

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2016
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: J. Burgess (Chairperson), P. Wait, S. Cook, J. Hobson, B.Bywater and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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157/16 Open Forum

Cllr Burgess welcomed Mrs. Yvonne Billett to the meeting, Mrs. Billett is part of neighbourhood watch, there has been some trouble in the churchyard, the police were informed and they are keeping an eye on it. Sadly, someone got into the churchyard and have been using a seat which was not given permission to be installed as a meeting point, individuals wrecked a grave and damaged the headstone. Laminated notices have been erected as instructed by the police.

Mrs. Billett does not feel the repairs on Peak lane have made any improvements.

Mr Goman was welcomed to the meeting but advised he had had nothing to report.

Serge was welcomed to the meeting, he mentioned the defibrillator training, clerk advised once a date has been sent a notice will be placed on the noticeboard.

158/16 Apologies
Cllr Lumley

159/16 Co-option of new councillor
Mr Ben Bywater was co-opted onto the council.

160/16 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None

161/16 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

162/16 Accounts
a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Darren Howard	55.92	Allotment Hire
SDC	6600.00	2 nd Precept payment

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages September 2016
Npower	22.80	Tennis court electricity
Alison Hambling	318.48	Newsletter Aug/Sept
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
T W Hawkins	494.63	Grass cutting
Grant Thornton	150.00	External audit

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- 163/16 Clerks Report
1. Speed monitoring is taking place but the group needs to have a contact point. Cllr Burgess to be added to the distribution list.
 2. The clerk has been contacted by SDC planning regarding BT's plans to remove 80 phone kiosks across the district. Clerk to forward details to the councillors ready for the next meeting. Clerk
 3. The clerk confirmed with the council that the new councillors can attend training courses, clerk to advise on dates training is taking place.
 4. A highway information evening takes place on 18th October, 7pm in the council chamber at Ebley Mill. Councillors to contact clerk if you are able to attend. All
 5. Clerk to chase Andrew Middlecote regarding the 20 is plenty signs. Also contact the clerk at Woodchester PC about producing customized ones. Clerk
- 164/16 Village defibrillator to be discussed
The charity providing the training is unable to do the 2 dates the council proposed, clerk to go back with alternate dates. Clerk to contact the insurance company regarding theft of the defibrillator. Clerk
- 165/16 Tennis Courts
Cllr Cook has nothing to report. Clerk reported further to a conversation with Npower the council is paying the highest tariff for electricity. This can be reduced by either paying by direct debit which is not an option, alternatively signing up for a 15-month contract. Council agreed clerk to negotiate. Clerk
Since the tennis club has dissolved, there are players in the village who do not make use of the facilities as they are unaware of who else in the village plays, council to promote playing tennis in the next newsletter. Clerk
- 166/16 Affordable housing
Martin from GRCC, and Guy from Bayhill property attended the open afternoon before the meeting. The proposed site plans were available for parishioners to view. Once the plans are submitted it will take approximately 12 months to go through planning process. Martin and Guy will send through the site information and the site plan, this can then be put onto the website. Guy plans to submit to SDC within 4 weeks.
There was a high turnout for the open afternoon, the main concern seemed to be the drainage and the increased volume of traffic. Many were pleased the hedge with be in situ.
- 167/16 Emergency Plan
Cllr Burgess to send to the clerk for publication. Cllr Burgess
- 168/16 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Norton's alley has been cleared back, the old fence has been removed. Steve Marshall had to stop working due to a wasp's nest being disturbed, Steve will wait for them to die off.
- 169/16 Allotment Update
Cllr Burgess and Hobson have not carried out a site visit yet, a date to be set. Cllr Burgess
Cllr Hobson
- 170/16 Village Maintenance
Nothing to report.

- 171/16 Highways repairs and maintenance
Cllr Burgess reported he was very disappointed with the repairs on Peak Lane, the crew were on site for 2 half days and only half the holes have been patched. Cllr Burgess to contact Andrew Middlecote. Cllr Burgess
The council has noted Mr Richard Carter's new property which is in the process of being built appears to have removed the hedge and claimed the verge. The situation is to be monitored.
- 172/16 Playarea Update
Clerk advised the monthly playarea inspection does not appear to be taking place, council to review at the next meeting. Clerk
2 of the swings need attention, clerk to obtain quotes.
- 173/16 Matters for forward consideration
Update on verge
Phone kiosk
Role - Cospa and police, Play area.
Neighbourhood plan
- 174/16 Items for press release
Minutes
Tennis courts

Meeting closed at 8.25pm