

WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2016 at 7:00pm

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Present: Mr David Bennett (Chairman), Mrs Ann Dennis (Parish Clerk)
Parish Councillors – Mr P. Ellacott, Mr. J. Dennis, Mrs J. Walters, Mr E. Bailey

Apologies: Cllr P. Hawke, Mrs H. Price.

The chairman wished all attending a Happy New Year.

16.001 Minutes of previous meeting held on December 7th 2015 These were approved and signed

16.002 Matters arising - Road between Ladycross and Ham Mill – the clerk reported that Highways had been contacted regarding the unfinished work to this area and this had apparently now been completed but had been delayed because of the poor weather.

- Donation request from Launceston Town Council update. The Ward Councillor had been asked for advice in this matter. As he was attending the meeting he gave his thoughts verbally. There are still doubts as to the legality of this donation. Cllr. Paynter was due to meet with LTC and would find out what the general reaction to this request has been. It was thought that it would mean an ongoing cost. He would get back to the meeting once he has found out more.

- Salt for roads – After the last meeting request, the clerk had some prices for the salt both for the dumpy bag through Cormac and small 25kg bags. After discussion it was thought that the small bags if stored would be a good alternative if the weather deteriorates they would then be taken to the grit bins. The clerk was asked to go ahead and order 6 bags. Cllr. Bailey would be responsible for the two bins at Bullapit. Cllr. Ellacott for the one at Yeolmbridge and Cllr. Price or Cllr. Dennis for the one at Wringsdown.

- Light at Old Post Office, Yeolmbridge. The meeting was told that the clerk had been advised that the light was not only not working, it was not there. The matter was reported to the department in charge of lighting and was told that as the mains power in the post office was to be moved. The owner said that it was not working anyway (which was untrue), the CC gentleman in charge had made the decision as it was on unadopted highway that the light could be removed totally. The clerk made the meeting aware that she had complained that the parish council had not been advised. Ward Councillor Paynter said that he would look into this.

- The bridge at Yeolmbridge – the weight limit is 40tonnes and there has been work on the surface damage.

16.003 Declarations of interest - Cllr. Dennis with regard to part of the agenda 16/006

16.004 Public Participation - 2 residents and Ward Councillor Paynter. Mr Kitcherside said that it was frustrating that there were jobs in the process of needing work, had been spoken about but no progress was being made. He also said that he was aware that it is always the same people who get on and do the jobs but time and weather is often against them. He wished more people would volunteer.

16.005 Neighbourhood Plan – The clerk said that there was little to report since the last PC meeting. There was a meeting for the steering group on 13th January to use the information from the consultation events to adapt the current Neighbourhood Plan document.

It is hoped that Mr Peter Moore from CRHA would be able to attend.

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16.006 Transparency Code – The details of the requirements were outlined. Two scanners had been identified as ideal for use but were more expensive than the grant might allow. The councillors agreed on one of these (FujitsuS1300i currently £174.99). They also agreed that if the grant only gave the basic amount they would pay the extra out of the PC account and this would be indicated on the grant application .

Because of the nature of the next area of the transparency grant and its implications on the clerks' salary, Councillor Dennis took no part in the deliberations but stayed in the room.

The clerk also made the councillors aware of the increase in the work to prepare all documentation ready for the change to be put onto a web site. It was agreed to pay an extra £250 for this work and as the work load would be increased each month (to be compliant with the new laws, the documents need to be prepared for the web site each month) the clerks pay would be increased to £10/ hour. This would mean that the clerks' salary would increase to £1040 per annum from £800. This was proposed by Cllr. Bailey and all the other councillors were in agreement. Final details about this would be decided at the next meeting.

16.007 Finance a) a cheque was approved and signed to Mrs A. Dennis £75.87 for printing ink jet cartridges.

b) a cheque was approved and signed to Mr J. Dennis for £24.23 for paint for the kiosk

c) a cheque was approved and signed for Mr Gavin Smith for £270 for the work on the kiosk door

The current balance after the cheques is £7311.52.

16.008 - Correspondence - Details of the items were given to councillors, many having been emails forwarded by the clerk.

A letter had been received that day requesting that the drainage ditches on the hill going out of Wringsdown towards Cullacott and the corner opposite Milltown Gardens be looked at.

16.009 The next meeting was due to be on the 1st February 2016 at 7:00pm at the Methodist Schoolroom but would now be on the 8th February because the clerk was on a course in Bude.

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The clerk asked to be allowed to go to a course in Truro on 10th February organised by Cornwall Council for training for Paperless Planning. This is hands on specifically for all those who manage the planning element in each council. Travel costs would be incurred. Permission was given.

Cllr. Bailey requested that the clerk contact Highways about pot holes at Druyton Bridge and Crossgates by the stables.

The meeting was closed at 8:20pm

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