

Minutes of Longbridge Deverill and Crockerton Annual Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall on May 3rd. 2011

Present Councillors P. Withey, G. Read, W. Hurd, B. Marshall, Mrs. E Pidgeon. County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe

In Attendance, Mrs H Few Clerk.

Apologies. Councillor Manfield, Councillor Algar

785 Election of Officers for forthcoming year.
Although Cllr. Manfield had sent her apologies due to illness, she had confirmed to the Clerk her willingness to stand for another year. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon and seconded by Cllr. Hurd that Cllr. Manfield be appointed Chair. Carried unanimously
Proposed by Cllr. Marshall and Seconded by Cllr. Reed that Cllr. Withey remain as Vice Chair. Carried unanimously

Cllr. Withey took Chair for the rest of the meeting.

786 Open Session for members of the public.
There were no members of the public present.

787 Declarations of Interest. Councillor P. Withey declared an interest in application W/11/00749 152, Paradise Lane Crockerton.

788 Minutes of the meeting held 4th. January 2011 were confirmed and signed.

789 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere. Cllr. Hurd advised Councillors that the water in the field at Sutton End had been removed but almost immediately returned. It was suggested that the farmer inform the water board to check pipework in the area and the problem would be looked at again at the next meeting if necessary.

789 Planning Matters.

789-1 W/11/00378/FUL Badger Hollow Potters Hill Crockerton. This was refused

789-2 W/11/00420/421/FUL/LBC Bath Arms Crockerton. County Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe updated Councillors on the situation. The publican has been asked to obtain an Environmental Impact Statement following protests from a nearby property. The application will be looked at when this has been obtained.

790 Parish Budget and Payments made.

790-1 Cllr. Marshall presented the accounts for 2010/11 and talked through the statements to be confirmed by the Parish Council as requested by the Auditors Mazars. The Council has also been Audited by Mr. Ede and the paperwork can now be sent to Mazars for confirmation. Proposed by Cllr. Reed, seconded by Cllr. Hurd that the accounts for 2010/11 should be agreed, and this was passed unanimously. Cllr. Marshall was thanked for his assistance in this matter.

790-2 The Current Account stands at £2454.67 Cheques raised included £228.75 for Clerk's fees and expenses , £120.00 PCC of The Deverills (Contribution to magazine) and £24.00 for village hall hire as agreed at the last meeting. Parish Council Insurance from AON is now due at the cost of £478.78. Proposed by Cllr. Hurd and Seconded by Cllr. Mrs Pidgeon that this is authorised. Agreed unanimously.

790-3 The Deposit Account stands at £5476.32 plus £4000 Precept which was received on 20/4/11 £9476.32.

790-4 The Clerk's fee and expenses for the last two months total £211.60. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Pidgeon and Seconded by Cllr. Withey that this be authorised. The Clerk also informed the Council that HMRC had now decided that Clerks could not be self-employed. Following discussions with Cllr. Manfield and Cllr Marshall the Council had been registered as an employer and the clerk was in the process of obtaining all paperwork necessary to run a payroll for one person. Cllr. Fleur de Rhe -Philippe advised that many MP's were trying to get the ruling overturned because of the amount of paperwork it was creating, but unfortunately until things could change the process had to be adhered to.

791 Councillors Reports.

791-1 Parish Hall. A letter has been received from the Village Hall committee asking for help to pay their insurance for the coming year. Agreed unanimously to pay entire amount £584.46 as in the previous year.

791-2 Police Unfortunately the speed gun is being repaired at the moment so no checks have been done in Crockerton, but they are first on the list when it is available. Following complaints of vehicles left on the junction at Sand Street, Longbridge Deverill, the Police visited the house in question and a horse box has been removed.

792 Highways

Posts outside The Brac Crockerton. Following the last meeting, a letter was sent enclosing the forms to obtain a Section 142 licence. Unfortunately these have not been returned to County Hall, so the Highways Officer will now be asked to send a letter from Wiltshire Council.

Complaints regarding A350 Lords Hill. Mud and blocked gullies. The Highways Engineer has been working with the landowner to resolve this problem and gullies have now been cleared. Nothing more can be done until it rains in order to observe the water flow.

Hill Deverill. The Clerk was asked to remind the Highways Engineer about the state of the road in Hill Deverill and especially the raised manhole which is a danger. The Clerk agreed to contact the Engineer and the Steward to see what could be done to improve the situation. The Clerk would also ask the Steward to trim the grass on the junction from the hall/church on a regular basis for safety reasons.

793 Clerk's Report and Correspondence Received.

The Clerk gave a brief outline of the meeting she had attended regarding the Area Board/ Big Society/Localism Bill. Many issues now have to be put through the Area Board and Councils and individuals will have a 'right to challenge' decisions. Parish Councils will not be forced to take over services, but if they feel that they can improve them or save money then they will be able to do so. Local people will also be encouraged to have more say in planning decisions.

A letter has been received regarding the Commemoration of WW1 in July 2014 throughout the Wylve Valley to Longbridge Deverill. The letter will be circulated so that anyone who wishes to join an organising committee can do so.

794 Items for Parish Magazine.

Following the very successful Litter Pick in Longbridge Deverill, Cllr. Withey asked if an item could be put in the magazine, especially thanking the young people who took part.

795 Any Other Business.

Cllr. Read and Cllr. Pidgeon reported that the Street Parties held to commemorate the Royal Wedding were a great success. Both villages had attendances of over 100 villagers and friends. Thanks were extended to Dean from the Bath Arms his donation to the Crockerton party.

Date of next Meeting. Monday 4th. July 2011

Meeting Closed at 8.45

Chairman

Clerk

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