

# NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at St James Church, Avonwick

**OPEN FORUM:** Two members of the public were present.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Childs, Cooper, Hunt, Luscombe, Pearse and District and Parish Councillor Steer.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Seager-Berry and County Councillor Vint

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were confirmed and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING:** The clerk reported that the Avonwick – North Huish Cross road had been cleaned.

The Council agreed to spend up to £1,500 on a sheltered seat for the play park. Permission had not yet been received for a seat to be placed in North Huish.

**REPORTS:** Councillor Vint had reported that the “slow” signs for the road passing the play park and tennis courts were still being prepared. He also stated that he would welcome approaches from Councillors should they wish to contact him over matters relating to Council work.

Councillor Steer thanked both the Council and parishioners for their kind thoughts following the recent death of his brother.

Councillor Steer had recently been working on planning matters concerning a housing development at West Alvington. This would be followed up by similar work in Dartmouth. Councillor Steer reported that the intention of the District Council was to avoid any increase in Council Tax this year. He also stated that there was still some funding in his locality budget for appropriate projects. Councillor Steer had been told that the police personnel working in local areas had been instructed not to provide Parish Councils with reports concerning crime within their areas.

Arrangements for traffic connected with the Coombehead Solar Park development had been revised in order to avoid potential problems with large vehicles using small roads.

Specific items of **CORRESPONDENCE** were noted as follows:

1. The Council had been informed that the proposed river gauge at Avonwick would not now be put in place. It had been decided that it would not provide any better warning of floods than the system already in place.
2. Ms Granados complained that a previous complaint had not been dealt with correctly. The chairman apologised if this was the case.
3. The Avonwick and North Huish Community Hall group asked permission to use the Parish play area land for a Big Lunch Sunday on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015. – Granted subject to the usual conditions.
4. DCC drew attention to its need to reduce spending by £50 million and asked parishioners to take part in a consultation concerning this. (see notice on notice board).
5. SHDC reported damage caused by dogs to a swing in the play park. Parishioners are reminded that the play park is a dog free area and that anyone taking a dog into the park is liable to an on the spot fine of £80 or to be given a court summons.

**FINANCE:**

Balance c/f	£	13,169.12
Income (fld rep)	£	183.60
Income (interest)	£	0.44
Exp ( Chch donat.)	£	200.00
Exp. (fld equip)	£	183.60
Exp. DALC sub.	£	48.70
Balance c/f	£	12,920.86

This balance is made up as follows:

P3 money	£	149.40
Council funds	£	<u>12,771.46</u>

Total £ 12,920.86

The Council agreed to pay Sutcliffe Leisure the outstanding balance on its account.  
The Council agreed to pay Playquip installations for work carried out on the play park.  
It was agreed to seek a quotation for the replacement of the "Jubilee seat" in North Huish church yard.

**HIGHWAYS:** Potholes were reported on the road near Woodland Barton and at Butterford Mill.

The Chairman asked whether the whole parish was to be included in the village hall survey that was underway. He was assured that every home in the parish should be included.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Request for a link between the Parish Council website and the community website.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm at St James Church, Avonwick.