

Payhembury Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Scarle; Cllr Doble; Cllr Skinner
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct.
3. Public Session: No members of the public in attendance.
4. Police Report: There are no crimes to report.
5. County Councillor's report: CC is working with the Local Enterprise Partnership to draw funding into the region. A branch of the Social Stock Exchange will be opened in Exeter –the first branch outside of London. A potential source of funding for softer social issues if the CC is unable to provide funding. The forthcoming Autumn Statement should hopefully announce favourable news for the A30/A303 improvements.
Cllr Leach raised the issue of the Redundant Buildings PMBs – EDDC appear to be refusing permission based on sustainability issues. Parish Council agreed to keep an eye on the forthcoming applications and raise it further with Cllr Diviani if this continues.
6. District Council report: None
7. Matters arising; Closure of Uggaton cross: DCC has confirmed that the application for funding from the new 'pothole fund' for the repair to Uggaton Cross has been refused based on County-wide priorities. The meeting confirmed that the badgers have now returned to the site and it was widely agreed that we have missed this year's window of opportunity for repairs to be done. Pressure should continue aiming for work to be done early next year. Village pavement: Clerk has written to the Chief Constable outlining the dangers and concerns regarding the lack of a pavement, and asking for support. Awaiting detailed information from DCC Highways regarding specification for a pavement. Cllr Diviani agreed to continue to push for funding for a pavement as a priority. Mousehole: Cllr Disney updated the meeting that sleepers are now in place restricting stones and water entering the road. Cllr Fowler has emailed DCC Highways requesting a site visit during the dry weather to assess the damage. Cllr Diviani to chase Highways. The meeting thanked Cllr Disney for his work on site at Mousehole.

8. Planning:

App number	Property	Details	Decision
14/1386/PMB	Barn NE of Langaton House, Lower Tale	Prior notification application for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling	Approval refused
14/1652/VAR	The Barn, Lower Milton,	Removal of planning permission to allow permanent occupation	Pending consideration
14/1704/FUL	Wheatcroft, Payhembury	Single storey extension	Approval
14/1915/FUL	Apple Tree Farm, Broadhembury	Construction of a poultry unit	Pending consideration
14/2004/FUL	Blue Anchor, Payhembury	2 storey extension and improved vehicle access	Pending consideration

9. Finances: Bank balance as at 30th July 2014: £4,131.90

		Receipts	Payments	Balance
	Bal brought forward			4,744.79
02.07.14	Chq 536 AON UK Ltd		398.39	
02.07.14	Chq 537 Western Power (Dis-connect tel. box)		174.56	
02.07.14	Chq 538 N Power (tel. box)		39.94	
				4,131.90
Unpresented cheques	Clerks expenses		74.80	
Actual Total				4057.10

Year 2014/2015				
	BUDGET	SPEND TO DATE: 30.07.14	Difference £	Difference %
Receipts				
Precept	£ 4,987.50	£ 2,529.38	-£ 2,458.12	-49%
Grants	£ 159.60	£ 65.50	-£ 94.10	-59%
Others	£ -	£ -	£ -	
C&E Receipts	£ -	£ 633.87	£ 633.87	
Total	£ 5,147.10	£ 3,228.75	-£ 1,918.35	-37%
Payments				
Clerk's Salary	£ 1,250.00	£ -	-£ 1,250.00	-100%
Admin	£ 861.98	£ 581.07	-£ 280.91	-33%
S137 Payments	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Running Costs	£ 954.72	£ 483.78	-£ 470.94	-49%
Other Payments	£ 17.00	£ 145.47	£ 128.47	756%
Grants	£ 420.00	£ -	-£ 420.00	-100%
VAT	£ 110.86	£ 116.97	£ 6.11	6%
Total	£ 3,614.56	£ 1,327.29	-£ 2,287.27	-63%
BALANCE	£ 1,532.54	£ 1,901.46	£ 368.92	24%

Payment was agreed for the following cheques: Smiths Gore (6 months rent for playing fields): £132.50; Clerk salary (to include the 5% salary increase): £656.25; Mr M Disney (expenses for sleepers at Mousehole): £33.48.

Clerk reported that Grant Thornton had returned the Parish Council's Annual Audit as complete. No queries or amendments were raised therefore there will be no fee as the income and expenditure for the year are both below £10,000.

Cllr Williams asked if the Clerk could ascertain what Parish Council funds may be available to contribute towards the Village Pavement.

10. Waterloo Plot/Telephone box: Clerk reported that the Conservation Officer at EDDC has confirmed that we are now able to remove the telephone box temporarily in order to re-decorate it. This will not affect its listed status, but it must be returned to the original spot once repainted. Cllr Disney to re-contact ICS who previously provided a favourable quote for the work. Consideration was given to making the box into an 'information box' or a library once it has been re-decorated. Waterloo Plot: The date of Saturday 20th September, 9am was set to pull up the old roots within Waterloo Plot. Cllr Leach and Cllr Disney offered to make their diggers available on the day, but would be grateful for assistance from as many Councillors as possible on the morning to assist with clearing.

Clerk to write to surrounding households to inform them of the work taking place on 20th September and to request they park their cars in the Village Hall car park on Friday evening.

Cllr Leach suggested we ask an architect to look over the plan of Waterloo Plot once cleared for fresh ideas.

11. Parish Issues: Cllr Leach asked that thanks be minuted to David Curran relating to his work on the Church wall. His workmanship is superb and much appreciated.

Barrow Road – a property at the bottom of Barrow Road has been repeatedly flooded over the summer months. The owner of the property has asked the Parish Council to enquire about a possible camber on the road which could be causing the problem. The drains were cleared as a result, and awaiting jetting to occur - Highways to update further once this has happened. Markers Park / Hillside hedge: Chair of Council made enquiries regarding hedge cutting usually carried out by DCC Highway. Awaiting a response. Tree Cutting: Western Power have cut branches on trees in the Waterloo Plot, the Cherry Tree and in the playing field hedge, Church Lane in order to avoid line interference.

12. Christmas Lights: The Clerk reminded the meeting that the application to stage Christmas Lights on the Green needs to be submitted by the end of September. In addition, new requirements relating to Chapter 8 are now required by DCC Highways before agreement can be given. Clerk to contact Dan Palmer in the village for electrical advice.

13. PPC Assets: Cllr Williams reported that the Parish Council assets had all been assessed and no change to their condition.

14. Open Projects: Clerk to add the date it was first discussed to each project.

15. Correspondence: Clerk circulated the Parish Council correspondence. The changes to the Electoral Registration was discussed. Information to be put up on the Parish Council notice board.

**The next meeting of Payhembury Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12th
November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**