

Payhembury Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2012 at 7.30pm
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Leach, Fowler, Diviani and Skinner.
2. **Agree minutes of previous meeting** – agreed and signed.
3. **Public session**
 - Oil buying group – Emma Hewerdine – Emma talked about an oil buying group which had been arranged by Norfolk Rural Community Council in which residents could become a member and make potential savings of up to 16% on their usual oil fuel bills, with little or no administration implications for the householder or Parish Council. Emma proposed that a similar scheme might be set up in Payhembury and that in the first instance the Clerk should contact the Community Council of Devon to see if they could be persuaded to set up a similar scheme here. Clerk to act.
 - Bus service to Taunton – Need to find out if there is a demand for this and who might be willing to provide this service. Clerk to act.
4. **Police report** – None.
5. **County Councillor's Report** - None
6. **District Councillor's Report** - None
7. **Matters arising**
 - Sport and play development and S106 funding: The funding agreement with East Devon District Council was signed ready for EDDC to release the money ear-marked for the tennis court improvements. It is hoped that the work will be completed before the summer.
 - Stream and Waterloo plot clear up: Clerk still waiting for Devon County Council to act. It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that a member of the community had been seen clearing the weed from the bridge area of his own volition and it was agreed that the PC would write a letter of thanks. Clerk to act.
8. **Cllr Hewerdine's resignation** – Cllr Somers thanked Emma for all her hard work in helping to secure the funding for the tennis court and her regular contributions at PC meetings. The clerk informed the PC that the process for replacing Emma was now underway and the statutory notices had been posted.
9. **Parish Council grants** – It was decided that the PC would award grants for this year as follows:
 - Parochial Church Council - £80.00
 - Citizen's Advice Bureau - £30.00
 - Ottery St Mary Help Scheme - £30.00In addition, a contribution of £30.00 would be made to the Tale Valley Trust as a member of their group will be addressing the Annual Parish Meeting this year.
10. **Neighbourhood Planning** – Following Cllrs Somers attendance at the recent Neighbourhood Planning workshop, it was decided that while a plan was an important step in ensuring a say in the future of Payhembury, the fact that the District's plans have not yet been ratified means that the PC is not in a position to proceed as we will have to liaise with the district planners. Neighbourhood planning remains an important issue but will be reviewed later in the year. Cllr Williams spoke about the cluster meeting he attended, arranged by Honiton Town Council. One of the reasons for councils to come together is that parishes might feel they have a louder voice and greater lobbying power if they come together to form a cluster of councils (each Parish or Town Council will remain distinct but join forces when they have a common cause). Cllr Williams felt that as Payhembury was on the fringes of both Honiton and the Blackdown Hills, that it would be appropriate for Payhembury to maintain a link with both cluster groups, the PC agreed. It was also noted that joining forces with councils outside of the cluster might also become helpful, for example, to improve train times and services at Feniton.

11. Maintenance issues:

The Cherry tree: The condition of the cherry tree on the green was discussed and advice and quotations have been sought in an attempt to invigorate it. Due to the popularity of the tree and its visual importance to the village, it was decided to see how it performs this year before taking any action. Public opinion will be sought via the Parish Paper.

Grass cutting and Waterloo Plot: Following the invitation to tender for the maintenance of the green and Waterloo Plot, a decision has now been made. Clerk to contact the party concerned to confirm what is required.

Community notice board: Payhembury Primary School has offered to replace the community notice board when the fence is replaced during the summer term. The Parish Council was pleased to accept. It will be a like for like replacement; Cllr Somers will obtain a quotation to finish the board with a self healing surface (like the one outside the shop).

The trees at Tale Head – Cllr Somers raised the issue of the trees and brambles as Tale Head. They now require some attention and the PC was pleased to accept John Somers offer to tend them.

12. **Best Kept Village competition** – It was decided that this would be a good opportunity for the village but that rather than enter this year (at fairly short notice) it would be great to get the whole village involved and to invite the school to take part in the associated map competition. Clerk to speak to Penny Hammett, announcement to go in Parish Paper in May and October. Diana Moyse (one of the organisers) to be invited to speak about the competition later in the year.

13. Planning

App number	Property	Details	Decision
11/2171/VAR	Tale House Farm	Amendment to granted permission (workplace units with residential capacity)	Approved
12/0240/FUL	Glebe Farm	Renewal of permission 09/0058/FUL conversion of farm buildings into 2 dwellings and holiday lets.	Pending
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14. Finances

Bank Balance as at 29th February 2012 was £2,188.77.

		Credit	Debit	Balance
25 November 2011	Bal brought fwd			2,705.11
5 January 2012	Mrs SP Wilkinson (Memorial Wreath)		17.00	2688.11
11 January 2012	Feniton Duplicating		16.00	2672.11
29 January 2012	Payhembury Parish Paper		300.00	2372.11
29 January 2012	B.Slater (Grass Cutting)		145.20	2226.91
29 January 2012	N. Power (Telephone Box)		28.14	2198.77
23 February 2012	Lieutenancy Fund (Jubilee Party)		10.00	2188.77

15. Correspondence

Various – invitation to place orders for Jubilee Merchandise – will the Parish Council participate or should any details be passed to the community group planning any celebrations? – Clerk to pass information to Sue Derbyshire or the Moulds.

- 'Planning Explained' booklet – Passed to Cllr Williams to be circulated to all Councillors.

- The next Parish Council meeting will be the AGM to take place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at 7.30pm.