

BELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room

Present: Michael Ash (Chairman), Ann Norman (Vice Chairman), Paul Boyce, Peter Cooper, Susan Norrish, Jon Pike and Kate Little (Parish Clerk).

28. Apologies for absence: None received

29. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 29th May 2018: Signed as a correct record of the meeting.

30. Matters Arising: There were none.

31. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 29th May 2018: Signed as a correct record of the meeting.

32. Matters Arising:

(i) **Rew Meadow** – Clerk to contact the DNPA again to ascertain whether enforcement action is being taken regarding the continued presence of the temporary accommodation put up during the renovation of the bungalow on site, now the latter is being occupied.

(ii) **Car Park Lease** – The draft lease to be amended to ensure continued access to the Lees at all times. Clerk to create a formal lease now with an associated plan.

(iii) **Remaining TAP funds** – Clerk to contact the Throwleigh PC Secretary regarding the use of a lengthsman for various works. A task list to be drawn up.

(iv) **Gully Sucker** – It was noted that the gully sucker had been in the village clearing various drains, but not all the relevant ones. Clerk to contact DCC Highways to enquire if others could be done.

33. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Jon Pike declared as interest as adjoining landowner to Bernard's Acre.

34. Urgent Items raised by the Chairman:

(i) **Bernard's Acre** – Cllr Jon Pike left the room for this item. The Council noted the upcoming planning application for this site, but made no comment on it.

(ii) **Riverside Chalet** – Certificate of Lawfulness for a C3 dwelling house submitted to the DNPA, ref no. 0345/18. The Council is aware that the chalet has been used by various related family groups of the owners, for many years, but is of the view that it's use has been in the nature of short term holiday accommodation similar to that of a beach hut. It was resolved to respond the DNPA consultation accordingly.

35. Correspondence:

- Devon Library consultation – The Clerk was asked to fill in the form to support the retention of the mobile library service, particularly given the lack of public transport between the village and Okehampton to allow access to the main library.

36. Clerk's Report:

- The Council resolved to provide a grant of £20 to the North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team.

37. Finance:

(i) **2018/19 annual budget review** – The projected Council budget is on target at the end of the first quarter of the financial year.

Items of Expenditure in excess of £100 during the quarter are:

Cheque no. 00843	Zurich Insurance (29.5.2018) (Public liability insurance)	£189.92
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(ii) **Payments made** - £20 gardening token to the Internal Auditor.

(iii) **Council Diary** – The relevant items were signed off as completed, by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

38. Planning Items:

(i) The Council noted the conditional planning permission granted for the erection of an extension and a loft conversion at Green Vale.

39. Highways:

(i) **Pot Holes from Tongue End to the Car Park** – Daryll Jagger from DCC Highways has advised that the contract for the pot hole repair work in this area is due to be let soon and that Belstone remains at the top of the list of the work to be done.

(ii) **Invest in Devon Grant Application** – County Cllr James McInnes has advised that he would be prepared to support a capital scheme grant application from Belstone PC for works to the car park. It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to complete the grant application form and submit it on the Parish Council's behalf, for the sum of £2,000.

40. Other Matters at the Discretion of the Chairman:

(i) **The minutes of the Eastern Links Meeting held on 21st June 2018** – these were noted, especially that TAP funding could no longer be used for drainage works in the future.

(ii) **Condition Survey of the Parish Seats** – The inventory of Parish seats was reviewed and updated, noting those seats which were in satisfactory condition, those that needed repair and the two vacant sites.

There being no other matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

The next meeting will take place on 11th September 2018, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room. The public are welcome to attend.

Signed: Dated:
Chairman