

## Minutes Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **Present:**

### **Council:**

Councillor Kowalewski (Chairman), Councillor Smith, Councillor Roxburgh, Councillor Swallow, Councillor Coverdale, Councillor Evans, District Councillor Mary Penfold, County Councillor Matt Hall, Jodie Carter (Clerk).

### **Public: 4 members of the public were present.**

#### **13.03.01 Apologies**

No apologies.

#### **13.03.02 Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Minutes accepted subject to changes by Cllr Swallows and Cllr Evans.

#### **13.03.03 Open meeting**

**It was proposed that the council write to the Estate to inform them that the trees had been cut down and to ask if they would spray herbicide on the brambles that remain, the council has agreed to this.**

A concerned member of the public had expressed their feeling towards Cattistock Hunt's excessive driving throughout the village and the A37. The council is to contact Cattistock Hunt.

A question was raised about the finances on the website, this is on the agenda.

#### **13.03.04 Village Hall/ Tennis Club Trees**

An anonymous donation was made to cover the Parish Council's cost regarding this. The Council is very grateful for this kind and generous donation. A member of the public has sent a letter regarding the trenches; this will be on the next agenda.

#### **13.03.05 Welcome to new Councillor (Paul Wells)**

A welcome was given to Paul, he has been given 2 forms to complete (Declaration of Acceptance of Office + Register of Members' Interest) and Melbury Osmond Standing Orders, and these are to be returned to the clerk within 28 days.

#### **13.03.06 Possible Surgery Closures**

Dorset CCG have produced a document about primary care, County Councillor Matt Hall will send this to the Clerk. The future for surgery closures is uncertain at present.

#### **13.03.07 Village Matters**

##### **Dog faeces and overgrown hedges around the Meads:**

The Estate has no objections to a 'working party' to clean the area. It will be on the next agenda regarding a footpath officer. The Council has rights to stop members of the public if they allow their dog to foul on the ground and do not pick it up. A letter will be sent to everyone in the village regarding the issue with dog fouling, it will also be in the Chimes and the website.

##### **Future of the Parish Council:**

Councillor Penfold had informed us that they are waiting for a reply from the Secretary of State; this could be by the end of the month.

##### **Defibrillator:**

This has been purchased and should be installed within the next fortnight. Lindsay is to set up training sessions and Councillor Swallow to find out electricity costs.

**Laptop:**

A new laptop has been purchased, although an external hard drive is to be bought. Clerk to speak to Bid Air LTD.

**Play Park (See-saw):**

2 members of the Parish Council have kindly offered to pay for the repair of the see-saw, they do not wish to be reimbursed but hope the Parish Council will pay for the trench that needs digging.

**Bus Service:**

32 bus service cuts are to be made but bus companies still have the right to continue services. Community car services are available for a minimal price. Everyone is to sign the petition from Matt Hall; if they have enough responses the council may change their decision. A motion was passed regarding the concern over the loss of the bus service. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**Clerk to be RFO:**

A vote to change the standing orders, Clerk to be RFO has been moved to the next agenda.

**13.03.08 Highways report:**

**Potholes:**

Some have been repaired but they have done more of the road to Townsend Farm. The road will be redressed this year.

**Holt Lane:**

Ben Jones has been contacted about clearing the passing places. This is down to Highways, but if the Estate has a machine in the area they will do this.

**13.03.09 Financial Statement:**

**Presentation of current and future finances:**

Councillor Evans' presentation was discussed between the councillors.

**Proposal to accept findings:**

The council has not accepted the findings.

Councillor Swallow and the Clerk are to produce a financial statement and send this to the councillors a month before the next meeting.

**Correspondence:**

No correspondence

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.