

Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Ann Norman, Peter Cooper, Jon Pike, Paul Boyce, with Michael Ash in the Chair. Robin Hill (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Susan Norrish, Elisabeth Emerson

50 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS: 12th July, 16th and 23rd August 2016, previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

51 MATTERS ARISING: None

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

53 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN: None

54 CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. **Eastern Links** next meeting Thursday 8th September, Church House, South Tawton.
- ii. **West Devon Annual Report** Distributed to all Councillors for their consideration.
- iii. **DNPA** Community Paths Scheme – partnership project between National Park, Parish Councils and local communities.
- iv. **Invitation from the Mayor of Okehampton** Meeting on Wednesday 21st September to discuss matters of common interest and concern; Clerk and Chairman to attend.
- v. **Devon Minerals Plan Consultation** Information about this consultation report has been distributed to all Councillors.

55 CLERK'S REPORT:

- i. **Update on Broadband in Skaigh Lane** The clerk has received information from Declan Turner (Connecting Devon and Somerset Team, Devon County Council) that engineers are scheduled on site in the near future to begin '*connectorising*'!
- ii. **Nancy Miller seat** The clerk has been in touch with the Miller family and, with their permission, the seat has been repaired by John Moppett and put back.

56 FINANCE:

- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:** Current Account £971.11. Reserve Account £1996.03 plus interest. Petty cash £1.71 in arrears.
- ii. **Payments made:** None
- iii. **Payments to be made:** The clerk claimed £20 reimbursement for the Garden Gift Token bought as a gift to the internal auditor, Simon Herbert. It was agreed unanimously to make this payment. Proposed Ann Norman seconded Peter Cooper.
- iv. **Audit:** The external audit has not yet been completed
- v. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed.

57 PLANNING:

- i. **Proposed: Conversion of traditional buildings into one unit of holiday accommodation at Skaigh Cottage, Belstone.** After discussion Neutral View was agreed unanimously.
- ii. **Proposed: Alterations and extensions of vestry and connection for main public sewer in highway at St Mary the Virgin, Belstone.** After discussion it was agreed unanimously to support this application as it is of benefit to the community.

- iii. **Grant of conditional planning permission has been agreed for creation of 2metre wide dormer window extension to side elevation and installation of wooden decking area to extend veranda to rear and side of property, Great Down, Belstone.**

58 HIGHWAYS:

The Clerk was requested to contact highways re:

- i. The drain that goes under the road near Broad Hayes which needs jetting.
- ii. The broken gate by Tor Down cattle grid.
- iii. The broken finger post at Tor Down

59 OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

- i. The clerk has contacted Peter Wood, reiterating the need to put back the seat in its original position.

60 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 18th October 2016

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed Dated

Chairman