

Upper Deverills Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Upper Deverills Parish Council held at the village hall Kingston Deverill on Wednesday 10 January at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors Richard Cousens (Chair); Bridget Beattie (Vice Chair), Dr David Croot, Colin Hiron and Cllr Louise Stratton (Cllr Stratton arrived at 7.00pm); .

In attendance: The Parish Clerk Christine Fordham and 2 members of the public.

Public Question Time –

A resident expressed concern about the cessation of the delivery of daily newspapers in the Deverills. The Chair advised that this was a commercial decision of the proprietor of the local shop and as such the Council were unable to get involved. It was suggested that the parishioner might like to include an article in the local newsletter asking for volunteers willing to deliver papers to those who were unable to access the shop.

1. **Acceptance of Apologies for Absence (117/17)**

2. **Dispensations (118/17)**

No requests had been received

3. **Declarations of Interest (119/17)** None

4. **Exclusion of the Press and Public (120/17)**

No reasons were given to exclude the press and public.

5. **Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 8 November 2017(121/17)**

It was proposed by Cllr Croot,, seconded by the Vice Chair that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 November be accepted as a true record; all were in favour and the minutes were duly signed.

6. **Matters Arising(123/17)**

- a) The Chair reported that he had developed a good working relationship with the Parish Steward; the Steward had recently done an amazing job clearing out the culvert on Hindon Road
- b) The Clerk had been informed that the gate adjacent to stile on the B3059 was now unlocked; the Chair confirmed this.

7. **Reports from Visitors (124/17)** None

8. **Broadband Action Group (125/17)**

Richard Kitson reported that work had already begun in Brixton Deverill on the new fast broadband

9. **Chairman's Announcements(126/17)**

It was agreed that there would be a litter pick in the Parish on 17 March; the Clerk was asked to arrange for the appropriate equipment from WCC.

10. **Parish Steward (127/17)**

It was agreed that the Clerk would report the positive feedback to WCC Highways on the Parish steward's work in the area.

11. **Highways issues, (128/17)**

- a) The SID had been re-charged and would shortly be deployed outside Burton Farm.
- b) Cllr Beattie reported that at the NTG meeting it was suggested that there might be funding available for SIDs; she would investigate further.

12. **Best Kept Village Competition 2018 (129/17)**

No interest had been expressed by local residents to enter the competition and the Council would not take the matter further.

13. Rights of Way (130/17)

The parish rights of way officer had informed the Clerk that the Bridleway, BDEV16 above Woodcombe farm had been recently ploughed, but had not been re-instated. The Clerk had passed the matter to the WCC PROW for action.

14. Policy Reviews (131/17)

On reviewing the Council's grant policy after the last meeting the Clerk advised that it included a restriction on when grant requests could be submitted and it was agreed that this was no longer required. The Policy would be amended

The Data Protection Policy would be updated when the new guidelines were issued.

The Clerk would contact the Website host to find out whether Councillors email addresses could be linked with the website. A new Electronic Communication Policy would then be drawn up.

15. Grant Requests for 2018/19 (132/17)

- a) A request had been received from the Deverills and Horningsham PCC for £1500 to pay for repairs to the wall at Monkton Deverill Churchyard. The Churchyard had not been officially closed, although the church had been sold off and was now a private residence. The Clerk advised that there were restrictions on granting funds to churches and the Clerk would seek advice from WALC. On discussion it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Stratton that, subject to WALC advice, the Council would offer a grant of £750 on condition that the PCC sourced the rest of the funds; all Councillors were in favour.
- b) A request for a grant of £1,000 had been received from Deverills Cricket Club to help with the cost of cutting the grass on the recreation field. It was proposed by Cllr Stratton, seconded by the Vice Chair that the grant be agreed; all were in favour.

16. Discussion about WWI centenary commemoration events in the Parish 133/17

It was agreed, in principle, that the Council would like to mark the event and initial discussions were held about possible commemorations. Councillors would bring ideas to the next meeting, but provision would be made in the budget for 18/19

17. Precept 2018/19 (134/17)

The Clerk had prepared an outline budget for 2018/19 based on the precept remaining the same and this had been circulated to Councillors. The Council had spent more than originally budgeted for the SID and wished to replenish the reserves; the Council also wished to make a budget allocation of £500 for costs of any events set up to mark the centenary of the end of WWI. It was therefore proposed by the Cllr Croot, seconded by the Vice Chair that the precept request be increased by £1,000 for 2018/19 to £8373; all were in favour.

18. Clerk's Report (135//17)

- a) The Clerk had spoken to WCC Highways who advised that the redesign of the culvert in Brixton Deverill was on the list of works to be done.
- b) WCC Highways had agreed that they would take up the issue of the drainage ditches at Cliff Farm direct with the owners as the Parish Council's letters had not had the desired effect.
- c) WCC Planning had advised that they had not yet followed up the development in the field at Laurel House, but they would do so.

19. Correspondence (136/17)

- a) WCC of 15.12.17 – Agenda for Area Board to be held on 4.1.18.
- b) WALC of 22.11.17 – Newsletter
- c) WCC of 23.11.17 – Precept Calculator
- d) SAA of 27.11.17 – appointment of PKF Littlejohn LLP as external auditors.
- e) Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee of 29.11.17 – Strategy for 2017 to 2021.
- f) WCC of 30.11.17 – Highways newsletter, including dates of Highways meetings.

- g) Bobby Van of 10.12 - Home Security Poster and stay safe on line poster
- h) Cranbourne Chase Partnership of 11.12 – offer to visit to explain local activities.
- i) WCC Highways of 19.12.17 – Parish Steward Schedule.
- j) WCC Of 7.1.18 – NTG Agenda meeting for 9.1.18
- k) Cranborne Chase of 8.1.18 – Star Gazing dates.

20. Planning(137/17)

- a) WCC 17/11160 of 4.12.17 – application to install a roof light at Manor Farm Cottage Brixton Deverill. No comments had been made
- b) WCC 17/11181 of 11.12.17 - application to erect an agricultural building and yard at Lower Pertwood Farm. No comments had been made
- c) WCC 17/12147/FUL of 9.1.18 – application to erect a garden room at Bridge Cottage, Brixton Deverill. The Council considered the application and did not wish to make any comments.
- d) Summaries dated 4.11, 11.11, 18.11, 25.11, 2.12, 9.12, 5.1

21. Finance (138/17)

Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque No.
Mrs C D Fordham	Salary 11.11.17 to 10.1.18 Expenses advance from 11.11.17 to 10.1.18	466.40	Electronic payment
		40.00	
		Total 504.40	
Royal British Legion	Donation in respect of provision of poppy wreath Made between meetings	Total 75.00	Electronic Payment
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges (deducted on 31.12.17)	Total 18.00	Electronic Payment

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (Sch 2) the approval of the electronic payments was proposed by Cllr Beattie, seconded by Cllr Croot; all Councillors were in favour and the payments would be actioned.

22. Council Website(139/17)

23. Items for Parish Newsletter and Notice Boards (140/17)

The Chair would draft an article for the Newsletter

24. Date of Next meeting(141/17)

Cllr Croot advised that he would be meeting with Historic England about the archaeology in the valley and would be part of a steering group that was to be set up by HE.

The next meeting of Upper Deverills Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 6.30pm in the Kingston Deverill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date:

Signed:

Cllr B Beattie
Vice Chair