

Payhembury Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 13th March 2013 at 7.30pm

1. Apologies for absence: PC Vickery; Cllr Skinner; Cllr Scarle

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed

3. Public Session: John Somers updated the meeting that he has been working with DCC to help sort out the drainage and re-surfacing of Poffit Lane. The Parishes Together funding, hopefully matched with DCC money may be enough to carry out the necessary work. He agreed to send a copy of his report to the Parish Councillors. Mr Somers also wanted to highlight the fact that Payhembury Parish has the fewest footpaths of any parish in East Devon, and suggested a working committee review the situation & put pressure on the County footpaths review, which has yet to reach East Devon. Cllr Williams thanked John Somers for his work.

Ray Mugford wanted to bring to the Council's attention to the problem in Lower Cheriton of 2 vehicles being used to collect the recycling, due to a lorry driver being reluctant to negotiate the narrow lanes. Cllr Diviani offered to speak to the portfolio holder in EDDC.

There was a general discussion about the continual flooding problems due to the ditches not being cleared. The drainage at Upton Farm was also highlighted as a problem.

4. Police Report: PCSO Anning reported that there had been 4 Burglary Others in the Parish since the last meeting and a case of criminal damage to a car.

5. County Councillor's Report: Cllr Diviani outlined how the North Devon PCT looks after the East Devon area, allowing appointments to be offered in local hospitals. He encouraged residents to use these appointments wherever possible, otherwise this service may be lost. Cllr Diviani also confirmed that the Parishes Together fund will be made available again next year.

6. District Councillor's Report: none submitted.

7. Matters Arising:

DCC Highways – The potholes, particularly at Glebe were discussed. Cllr Diviani suggested we report every incident, and provide any detail of information about the road in order for it to become a priority. Flooding in Colestocks was also discussed. This had been made slightly more complicated as the flooded properties are in Payhembury parish, but the drains fall into Feniton parish. Cllr Diviani confirmed that a matter of boundaries should not delay this problem. Cllr Fowler agreed to meet with Richard Hosegood, DCC Highways to discuss the various issues in the parish.

Telephone box- the clerk reported there should not be a cost involved in disconnecting the electricity supply, but that planning permission would need to be obtained in order to move the box to the Parish Hall.

Sandbags – sandbag filling has been arranged for Monday 25th March at Slade Barton.

PCC Donation – the clerk read out an e-mail from the PCC confirming that the PC funding would be put towards upkeep of the church.

8. Planning:

App number	Property	Details	Decision
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
13/0056/FUL	Tuck Mill	Conversion of mill as extension to existing dwelling	Pending consideration
12/2581/FUL	Colestocks Farm	Conversion of farm buildings to 6 new dwellings	Pending Consideration
13/0397/FUL	Tarrant's Farm Cottage	2 storey rear & single storey side extension	Pending Consideration

9. Finances: Bank balance as at 28th February 2013

		Credit	Debit	Balance
	Bal brought fwd			3,268.84
15.01.13	Chq 494 (Clerk expenses)		92.49	3,176.35
28.01.13	Chq 493 (N.Power)		39.85	3,136.50
30.01.13	Chq 492 (ALP Grounds)		180.00	2,956.50
12.02.13	Chq 495 (Audit Commission)		144.00	2,812.50

10. Councillor Resignation: The Chair read out a letter from Cllr Long stating he would be resigning from PPC as of 1st April 2013, due to moving out of the village. The Chair thanked Cllr Long for his contribution and wished him luck for his move. Clerk to advertise the Councillor vacancy in the parish paper, on the website, notice board and in the shop.

11. Annual Parish Meeting: the agenda for the meeting on Wednesday 20th March was discussed.

12. Parishes Together: The Chair confirmed the money for the 'grab boxes' coordinated through Honiton Town Council had been granted, along with money to re-surface Poffit Lane.

13. Community Safety Champions: it was agreed the clerk would be the main point of contact and circulate items of interest to Councillors.

14. Correspondence: The Playing Fields Association had submitted an invoice for the payment of their insurance. Agreed to pay the invoice as the PC pays the lease.