

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2018 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. James McInnes (DCC) and six members of the public

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Elisabeth Emerson, Jon Pike and Alex Quested

84. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS: Minutes of the meetings Tuesday 5th December 2017 and Tuesday 19th December 2017 previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

85. MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere): None

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

87. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN: None

88. HIGHWAYS:

i. Drainage and flood planning: There was a wide-ranging discussion involving Councillor James McInnes and members of the public. It was pointed out and reiterated by James McInnes that that budget restrictions are very tight and the sort of work highlighted by Drainology would be more than the whole of the drainage revenue budget allocated to Hatherleigh and Chagford area combined; other parts of the area are also in need of urgent repairs. Properties at risk were highlighted along with preventative action that had been carried out involving removing leaves and debris. Darryl Jagger (Highways Officer) had reported that in the short term little action can be taken this financial year to renew any drainage pipes. Skanska are due to clean out the gullies in March. In the long term Darryl Jagger has put forward a scheme to be considered for larger capital money to slightly increase the size of the pipe and replace the existing pipe where it is damaged in the area of Dartmoor House. Also, to replace the concrete covers with proper manhole covers at the same time.

ii. Potholes in the Car Park area: A meeting has been arranged with interested parties for Thursday 1st February.

iii. Tongue End Road potholes: This is an on-going problem. Several residents including the clerk have informed DCC online. The clerk has also reported them to Darryl Jagger (Highways) His response: *'At the time of reporting any potholes have to be at least 300mm wide and 40mm deep with a vertical face for them to meet DCC policy for repair. I have put it forward as a possible surface dressing road where they patch it next year and then tar and chip over the top of it again the year after. These sights are being decided at the moment'*.

iv. Sand delivery: Ann Norman has received a delivery of sand which is ready to be bagged up. These bags are available for Belstone residents if required to prevent flooding.

v. Request for sign re horses: Highways reported that *'when funding allows they put them outside a riding school or at a bridleway crossing but otherwise they would not look to install them'*.

89. CORRESPONDENCE:

West Devon Mayoral Awards

Eastern Link Meeting Date: March 1st 2018

Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan

90. CLERK'S REPORT:

Repairs to pound gate: The Council have had a request from Julia Kuhn who looks after the Belstone Pound. She would like assistance repairing the gate or buying a new one. Sean Lehni agreed to have a look at this and carry out the repairs.

Charity Requests: The Clerk advised the Council about the growing number of charity requests being sent to him as the Parish Clerk.

Repairs to Parish Council notice board: On going.

91. FINANCE:

- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:** Current Account: £996.99. Reserve Account: £996.75 – this includes interest of £0.16 with Petty Cash £6.73 in arrears. £1000 was transferred from the Reserve Account to the Current Account to pay Drainology.
- ii. **Payments made:** Drainology £1188.00. This includes £198 VAT that can be reclaimed.
- iii. **Parish Precept Form:** After discussion the draft Parish Precept, which had originally been set at a total of £2,100, was reduced to £1,800 by the removal of the £300 contingency. Proposed Paul Boyce Seconded Susan Norrish. The new Precept amount was then proposed Ann Norman Seconded Susan Norrish and agreed unanimously.
- iv. **Payments to be made:** Belstone Village Hall £40. Proposed Susan Norrish seconded Peter Cooper. Agreed unanimously.
- v. **Council Diary:** Checked and signed and a new one issued to each Councillor.

92. PLANNING:

An outline planning application for 50 dwellings Exeter Road, Okehampton has been received for consideration by Belstone Parish Council. The Council agreed – No Comment.

93. OTHER MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

SEATS: The Westlake seat is to be removed and probably replaced by the Peter Wood seat.

94. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th March 2018

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

Signed Dated

Chairman