

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2015 AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH,

Present: Cllrs French (Chair), Dagworthy, Horton, Simmons, Setter, Stanley and Stoneman.

Apologies: Cllr Small
Cllr Clarence (TDC/DCC)

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 18 members of the Public

1. Cllr French opened the meeting at 19.33. She thanked those present for their attendance and thanked the Church for hosting this year's Annual Meeting at short notice. Planning had been difficult this year due to the Parish Council elections.
It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllr Small. District and County Councillor Clarence's apologies were also NOTED.
2. Cllr Horton PROPOSED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 June 2014 be accepted as a true recollection of the meeting. This was SECONDED by Cllr Setter and it was RESOLVED the APPROVE the minutes.
3. It was recommended by a resident that the Parish Council hold its Annual Meeting on a fixed date each year to encourage people to attend. It was suggested that the fourth week in May would be appropriate.
It was also suggested that a yearly planner, organised by the Parish Council would be useful. An opportunity for all the Village organisations to meet with the Parish Council and agree dates of events would aid the organisation of events. If Combeinteignhead were also invited, this would stop diary dates clashing. A yearly pull-out each year in the magazine of events would be excellent.
It was NOTED by Cllr Horton that the Parish Council should have precedence over any other organisation or individual to have use of the Hall. The Parish Council are trustees and provide a grant for its upkeep every year. This was NOTED.
It was also NOTED that the website should be utilised as much as possible. The Village as a whole is appreciative of the website and how hard Mike Mockford works on it.

Discussion turned to the play area at Pools Weir, which has caused a lot of discussion at Parish Council meetings. Cllr Dagworthy reported that he had met with Viridor, and they had explained that the application would require resubmitting. The negative letters written to Viridor after the application had been approved had led to them reversing their decision.

Viridor have advised him that no further consultation on the play area is required and he urged people in support of this application to write to Viridor when it is submitted.

It was NOTED that a new application will be considered by the Parish Council.

The area as a whole is now back under the control of the Parish Council. The grass will be cut more regularly and stinging nettles will be dealt with appropriately.

It was NOTED that the path linking Pools Weir and the Village Hall is privately owned. The easement in the hedge is not working effectively and the owner will be contacted. A lychgate at the far end should also be considered, to stop the path being used by horses.

There was consideration of the employment of a Parish Lengthsman. Cllr French recalled that the District Council once employed one, and they ensured that the drains and buddle holes were clear and there was no litter.

This person could be contracted to work by the Parish Council, should people feel that there is a need for it. Someone taking these preventative measures could be important during the winter months. Cllr Stanley also suggested that residents could 'adopt a buddle hole' and ensure that is kept clear. Volunteer work would be gratefully received.

It was NOTED that it appears to be the same Parishioners always volunteering, and new people are always appreciated.

It was NOTED that DCC has decided not to cut the bus service through the village, but there will be changes. Once further details have been provided, the Council will ensure that they are publicised.

Matthew Fearn explained that the defibrillator is due to be fitted next week. Once it has been fitted, it will need to be managed. 8 parishioners have been on a first aid course and hold a defibrillator certificate.

A list of people trained to use a defibrillator in the village would be useful and should make themselves known to Matthew.

It was explained that anyone can use it in an emergency situation.

Thanks were extended to Matthew for his hard work and fundraising.

The meeting was closed at 20.34.

Refreshments and perusal of the Village Organisations' stands took place after the meeting had closed.

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