

NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

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

OPEN FORUM: Questions had been asked of the situation regarding the provision of a defibrillator for North Huish village. A request for funding has been made to South Hams District Council. No response has, as yet, been received concerning this. The provision of a defibrillator is dependant on funding being made available as the Parish does not have the necessary funds itself.

The Council discussed the sad news that the shop in Avonwick is due to close at the end of March. It was felt by councillors and parishioners that the work done by Richard and Laura has never been bettered. The sad fact is that the village and local area has not supported the shop sufficiently enough to make it a viable concern. A classic example of "use it or lose it". The Council wished to express its thanks to Richard and Laura for all of their work. They have become so much part of the village and have contributed far, far more than simply providing goods for sale. Their work for and with the local community has made them a great asset for the Parish. Thank you both.

Thanks were given to our voluntary Snow Warden, Cllr Hunt, who worked tirelessly to keep open many of the roads in the parish during the recent snow storms. While there were roads that could not be included, any volunteer can only do so much, the work that was achieved was much appreciated. It was felt that additional grit bins would be welcome at Coombe, Clunkamoor and in the centre of the village in Avonwick. Action clerk

Thanks were also given to Devon Highways who did all that they could to keep the major roads open and to Western Power Distribution for the work carried out in such difficult conditions to repair the electricity supply as quickly as they did.

PRESENT: Councillors Bell, Gabriel, Grevatt, Hunt, Luscombe, and District and Parish Councillor Steer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Seager-Berry and Hosking

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr Steer seconded Cllr Bell.

MATTERS ARISING: It was noted that work had been carried out to deal with the accumulated litter at the Woodpecker junction.

REPORTS: County Councillor Hosking had submitted a report which was largely concerned with the agreement of the County Council budget for 2018/19. The end result of the agreement is that Council Tax payers will see an increase of 4.99% in their bills. The reduction of Government funding has been alleviated to some extent by additional funding from a number of areas.

District Councillor Steer reported the budget agreements of the South Hams District Council. The Council has experienced a further revenue cut from the Government and this will continue next year when the revenue support grant will cease to exist. The Council has decided to adopt a number of money saving cuts and has also decided to increase the costs of some of its services.

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

1. South Hams CVS request for funding - declined.
2. Council for the Preservation of Rural England funding request – declined
3. DALC newsletter – need for Data Protection Officer. Action Cllr Grevatt.

FINANCE:

Balance c/f	£ 7,895.47
Income (interest)	£ <u>0.33</u>
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Balance c/f	£ <u>7,895.80</u>

It was agreed to pay for recent work on the buddle holes. Thanks were recorded for the marvellous work being undertaken by Mr J Widdicombe in keeping our buddle holes clear.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Council Data Protection Officer.

The Primrose Trail Group. To address the meeting on 3rd April

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.30pm at St James's Church, Avonwick.