

NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at St James Church, Avonwick

OPEN FORUM:

There were no members of the public present. A parishioner queried the positioning of the play equipment in the new play park. The Council was informed that this had now been agreed by both the Planning and the Natural Environment and Recreation Departments at the District Council and that it would now go ahead as planned. Mud was reported on the road between North Huish and Coombe House. A blocked buddle hole was reported at Langford Barton.

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor Vint, Councillors Hunt and Pearse.

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 4th February 2014 were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Clerk was asked to invite the Dog Warden to Avonwick to look at the problems being caused by thoughtless dog owners.

The clerk reported on a meeting that he had had with the solicitor who will be acting for the Council in matters relating to the transfer of the Play Park and Village Hall land to the Parish. The Council agreed to nominate two offices to act as trustees to hold the land for the Parish Council – those of Chairman of the Council and Clerk to the Council.

The construction of the play park is now planned to start on 7th April 2014.

REPORTS:

County Councillor Vint reported that the planned budget for the County had now been approved. He informed the Council that much of his work at present concerned the proposals put forward by the Highways Department concerning the status of some of the roads within the district. Considerable objection to the reclassification of some roads has been received.

District Councillor Steer informed the Council of the recent death of District Councillor Carter, a man who will be sadly missed.

Councillor Steer reported that the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission for changes to the electoral arrangements for South Hams District Council have been published. These include a reduction in the number of Councillors from 40 to 31 and new ward boundaries. North Huish Parish will now be included with South Brent and there will be two councillors elected within the new ward.

The Council had received no correspondence from the Police. It is assumed, therefore, that there has been no crime reported within the parish during the last month. Clerk instructed to request a negative report from the police when no crime has occurred.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Council was asked to request the removal of an old freezer from the side of the road in Avonwick. It was noted that the freezer was on private land. The clerk was asked to approach the landowner to see if he would be willing to remove the freezer.

The Council had received a request for financial support for the Avonwick and North Huish website.

FINANCE:

This balance is made up as follows:

Balance c/f	£ 7208.79	P3 money	£ 149.40
Exp. (CCoD Sub.)	£ 50.00	Community fund	£ 1686.18
Income (interest)	<u>£ 0.25</u>	Council funds	<u>£ 5323.46</u>
<u>Balance c/f</u>	<u>£ 7159.04</u>	Total	<u>£ 7159.04</u>

The Council was informed that the Play Park Committee had now opened a bank account. Council agreed to purchase two locks and chains for the play park gates.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING:

Request from the Avonwick and North Huish Website for financial support – deferred till the September meeting.

Further consideration of request for funding towards the costs of the Diptford and North Huish Parish Magazine.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st April 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.