

Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Ann Norman, Susan Norrish, Jon Pike, Elisabeth Emerson, with Michael Ash in the Chair. Robin Hill (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Peter Cooper, Paul Boyce
2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** of 28th February 2017, previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** (unless dealt with elsewhere): The gate on the indirect route to Okehampton has been repaired.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
5. **URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN:** None
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Eastern Links - next meeting 22nd June, Whiddon Down Village Hall. Notes from the Eastern Links meeting 2nd March had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

DALC: Annual subscription request.

Plymouth and West Devon Local Plan: There was a brief discussion about the development area around Mole Avon and its implication for the local community. The full local plan document will be placed in Belstone Village Hall.

7. **CLERK'S REPORT:**

- i. **Update on Superfast Broadband in Skaigh Lane:** This has now been completed and it is up to individual households to decide whether they would like to be connected and then make the necessary arrangements.

8. **FINANCE:**

- i. **Accounts for the year 2016-17:** There was a balance of £2,355.19 at 01.04.17. The balance was made up of £358.72 in the current account and £1,996.47 in the business reserve account, with petty cash: zero.
- ii. **Annual Budget:** Total payments to date £1,676.52 with a precept of £1,700.00. Payments were approximately in line with budget estimates with some savings in petty cash and stationery expenses. VAT has not been reclaimed this year and this amounts to £31.23. The annual accounts were approved unanimously. Proposed: Ann Norman, seconded: Jon Pike

Precept: The Parish Council expenses have been set at £1,730 for 2017-18. This is made up of £40 Council Tax Support grant and £1690 Precept. The payment dates for the Precept have not yet been set.

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

Received: Interest for January £0.02, February £0.02 and March £0.02 has been added to the Reserve Account. **Current account:** £358.72 **Reserve account:** £1996.41 **Petty Cash:** zero

- iv. **Payments made:** Clerk's salary £464.00, HMRC £116.00, South Hams District Council £120.00

v. **Payments to be made:**

Devon Association of Local Councils £61.64 and Community First (Insurance renewal due 1st June) £186.43

It was agreed unanimously to make these payments. Proposed: Jon Pike, seconded: Susan Norrish

- vi. **Annual Audit Date:** 14th June 2017

vii. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed

9. **PLANNING:** Permission has been granted for installation of air source heat pump in existing lean to wood shed Mowhay, Belstone.

Tree Preservation Order OS 347 Belstone to fell sycamore: No response

10. **HIGHWAYS:**

i. The Clerk was asked to, once again, contact Highways to ask for the filling in of the potholes on the road to Tongue End and to clear run-off gullies onto Brenamoor in the vicinity of the cattle grid.

11. **OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

i. **Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting:** Agreed by the council.

ii. **Seats and Assets:** The seats are believed to be in good order. The assets were reviewed and the new figures based on the insurance valuation were agreed unanimously.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:** Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 2nd May. The Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 30th May 2017.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed Dated

Chairman