15/01/2015 was that he would ask the police to contact the owner. It was decided by the PC that it would be left in their hands. Parish Council Website update on progress – this has been moved to the next meeting as neither Councillor Stammers nor Towl were present.

Grass Cutting tender – it was agreed that a joint tender be created for the churchyard, chapel cemetery and village hall grounds to ensure that the cheapest cost option has been explored. The clerk is still to get agreement from the Chapel committee, the village hall have given theirs.

5/ Defibrillator for the village.

Representatives from DART which has the aim of creating a first responder unit in Chulmleigh gave a presentation on its work, which came about after realising that having a defibrillator in Chulmleigh wasn't effective. They aim to set up a First Responder Unit which could be used in conjunction with the Fire service in Chulmleigh to attend emergency situations more quickly. They asked that the TAP fund allowance for Wembworthy be used towards their fund raising and whether the PC would consider a donation.

The council unanimously agreed to the use of the TAP fund monies initially with the consideration of a donation in the future. If the project doesn't go ahead TAP funds to be handed back. A letter of support was also agreed to offer the use of parish facilities such as the village hall for any training requirements.

6/ Setting the precept for 2015/2016 additional factors since last meeting.

Further to the agreement to keep the precept at £3000 (at the last meeting) the clerk asked the council to consider further information from MDDC about the possible future responsibility to maintain the children's play area as some play areas have had their funding withdrawn. It was decided not to take this into consideration for this year's budget. TDCTA (ring & ride service) also requested a donation as they provide a weekly service for the village. It was agreed a donation of £50 would be made but this would also not affect the amount of precept needed for this year.

7/ Review of Polling Places and Polling Stations.

MDDC required it to be minuted that the Polling Station be reviewed. It was agreed by the PC that the village hall provides adequate provision.

8/ Update from Councillors on their specialist areas.

Lawrence Peters - Planning – PADDONS FARM 14/02134/FULL Revised Scheme
The application has changed to a single dwelling rather than 2. The PC has expressed that it would have preferred the 2 dwelling option as it would have benefitted the village having 2 family homes available.

John Stammers – Newsletter – not present.

Tony Tancock – Church liaison –nothing to report

Dave Phillips – Neighbourhood Watch Liaison – Telephone message have been received by the clerk about break ins etc but need to be emails so can be circulated.

Mark Towell – Community events liaison – not present.

George Markou - Village Hall liaison. The Quiz in November raised £208. The costing for the exterior painting was higher than expected so awaiting committee's decision.

9/ Accounts

a/Balance in bank £4006.01 as at 31th December 2014

b/Cheques signed as in Agenda £180 Evergreen Gardening Services for churchyard grass cutting 2 monthly instalment.

10/ AOB for next meeting's Agenda.

Pot holes, drains and road maintenance.

Meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th March 2015