

## Payhembury Parish Council

### Draft minutes of a Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 13th November 2013

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Disney, Cllr Williams, Cllr Fowler, Cllr Diviani.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed and signed as correct.
- 3. Public Session:** Lorinda Perry informed the meeting of how she is investigating the possibility of weekly trips to Sidmouth for those unable to drive. Parishioners would be able to meet up with others from neighbouring parishes and visit the Silver Screen in Sidmouth. Cllr Somers suggested the request for funding for this project be discussed at the next meeting when grants are awarded.

The road closure at Uggaton Cross was discussed. Clerk to:

- write to County Solicitor clarifying the legal position of parishioners being forced to use dangerous junctions.
- to ask Cllr Diviani to investigate the Health & Safety side of the closure.
- To ascertain from Highways the cost of the repair to the road, which category the road falls within and to ask for a copy of the risk assessment for the road.

Brian Salter raised the issue of water collecting at Mousehole. It was agreed that Cllr Leach and Brian Salter would take Richard Hosgood from Highways on a site visit to the point of concern next time he attended the parish.

- 4. Police Report:** none submitted.
- 5. County Council report:** none submitted.
- 6. District Council report:** Cllr Skinner reported that EDDC need to reduce their budget by £1.5m, and that cuts will impinge on Parish Councils. A precept warning has been received which may apply to Parish Councils as well as Districts, stating that any precept increase over 2% (to be confirmed) may require a referendum. Cllr Skinner is attending a meeting re: EDDC's 5 year housing supply. The planning inspectorate has warned EDDC that their supply is woefully low.
- 7. Matters Arising:** Village pavement. The Clerk reported that a response has been received from DCC Highways regarding our request for a pavement outside the shop. The negative response is due to restricted budgets and priority spending. Clerk to send the petition collected by Payhembury Provisions to DCC, and request details of stipulations for a pavement. Cllr Leach offered to pay for the pavement, however the land belongs to DCC. Investigate the costs involved and the possibility of adopting the land or the pavement.

Village signs: The Clerk reported that the Blackdown Hills AONB were unable to assist with funds for new village signs as the village falls outside of the AONB. Clerk to look into the cost of new signage.

#### **8. Planning:**

App number	Property	Details	Decision
13/1816/FUL	Fourways Cottage	First floor extension (revised proposal)	Approval with conditions
13/1973/LBC	Glebe Farm,	Convert farm buildings into 2	Pending consideration

	Colestocks	holiday units & studio	
13/1901/FUL	Glebe Farm, Colestocks	Convert farm buildings into 2 holiday units & studio	Pending consideration
13/2030/FUL	Homelea, Payhembury	Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 3 houses	Pending consideration
13/2227/FUL	Dawn Cottage	Front porch & steps and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor extension at rear.	Pending consideration
13/2278/LBC	Lower Tale Cottage	Re-build & raise height of chimney	Pending consideration
13/2030/FUL	Homelea, Payhembury	Re-submitted plans	Pending consideration

## 9. Finances:

Bank balance as at 30th October 2013: £4,323.03

		Credit	Debit	Balance
	Bal brought fwd			2,660.43
03.09.13	EDDC CTDG	76.00		2,736.43
03.09.13	EDDC Precept	2,375.00		5,111.43
26.09.13	Chq 515 (Clerks salary & expenses)		633.40	4,478.03
07.10.13	Chq 513 (Grant Thornton Audit fee)		30.00	4,448.03
07.10.13	Chq 514 (Smiths Gore Playing field rent)		125.00	4,323.03
<b>Actual balance</b>				<b>4,323.03</b>

The Parish Council agreed to pay the following invoices: Smiths Gore £7.50, Npower £39.93.

Clerk to look into the information from Smiths of Derby regarding the long term service offer of the Church clock.

10. **Uggaton Cross Road Closure:** discussed during Public Session.
11. **S106 Funding:** Cllr Doble was thanked for her work with the Playing Fields Association to purchase new play equipment with the Parish's S106 Funding. The meeting discussed the need for further equipment for toddler aged children. Cllr Doble confirmed the Playing Fields Committee is looking at the possibility of a sand pit.
12. **Parishes Together Funding:** The re-surfacing of Poffitt Lane has been completed in both Payhembury & Broadhembury. The 2 parishes are looking at the possibility of applying for further funding together to tackle the shared problem of Japanese Knot Weed. Awaiting confirmation from EDDC regarding suitability for funding.
13. **BT Phone & Broadband problems / Rural internet upgrade:** BT has confirmed that all phone and broadband problems should now be rectified after 3 weeks of work. Cllr Fowler is attending a meeting with Blackdown Hills Parishes to discuss the continuing problem of poor broadband. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the website [www.upottery.com](http://www.upottery.com) to support the campaign for rural internet upgrade. Information to be submitted for the

Parish magazine.

14. **Telephone box:** Just 12 parishioners responded to the Parish Council's survey regarding the future of our village telephone box. It has been pointed out that the box is in fact listed - Grade II. Clerk to investigate the possibility of de-listing the box.
15. **PC Assets Register: War memorial.** Correspondence has been received from a parishioner regarding Payhembury's War Memorial, and the need for it to be maintained. Clerk to investigate the grants available from the War Memorials Trust. **Christmas Lights:** Clerk to apply for a licence to display the Christmas lights. Cllr Scarle and Cllr Fowler to investigate existing and additional lights.
16. **Correspondence:** Payhembury PPC has written to the PC to request financial assistance with the refurbishment and extension of the cremation area of the Church Yard. Clerk to ask for estimated work costs. To be discussed at the next meeting when grants are awarded. Jim Baker confirmed he could donate the stone required for the work.

PPC has also received a request from Victim Support for donations. The meeting agreed the grants given by the Parish Council are primarily for charities local to the Parish.

EDDC has circulated a questionnaire for town and parish councils to complete. Cllr Williams & Cllr Fowler to be approached about completing the questionnaire.

**The next Payhembury Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 2014 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.**