

## Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Ann Norman, Jon Pike, Paul Boyce, Susan Norrish, Peter Cooper, Elisabeth Emerson with Michael Ash in the Chair. One member of the public plus Robin Hill (Parish Clerk) and James Aven Planning Team Manager Dartmoor National Park

**65 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**66 PLANNING PRESENTATION:** James Aven from the Dartmoor National Park gave a presentation to explain permitted development within the National Park. He recommended the following website [www.planningportal.co.uk](http://www.planningportal.co.uk) as a good place to start if you are unsure of what is permitted.

**67 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**68 MATTERS ARISING:** None

**69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**70 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN:** None

**71 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. **Eastern Link meeting notes and TAP report:** Notes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Jon Pike explained that TAP funding for drainage work and flood defence precautions has been agreed for 12 months at a cost of £1485.00. This work involving digging, jetting and use of camera technology to see the state of the drains etc to be carried out by Drainology. Two days in December and another in the spring. The Belstone Cricket Club application was not agreed. It was however agreed that the capital spend would be eligible and will be put forward for the next meeting. The cricket club were advised to apply to the Community Grant Fund for the coaching element.
- ii. **Super Link Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> December Meldon Village Hall, Elisabeth Emerson to attend.
- iii. **Edwardian Evening:** Michael Ash to attend in his capacity as Chairman of Belstone Parish Council
- iv. **Other:** North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team, Okehampton Community District Transport Group, Citizens Advice, StOC – thank-you letters received for 137 Payments

**72 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- i. Meeting dates for 2018 were agreed as follows:  
January 30, March 20, April 17, May (Annual Parish Meeting) 1, (Annual Parish Council Meeting) 29, July 10, September 11, October 16, December 4.
- ii. Formal Declaration of Clerk's resignation as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018
- iii. Jennifer Flett email regarding signage from Tongue End to Belstone to raise awareness of horses in the road – agreed that the Clerk would look into this matter with Highways

**73 FINANCE:**

**i. Current state of finances and petty cash:**

Current Account £1184.99 This includes VAT reclaim of £39.34. Reserve Account £1996.68. Petty cash £6.08 in arrears.

**ii. Payments to be made:** None

**iii. Set Draft Parish Precept**

The Parish Precept for 2018-19 was discussed and a draft proposal made subject to final ratification at the January meeting. With expenses estimated at £2,100.00, the expected Parish Council Expenses were set at £2,100.00. This to be made up from £37.00 Council Tax Support Grant and £2,063.00 Precept. Proposed Ann Norman seconded Jon Pike. This was agreed unanimously. As part of the discussion it was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £1,200 per annum and include a £300 contingency for expected drain clearing expenses in

the future. These changes were proposed by Ann Norman, seconded by Susan Norrish and agreed unanimously.

- iv. **Payments made:** All 137 Payments, Clerks salary and HMRC all agreed at the meeting 17 October.
- v. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed.

**74 PLANNING:**

- i. Refusal of planning application 0434/17 Stable, Pt Field No 5827, Belstone.
- ii. Refusal of planning application 0488/17 Erection of single storey front extension, Belstone Barton, Belstone.

**75 HIGHWAYS:**

The matter of grit bins was again discussed following an email response from Darryl Jagger Highways Officer. The clerk was again asked to pursue this matter.

**76 OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN:** None

**77 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed ..... Dated .....  
Chairman