

Minutes of Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall on January 4th. 2011

Present Councillors K. Manfield Chair. G. Read, T. Minter, W. Hurd, B. Marshall, Mrs. E Pidgeon. County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philipe
In Attendance, Mrs H Few Clerk.
Mr. Justin Prowse

Apologies. Cllr. P. Withey Cllr. J. Algar

763 Open Session for members of the public.

Mr. Prowse explained that he was a resident of Crockerton and a Governor of Crockerton School. He raised some concerns regarding wooden posts which had been erected outside a property near the school in Crockerton and also gave a short update on the Federation of the school with Heytesbury School, which has now taken place. The first meeting of the combined Governors would be taking place in the next week. Finally Mr. Prowse asked about the 4x4s and motocross bikes using Shearwater woods.

764 Declarations of Interest. There were none.

765 Minutes of the meeting held 1st. November 2010 were confirmed and signed.

766 Annual Resolution It was resolved that :- The Parish Council agrees to delegate authority to the two cheque signatories Miss K. Manfield Chairman and Mr. P.Withey Vice Chairman, to approve payment of routine bills/invoices submitted between council meetings. They further authorise payment of the insurance premium when due. Proposed by Cllr. Marshall and seconded by Cllr. Read. Agreed unanimously.

767 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere. Cllr. Mrs. Pidgeon asked if there had been any interest in the Forces March. The Clerk said that no one had contacted her so far.

768 Planning Matters.

756-2 W/10/03371/FUL Mobile Home Bradley Road. This has now been passed.

769 Parish Budget and Payments made.

769-1 The Current Account stands at £939.65 Cheques raised included £237.08 for Clerk's fees and expenses as agreed previously. SLCC £61.00 M. Gunther £300.00 Wylde Valley Country Services (Grass cutting) £120 All authorised at last meeting except SLCC which was paid under resolution. Clerks fee for the last two months is £216.44 Proposed by Cllr. Manfield and Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon that this is authorised. Agreed unanimously. It was also agreed unanimously to ask the contractors to continue cutting the Greens for the next year.

769-2 The Deposit Account stands at £8475.18

769-3 Parish Precept. Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon and Seconded by Cllr. Read that the Precept should be set at £4000 for another year. Agreed unanimously. Cllr. Withey requested by email to the Clerk that any excess could possibly be used to pay for snow clearance of minor roads not cleared by Wiltshire Council. The Clerk and Cllr. Read agreed to look into the feasibility of this.

769-4 A request to join Community First at a cost of £36.00 was declined.

770 Councillors Reports.

770-1 Parish Hall. Nothing to report from Councillors, although there have been some problems with frozen pipes.

770-2 Police Cllr. Manfield and the Clerk attended the last NTG meeting. Speeding by 'boy racers' around Crockerton has been added to the list of priorities and Councillors were reminded of shed locks for sale following a spate of thefts from sheds locally. The questionnaire from Wiltshire Police was also completed and will be sent to Police Headquarters. Speedwatch is still going well in Crockerton, although harder to do now due to the darker evenings.

770-3 Highways and Parish Steward. Amended plans for the Horse and Rider signs in Longbridge were shown and the new plans for the agricultural signs on the B3095. These can be erected at the same time at a cost of £860.79. Proposed by Cllr. Manfield and seconded by Cllr. Read that this should proceed. All agreed.

Following the letter regarding the farm entrance at Sutton End, the Clerk was asked to confirm that Highways would continue monitoring the situation to ensure that some progress is made. The Clerk explained that we were now under Salisbury Highways area, and would check that they were aware of the problem.

770-4 It was agreed to write to Highways regarding the posts in the verge as informed by Mr. Prowse. It was felt that they may be illegal due to their proximity to the road, but that Highways could confirm and deal with the possible problem. The Clerk was also asked to write to Longleat regarding the vehicles in the woods.

771 Clerk's Report and Correspondence Received.

The Upper Deverills Litter Pick is planned for 19th. March 2011 and will hopefully cover Hill Deverill.

Clerk and Chairman attended last Area Board meeting at Corsley. Little to interest villages except Wiltshire Council not placing many more grit bins as the grit is often stolen and not used correctly. Next Meeting Thursday 13th. January Chapmanslade Village Hall 6.30

A complaint had been received regarding the hedge overhanging the footpath outside the Old Post Office in Longbridge Deverill. Despite a letter being sent, there was no response. Councillors requested that another letter be sent before informing Wiltshire Council if still no reply.

772 Items for Parish Magazine. Use of grit bins again.

773 Any Other Business. None

Date of next Meeting. Monday 7th. March 2011

Meeting Closed at 8.45

Chairman

Clerk

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