## NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 at St James's Church, Avonwick

**OPEN FORUM:** There were no members of the public present. Attention was drawn to the accumulation of litter at the Woodpecker junction. Concern was raised over the possible closure of public toilets at Shipley Bridge. The unofficial caravan park near Staverton was also discussed. Clerk to follow up these concerns. The Council wished to thank the parishioners in Avonwick who have been collecting litter from the streets. Parishioners are warned of recent overnight theft from parked vehicles.

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

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Councillor Hosking

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr Hunt seconded Cllr Seager-Berry

**MATTERS ARISING**: The grants available from the Feofees are still under review.

**REPORTS:** Councillor Steer's report concerned the intention of South Hams District Council to protect key local services. The ongoing cuts in funding from national government have amounted to £4 million over the past ten years. The District Council will have a funding deficit of £0.6million this year. This will necessitate both changes to services and increase to income from areas other than Council Tax. Council Tax can only be increased within levels prescribed by the government. South Hams District Council is keen to hear what its electorate is thinking about the possible solutions to these problems.

Specific items of **CORRESPONDENCE** were noted as follows:
AONB survey of Parish Councillors views concerning its Management Plan Review Individual Councillors to respond
Banijay Broadcasting show. Noted

## **FINANCE:**

| Balance c/f       | £8 | 3,315.15 |
|-------------------|----|----------|
| Income (interest) | £  | 0.31     |
| Income (grant)    | £  | 200.00   |
| Exp Grass cutting | £  | 605.00   |
| Exp. Web hosting  | £  | 14.99    |

The Council agreed to pay for a new Scanner/printer and paper and printer ink.

**NEXT MEETING**: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm at St James's Church, Avonwick.