

NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at St James Church, Avonwick

OPEN FORUM: There were three members of the public present. In reply to a parishioners question the meeting was reminded that the 106 agreement money received by the Council had been provided according to an agreement made between the District Council and the developers of the new homes at Higher Moor. The money could only be used to pay for the development of the play park in Avonwick. A further question relating to the Jubilee Fund was put forward to be dealt with during the Council Meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Steer declared an interest in matters concerning the Community Hall Project

PRESENT: Councillors Childs, Cooper, Hunt, Luscombe, Seager-Berry, Pearse, District and Parish Councillor Steer and County Councillor Vint.

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 6th May 2014 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: No action had as yet been taken concerning the Knotweed. Councillor Vint to follow this up with DCC

REPORTS: Councillor Vint presented the Council with a report of his recent work at county level. Councillor Vint agreed to chase up other outstanding work previously requested by the Council including repairs to the road near the old Woodpecker site, the cutting back of hedges at the same location and the cutting of roadside verges particularly near junctions.

District Councillor Steer reported that his district work had largely been connected with planning requests. A wind turbine at Frogmore had been given approval. A request for a solar farm near Diptford had been called in by the Secretary of State who would give his decision concerning this at a later date. Applications for energy saving “ farms” were still being received by the Council. The enforcement of planning conditions was receiving greater attention.

Councillor Childs reported on a meeting held with the developers of the play park A few outstanding issues remained to be dealt with. The completion of the transfer of the land had taken longer than had been expected. The park now needs a Post Installation Inspection. This would be followed by the acceptance of the park by the South Hams District Council who would then take on responsibility for insurance matters concerning the use of the park. Until this happens the park cannot be opened for use. It was agreed to investigate the use of warning signs for motorists outside the park The possibility of extending the 30mph zone was also discussed.

PLANNING: The Council gave support to the request for adjustments to the weir at Gara Bridge.

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

- 1) A request for a donation from the NSPCC was declined.
- 2) Information from Western Power Distribution for use in a Power Cut was noted. (see below)
- 3) Letter from the Chief Constable noted.
- 4) Response from those seeking to erect a wind turbine at Charford. Noted.
- 5) Letter from SHDC concerning Code of Conduct and Registers. Noted. Action clerk

6) The Higher Moor Management Company wrote acknowledging its responsibility for the maintenance of the hedges at the sides of the permissive path in Avonwick

7) An update was received from the Community Hall group. This group also requested payment of £64.80 - the cost of printing flyers for the proposed parish consultation meeting. Agreed. This meeting is to take place at the Avon Inn on 18th June at 7pm.

FINANCE:

This balance is made up as follows:

Balance c/f	£ 6393.68	P3 money	£ 149.40
Income (precept)	£ 1054.00	Council funds	<u>£ 7298.51</u>
Income (interest)	<u>£ 0.23</u>	Total	<u>£ 7447.91</u>
Balance c/f	<u>£ 7447.91</u>		

As the bills connected with the play park will soon be presented, the Council agreed to hold its balances under two headings – P3 money and Council Funds.

Councillor Pearse asked that funding should be made available for a new seat in North Huish – agreed. The ownership of the suggested site for the seat needs to be established and permission gained from the owner for a seat to be placed there.

The Council agreed to pay bills received for the new play park subject to holding back 5% of the main invoice (£32,000) until the outstanding work has been carried out.

HIGHWAYS: In addition to the items mentioned elsewhere, the Council was made aware of the need for repainting of the white lines at Manor Lane. Action Councillor Vint.

Parking at the North Huish/ Avonwick junction was yet again, causing concern to parishioners. Action clerk.

WESTER POWER DISTRIBUTION suggests parishioners should keep the following to hand in case a power failure occurs:

An analogue telephone (digital cordless ones will not work during a power cut).

Torch with batteries.

Powerbank (for charging essential items like mobile 'phones during a power cut).

Rechargeable radio.

Foil blanket.

Reusable hand warmer.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.30pm at St James Church, Avonwick.

Parishioners wishing to bring any matter before the Council should either attend an Open Forum (held at the start of all Council Meetings) or ask a Councillor to represent them.