

Bridestowe Parish Council

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Parishioners comments/questions: None.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

METHODIST HALL: Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: (Councillors): C. Mott (Chair); A. Young (Vice-chair); K. Atherley-Hewings; B. Coward; J. Leonard; R. Rattenbury;

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Apologies: B. Thirtle; P. J. Daniels (Clerk).

Declaration of Interests: KA and RR re- memorial seat in village hall.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last PC meeting (13/07/16) were agreed as a true record. Proposed AY. Seconded BC. Unanimous.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Churchyard path/ war memorial and church gates: Dave Trant is to repair all six of the church gates and then sand blast and paint them black. This work is very generously being carried out at no charge.

(b) Dog waste bin: The waste bin is to be installed in Launceston Road where many dog walkers exercise their dogs on the roadside. (Leawood land). The cost of the bin is approximately £100 + VAT (including delivery). The cost of waste collection by WDBC is £1 per week. (£1.15 for dog bins). DCC Highways have consented and Leawood Estate will consider at next trustees meeting. If WDBC are happy with the siting of the bin and it meets with their criteria for waste collection, the bin and pole (on which the bin is to be attached), will be ordered and delivered to Great Close Farm. (Action: Clerk)

(c) Footpath repair: The deep hole on the footpath from Cocksheath to Beara Lane has been repaired.

4. FINANCE:

Accounts for Payment:

(799) T. Moore (Sporting Green lease)	£12.00
(800) Bridestowe Methodist Church (Room Hire) (£12 for NP)	£24.00
(801) M. Ashley (Grass cuts: 6 and 7)	£499.20
(802) Information Commissioner (Registration data protection)	£35.00
(803) M. Ashley (Grass cuts: 8 and 9)	£499.20
(804) Caroline Mott (Footpath grass cutting)	£10.00

It was proposed these accounts be paid. Proposed JL. Seconded RR. Unanimous.

External auditor has confirmed the satisfactory conclusion of audit for 2015/16.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Devon West Country Management: The PC has decided not to pay £100 for the previous 2015 additional verge cutting on the old A30. Furthermore they are not going to accept DWCM's quotation of £100 for 2017. CM to request a quotation from R. Bickle. Proposed JL. Seconded AY. Carried.
- (b) Phil Rattenbury memorial bench: To be situated in village hall grounds and is for use for all residents. PC to contribute £200 towards cost. Village Hall to liaise with clerk. Proposed CM. Seconded AY (Action: KA and Clerk)
- (c) Council for the Protection of Rural England: A forum is to be held by the CPRE at Bridestowe Village Hall on Thursday 22nd September. Three parish councillors are to attend.
- (d) Sourton PC: A copy of a letter to WDBC expressing concern regarding WDBC's intention to transfer its services to a company. It was agreed for Bridestowe PC to express similar concerns to WDBC. (Action: Clerk)
- (e) MABRAKE: This local environmental group is campaigning to reinstate the special landscape protection for "our" area of West Devon, that was lost during the 1990's when the new County Structure Plan was under consideration. The PC to support and wish them well in their endeavours. (Action: Clerk)
- (f) WDBC: Dog fouling information on how to report offenders. AY to put in BaSE.

6. PLANNING:

WDBC: Application for change of use for equestrian purposes on Millaton land, Bridestowe. (2001/16/FUL). BC, CM declared an interest. BT had also previously declared an interest. PC supported.

WDBC: Application for an extension and a refurbishment of Phares Cottage on Way Cross/Crosslanes road (2124/16/HHO). PC supported.

Part 2: Enforcement issues were discussed.

7. GROUND MAINTENANCE:

Martin Ashley has quoted as follows:

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| 1. Cemetery : Prune trees, cut hedges and remove ivy | £150 +VAT |
| 2. Cut lower cemetery field | £50 +VAT |
| 3. Churchyard. Cut hedges and prune and strim. | 3 days @ £250/day +VAT |
| 4. Cut outside of hedge adjacent to river. | 2 days @ £250/day +VAT |
| 5. Clear central island @ Great Close Fm | £300 +VAT |
| 6. Spray gutters etc. | £180 +VAT |

CM explained the PC has a TAP grant of £1600 for ditching and drainage that must be spent soon, or the PC could lose it. This could pay for items 3, 4, 6 etc. (See above). The hedge cutting will help prevent flooding from the river and can therefore be covered by this grant. There are remnants of a previous TAP grant of £600. The PC also has allocated a maintenance budget of £2000. Furthermore there is a healthy bank balance expected to be £5000 at the end of financial year, assuming the maintenance budget all spent. If not the balance will be greater. It was decided to go ahead with all this work, totalling £1930 + VAT. It was also decided to go ahead with an additional 11th grass cut for the village (£208+VAT), that should be as late as possible. Proposed RR. Seconded KA. Unanimous.

8. DELEGATE REPORTS:

- (a) Northern links: No meeting.
- (b) Village Hall Management Committee: Report from KA will be given at next meeting
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan: (Report from RR) Comments are being sought from the draft of the NP. There is a difficulty in finding professional people to put the NP document into a final legal format. Quotations are required prior to funding applications.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Lottery grant: The Housing Needs Survey grant paperwork has been finalised (Needs to be retained for 7 years.
- (b) Broken sapling in Sporting Green: JL and BC to look at alternatives for replacement. (Action: JL & BC)
- (c) Services sign: Request for a brown “Services” sign for village entrance. It was decided that this was too expensive.
- (d) War memorial: KA asked when the tidying up of the war memorial will take place.
- (e) Town Farm estate: There is unsightly debris on one of the driveways. KA to discuss with management committee. (Action: KA)
- (f) Next meeting: Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church.
- (g) Meeting closed: 9.45 pm.