

Payhembury Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7.30pm

(Subject to approval at next meeting)

1. Apologies for absence: PCSO Anning; PC Vickery; Cllr Skinner; Cllr Diviani

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed

3. Devon's Best Kept Village Presentation: Diana Moyle spoke to the meeting about the competition. Organised by CPRE, it aims to showcase the good things taking place in communities throughout the County. The deadline for entries is 28th April 2013. **Action:** Clerk to promote the competition in the Parish Paper, encouraging those keen to come along to the Annual meeting in March.

4. Public Session: Thanks were offered to Cllr Skinner for assisting a resident who had a problem with bin collections over the Christmas period. Thanks were also offered to Cllr Long for staging the Christmas lights in the Cherry tree in the village.

5. Police report: A report had been submitted by PC Vickery in his absence. 2 reported incidents since the last Parish Council meeting. These were a domestic incident of common assault and an assault by a known male offender.

6. County Councillor's report: None submitted

7. District Councillor's report: None submitted

8. Matters arising:

DCC Highways – PPC has submitted a request from DCC Highways for a site visit to discuss drainage issues and possible speed restrictions through Upton.

Telephone Box – the Clerk reported there had been no interest in local schools taking on the box as a practical project. **Action:** Cllr Long agreed to speak to Trevor Drew about taking on the work. Clerk to investigate the cost of electricity to the box and whether planning permission is required to move the box.

Christmas Lights – as above.

Audit Commission – the clerk reported that the invoice was unable to be reduced due to the Parish Council's turnover being greater in the last financial year. However, the Audit Commission had agreed not to charge the additional costs of £30.00. It was confirmed that the invoice for year ending 2014 may not incur a charge if the higher income or expenditure is below £10,000.

Parishes Together – the Chair reported on a recent meeting about how the 4 Tale Vale ward parishes could spend this funding together. It was agreed to give 33% of our budget to Honiton Town Council for their grab box scheme for youth clubs in the area. Ideas on how to spend the remaining 67% included joining with Plymtree on lengthsmen equipment, joining with Broadhembury on re-surfacing Poffitt Lane and an idea to work with other parishes to hire a bus to take elderly people to Sidmouth's Silver Screen Films. **Action:** Clerk to contact Feniton to discuss their plans.

Village Boundary – the meeting looked at altering the village boundary to incorporate the whole of the centre of the village. Based on advice from EDDC, it was agreed to leave the boundary as it stands.

9. Planning: Cllr Fowler outlined a site visit to look at the Higher Tale Farm / Tale House Farm planning application to vary the current live / work ratio. The meeting agreed to approve the application but to express concerns about the lack of privacy for existing buildings.

App number	Property	Details	Decision
12/1697/FUL	Mimosa Cott	Erection of 4 bedroom cottage	Approval + conditions
12/2146/FUL	Apple Tree Fm	Permanent agric workers dwelling	Approval + conditions
12/2543/VAR	Higher Tale Fm	Change to working/living area	Pending consideration
12/2652/VAR	Tale House Fm	Change to work floor space	Pending consideration

10. Finance:

Bank balance as at 30th November was £3,268.84

		Credit	Debit	Balance
	Bal brought fwd			3,378.84
01.11.12	Chq 490 (Skate park donation)		30.00	3,348.84
19.11.12	Chq 471 (Parochial Church Co)		80.00	3,268.84

11. Budget Planning: The meeting discussed the Precept request from EDDC. It was suggested to request an increase to the precept of 10.4% in order to prepare the village for further bad weather, to include grit and sand bags. This increase will also cover the losses incurred by the change in the administration of Council Tax benefits.

12. Sand bags: The Parish Council can obtain unfilled sand bags for the village. Cllr Leach kindly offered to purchase a ton of sand to fill the bags and to store the filled bags. He also offered to store 2 dumpy bags of grit. Volunteers will be required to fill the sand bags in due course. **Action:** Clerk to check with EDDC regarding free grit which has previously been offered.

13. The council discussed a confidential matter. Clerk to action.

14. Parking by Footbridge: A complaint had been received from a Parishioner about the parking of vehicles either side of the foot bridge over the stream, causing problems for pedestrians. Clerk to ask the Village Community Policeman to discuss with vehicle owners when next in the village.

15. Planning applications in Feniton: Feniton's planning applications for large numbers of new houses was discussed and the potential impact of increased traffic through the centre of Payhembury. It was agreed for the clerk to contact Feniton Parish Council to enquire if support is required.

16. Correspondence: Requests had been received for funding assistance from Payhembury Paper and the Tale Valley Trust. It was agreed to give the following donations at the Annual Meeting in March: £250 for the Payhembury Paper; £30.00 to Ottery St Mary Help Scheme; £80.00 to the Parochial Church (Clerk to check the money goes directly towards the upkeep of the building); £30.00 to Citizens Advice Bureau and £30.00 to Tale Valley Trust.

It was agreed to ask Cllr Williams to speak at the Annual Meeting as a representative of the Met Office. Cllr Leach to obtain beer free of charge from Otter Breweries as part of the refreshments for the meeting, thus encouraging a greater attendance.