

NORTH HUISH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2019 at St James's Church, Avonwick

OPEN FORUM: The Council was informed that the six-monthly flood group meeting had taken place. This ensures an ongoing review of the situation.

The Council was asked whether there had been any progress made with the provision of a defibrillator for the village of North Huish. Possible sources of funding had been suggested. This would be looked into after the forthcoming elections.

Concern had been raised over the development at Barleycombe. This is outside the parish boundaries but the clerk was asked to raise the matter with South Brent Parish.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Steer – planning matters.

PRESENT: Councillors Gabriel, Grevatt, Luscombe, Seager-Berry, District and Parish Councillor Steer, District Councillor Smerdon and County Councillor Hosking.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Bell and Hunt.

The **MINUTES** of the meeting held the on 5th February 2019 were confirmed and signed. Proposed Cllr. Grevatt seconded Cllr. Seager-Berry.

MATTERS ARISING: A schedule has been drawn up for the monthly inspection of the play park by Councillors. This will start in April and the first Councillor to carry out this work will be Cllr. Bell

REPORTS: County Councillor Hosking reported that the replacement of street lighting with LED lights had continued and that this was delivering a considerable saving in electricity costs. He told the Council that the increase in the Police Precept would permit Devon and Cornwall Police an increase of 85 police constables. 46 PCSOs would be leaving the force. Cllr. Hosking described the improvements to Broadband reception in the more remote areas of the County. District Councillor Steer told the Council that the Joint Local Plan had been found to be sound and that it would be adopted at forthcoming meetings of the South Hams and West Devon District Councils and by Plymouth City Council. Cllr. Steer gave advance notice of a proposed action by a group wishing to show their discontent over the Brexit situation. The group would be seeking to close the M5 motorway at junction 30 during the night of Friday 22nd March.

PLANNING: The Council had objected to the planning application for an agricultural building at Lower Greenslade Farm on the grounds that the proposed site would make the building obtrusive. It was suggested that the building would be more acceptable lower down the hill. The Council supported an application for a new garage for residential purposes at Barnford, Avonwick and the replacement of the existing swimming pool.

Specific items of **CORRESPONDENCE** were noted as follows: The Council had received an email from a parishioner objecting to the Council allowing and encouraging a fox hunt to meet at the Avon Inn. It was explained that the Council has absolutely no jurisdiction over such matters and could neither permit nor refuse permission for such a meet. The Chairman would write to the parishioner concerned. All parishioners are encouraged to attend a Council Meeting in order to fully understand the work of the Council.

FINANCE:

Balance c/f	£ 7,142.22
Income (interest)	£ 0.32
Expenditure (buddle holes)	£ 72.00
Expenditure (Defib pads)	£ <u>91.00</u>
Balance c/f	£ <u>6,979.34</u>

It was proposed by Cllr. Luscombe and seconded by Cllr. Seager-Berry that approval should be given to the purchase of replacement defibrillator pads for children when they become due. Approved unanimously.

HIGHWAYS: Cllr. Steer informed the Council that the District Council was about to undertake a significant litter picking exercise along the district's roads.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.30pm at St James's Church, Avonwick.