

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council, which took place on Monday 10 October 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT Cllrs England (Chair), Brunt, Finlay, Joy, Lillywhite, Wakely, Messrs A Dance & C Raikes (District Councillors) and Ms Jo Fryer (Planning Agent).

APOLOGIES Cllrs Bishop, Cripps, Mr C Le Hardy (County Councillor).

CASUAL VACANCY

The District Council had confirmed that no requests for election had been received and it is hoped to co-opt a new member at the next meeting to fill the vacancy caused by Bill Holmes' resignation.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Brunt declared an interest, as applicant, in a planning application for the erection of agricultural shed for livestock, machinery, hay and straw at Home Farm. Cllr Wakely did not make a declaration as he had no pecuniary interest in the application.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During August and September, there was one incident of anti-social behaviour, one lost Bank card which was returned to the owner and a house burglar alarm which turned out to be a false alarm. Eleven members attended the last Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jo Fryer spoke about a planning application for the erection of a single storey dwelling on land to the rear of Highfield, Lambrook Road. A query was raised about a previous offer of land for affordable housing and the Planning Agent replied that she understands this is still the applicant's intention.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S AWARD The Parish Councillors were pleased to hear that Mary Clark, the previous Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, is to receive a County Council Chairman's Award for Service to the Community at a presentation on 20 October.

DC REPORT

Crispin Raikes spoke of the loss of employment in Yeovil if GKN Aerospace closes and said the District Council will do all it can to support the families involved.

Adam Dance felt the District Council would make a contribution towards a defibrillator and he gave the Clerk a grant application form.

Adam said that Shane Pledger, Chair of Area North, had resigned from being a District Councillor so there will be a bi-election to fill the vacancy. Crispin Raikes is now Vice Chair of Area North.

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CC REPORT

The County Councillor's report had been circulated.

PLANNING

Cllr Brunt left the room while the Parish Councillors considered a planning application for agricultural shed at Home Farm, Lambrook Road. There were no objections to the application. An application for a replacement front porch at The Old Forge, 1 Pound Cottages, Middle Street was also approved.

Provided the Highway Authority have no concerns about access, the Parish Council did not object to an application to erect a single storey dwelling on land to the rear of Highfield, Lambrook Road.

ACCOUNTS

A cheque for £603.84 was drawn for the District Council Parish Ranger Scheme.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The County Council advised that, due to lack of use, it may be necessary to withdraw the Mobile Library Service at Buttle Close at the end of the year.

HIGHWAYS

The Parish Council is aware of parking problems at pinch points in the village and that the County Council has painted a white line on the wrong side of the road but this will be rectified shortly.

The Clerk will report that the street light outside the Church is not working.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Cripps had taken delivery of a metal pedestrian gate to replace the stile at the top of the hill on the Barrington path.

Cllr Finlay will remove a branch which is overhanging one of the footpaths.

It was noted that the riser has gone on the stile on the Washcross footpath.

ALLOTMENTS

The Councillors wondered if there would be more interest in the Allotments if rotovated and it was suggested that the Parish Ranger is asked to do this.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.