

## Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

**53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**54 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** 12<sup>th</sup> September, previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**55 MATTERS ARISING:** The Westlake seat, which is in a bad state of repair, is the responsibility of the Parish Council, so a decision was made for it to be removed by Peter Cooper.

**56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Planning application 0488/17 Michael Ash personal interest.

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

**58 CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. **Eastern Links Report:** Notes had been circulated to all Councillors for their consideration. It was noted that there had been a poor attendance at the last meeting.
- ii. **Devon Highways Conference:** Clinton Hall Merton 7th November.
- iii. **Invitation to Okehampton Networking Event:** Nobody able to attend.

**59 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- i. **Dartmoor Communities Fund:** Clerk was asked to send a letter in support for the grant application from Belstone Church.
- ii. **TAP Funding:** It was agreed that Belstone Parish Council would put in two requests.  
**The first, for flood relief work through the centre of the village.** This would focus on drain clearance and 'flushing out' twice a year. The funding to cover 6 days of costs over a two-year period. This would amount to £2970 plus VAT.  
**The second on behalf of Belstone Cricket Club for youth coaching.** This would focus on providing coaching and essential kit for youngsters between the ages of 7 and 16. This would amount to £1668.
- iii. **Nick Savin – permitted development information:** The clerk was asked to get in touch with Dartmoor National Park with a view to a planning officer attending our next meeting to explain about permitted development, rules around change of land use, mobile buildings, gateways and surfaces etc.

**60 FINANCE:**

- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:** Current Account £1820.65 Reserve Account £1996.59 plus interest of 6p. Petty cash £2.10 in arrears.
- ii. **Report from External Auditor:** This has been completed in accordance with proper practice.
- iii. **Half Year Budget:** This was looked at and all agreed was in line with expectations.
- iv. **Payments made:** £20 reimbursement to the clerk for the garden gift token to the internal auditor.
- v. **Payments Received:** The second installment of the precept £845.
- vi. **Payments to be made:** Section 137 Payments as agreed in the Precept. Okehampton District Community Transport £25, North Dartmoor Search and Rescue £20, West Devon CAB £15, Sticklepath and Okehampton Conservation Group £20. The clerk's half year salary £476 and HMRC £119 payments. These were all within precept estimates. It was agreed unanimously to make all these payments. Proposed Ann Norman seconded Susan Norrish.
- vii. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed.

**61 PLANNING:**

- i. Proposed erection of single storey front extension at Belstone Barton, Belstone. 0488/17. After discussion No Objection/Neutral View was agreed unanimously.

**62 HIGHWAYS:**

- i. Despite a request from the Clerk there has been no update from Darryl Jagger concerning highways work around the village.
- ii. Notification of road closure outside Rew Meadow, Belstone 06/12 – 12/12/17 South West Water Utility Works.
- iii. The clerk was asked to request two more grit bins for the village. One for Birch Lake the other for Tor Down.

**63 OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN:**

None

**64 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

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