

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall Meeting Room**

Present: Ann Norman, Susan Norrish, Peter Cooper, Jon Pike, Paul Boyce with Michael Ash in the Chair. Robin Hill (Parish Clerk) plus Mr. Derek Webber DNPA Parish Link Member

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Elisabeth Emerson

94. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS: Minutes of the meetings Tuesday 6th December 2016 and Wednesday 4th January 2017 previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

95. MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere): The tree work at Birchy Lake, Belstone has been carried out. The Parish Council response to the amended plans for White House Services has not been displayed on the Dartmoor National Park Planning site. The clerk will follow this up as a matter of urgency, due to the considerable interest in the village concerning this development.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

97. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN: None

98. CORRESPONDENCE:

DNPA: A resignation letter has been received from Stephen Belli head of planning.

DCC: Applications requested for the Devon Countryside Access Forum

Eastern Link Meeting Dates: 2nd March Spreyton, 22nd June Whiddon Down, 14th September Throwleigh, 16th November Sampford Courtenay.

Super Link meeting: Ann Norman gave a short report from this meeting.

99. CLERK'S REPORT:

Meeting for Clerks and Chairmen: Wednesday 18th January 7pm Council Chamber, Okehampton.

Skaigh Lane Superfast Broadband: Latest information is that they are facing some difficulties but hope to go live by the end of February.

Our Future Care Response: The Clerk had sent Councillors a link to this document for their information

Highways Presentations: The Clerk briefly brought Councillors up to date with information from these presentations and highlighted the following comment: 'Every year we are unable to spend what we need which means highway network conditions will deteriorate – particularly noticeable on minor roads'.

100. FINANCE:

- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:** Current Account: £1124.11. Reserve Account: £1996.41 – this includes interest of £0.13 with Petty Cash £5.91 in arrears. The Clerk assisted by Jon Pike is looking in to the possibility of digital banking in the future and will bring possible scenarios to the next meeting.
- ii. **Parish Precept Form: The Precept for 2016-17 was set at £1,730 which includes £40 Council Tax Support Grant.** This is as agreed at the December meeting. Proposed Peter Cooper, seconded Jon Pike and agreed unanimously.
- iii. **Payments to be made:** Belstone Village Hall £40. Proposed Ann Norman seconded Susan Norrish. Agreed unanimously.

iv. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed and a new one issued to each Councillor.

101. **PLANNING:** None

102. **HIGHWAYS:**

Leaf Clearance request: The Clerk had received a message from West Devon saying that they aimed to deal with the request by 7th February, apparently several Councillors had seen the sweeper lorry in the village but how far out of the centre of the village it had operated was open to question.

Eastlake Road Clearing: Highways have added Eastlake to the road cleaning programme and intend to add this to the jetting list as the minor drainage gang had been unsuccessful.

Sand Delivery: This has been successful and Ann Norman now has a good supply of sand bags if needed.

103. **OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN:**

Seat overlooking West Cleave: Paul Boyce has had a look at the seat and removed the wood. He will now see if he can remove it completely and make it safe.

Request for seat from Nockolds family: Having received a further request from the family the Councillors agreed that they should be offered the option of putting a seat in the pound.

104. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 28th February 2017

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed Dated

Chairman