

# NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at St James Church, Avonwick

## **OPEN FORUM:**

There were no members of the public present. The Council was offered a chestnut tree for planting in the play park area. While the offer was appreciated, it was felt that there was not sufficient room in the play park for the tree.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Bell, Gabriel, Grevatt, Hunt, Luscombe, Seager-Berry and District and Parish Councillor Steer.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Councillor Vint

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr Steer seconded Cllr Grevatt.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

The clerk informed the Council that Devon Highways had a map of the Parish Buddle Holes and that this would be made available to the Council.

The Chairman reported that the play park gate latch had been repaired. Thanks were due to R M Welding Services.

## **REPORTS:**

County Councillor Vint had submitted a report dealing with his work at County level. He asked if there was any interest in a parishioner taking on the role of road warden.

District Councillor Steer gave a brief report of his work with the planning committee.

Councillor Grevatt updated the Council on the preparations for the Community Hall Project's Apple Pie Fair on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## **PLANNING:**

The clerk informed the Council of an application for an extension to a house in Avonwick. The paperwork for this extension had not yet been received by the clerk and so the Council was unable to proceed with its consideration of this. Clerk and Cllr Steer to contact the planning department concerning this.

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

An email had been received from the SHDC inspector concerning the fixtures to the play park outer gate. Cllr Gabriel to follow this up.

The clerk had received an email concerning nettles growing between the play park steps. He had dealt with this. The same email raised concern over the safety of the steps. This would be investigated.

At this point mention was made of the riding of bikes in the park. The Council felt that this could endanger other children.

The clerk asked for the park grass to be cut before the date of the Apple Pie Fair. He also asked that the Council should record its thanks to Cllr Steer for cutting the external hedge of the park.

The Council agreed to a request from the Community Hall Project Group for the play park to be closed on the 18<sup>th</sup> September for the Apple Pie Fair and on the 17<sup>th</sup> September to allow for the preparations for the fair to take place safely.

**FINANCE:**

This balance is made up as follows:

Balance c/f	£ 8225.81	P3 money	£ 149.40
Income (interest)	£ 0.68	Council funds	<u>£ 7957.09</u>
Expenditure (ins)	<u>£ 120.00</u>	Total	<u>£ 8106.49</u>
Balance c/f	<u>£ 8106.49</u>		

**HIGHWAYS:**

Japanese Knotweed had been reported on the sides of the Brent road. Action clerk

**NEXT MEETING:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm at St James Church, Avonwick.