

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th September 2017
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: S. Cook (Vice chairperson), J. Hobson, B. Bywater, E Ely and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

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144/17 Open Forum
Mr Carter was welcomed to the meeting; Mr Carter was present to answer any questions regarding his planning application.

Gemma Carter expressed an interest in joining the council, the clerk will contact Mrs Clerk
Carter after the meeting.

145/17 Apologies for absence
Cllrs Burgess and Wait.

146/17 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
No declarations.

147/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

148/17 Planning
The council discussed the following planning applications:

1. S.17/1879/FUL – Knapp Lane Farm, Knapp Lane – Conversion and extension of agricultural building to form holiday cottage.
Supported by the council, proposed by Cllr Hobson seconded by Cllr Ely.

149/17 Accounts
a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Everhot	45.00	Newsletter Advert
Darren Howard	55.92	Allotment Rent

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	396.00	Wages July 2017
L Thornton	396.00	Wages August 2017
A Hambling	318.48	Newsletter August/September
L Thornton	65.00	Newsletter editing
Coaley Village hall	100.00	Contribution to Lyulph bench
TW Hawkins	509.45	Grass cutting
N Power	9.73	Electricity for the tennis courts
Greenville Grounds	350.00	Grass cutting in churchyard
Npower	9.45	Electricity for the tennis courts
Ben Bywater	9.99	Padlock for tennis courts

- 150/17 Clerks Report
 1. The clerk has been contacted by Guy Wooddisse regarding street lighting on the new Betworthy development, the councillors agreed some lighting is needed. The councillors would like the lighting to be similar to The Close. Clerk to contact Guy and advised of the council's decision. Clerk
- 151/17 Tennis courts
 Cllr Bywater advised the council that the new lock is now on the tennis court gate, there has been 5/6 texts to date requesting the code.
- 152/17 Village Hall Update
 Cllr Ely had nothing to report. Cllr Hobson commented that the shop is struggling as the village hall is not allowing customers to use the toilet facilities. The church has been allowing customer to use their facilities.
- 153/17 Pub working group update
 Cllrs Hobson and Bywater did not have anything to update the council with, everything has gone very quiet. The agent's website for the sale of the pub shows the pub as being under offer, but no confirmation on who the purchaser is.
- 154/17 Parish Plan
 Deferred to the next meeting.
- 155/17 Grant Application
 The playgroup has been awarded a grant from GCC to help with the repairs needed on the outside space. Cllr Ely will speak to the committee to get confirmation that a grant is no longer needed from the parish council. Cllr Ely
- 156/17 Newsletter review
 Cllr Bywater, Cllr Cook and the clerk will meet with Alison to discuss changes to the newsletter. Alison is available on Mondays, clerk to confirm time and date. Clerk
- 157/17 Footpath, ditches and stiles to be discussed
 Cllr Bywater confirmed the footpath to the railway is still closed with an emergency order. Cllr Cook demolished the bridge blocking the stream on Norton's Alley, it appears the bridge was there for the bikers to take the bikes over into the woods. Cllr Cook also spoke to a biker in the area and asked him not to re-erect the bridge. Cllr Cook reported a tree is down at the top of Spring Tynning, clerk to report to Woodland Trust. Clerk
 The clerk read an email from Mick Thorpe, Mick has cleared some of the footpaths in the parish and is keen for the work not to be in vain. Mick would like to have some information added to the council's website. The clerk has instructed Mick to send through the information for the council to review. Clerk
- 158/17 Allotment Update
 The clerk read out a letter from Ms Crumpton regarding the allotments and other village issues. Clerk to book a pest control appointment for the rats and place an article in the newsletter about dog fouling. Clerk to respond to Ms Crumpton. Clerk
- 159/17 Village Maintenance
 Clerk to contact SDC regarding the phonebox adoption. Clerk
- 160/17 Highways repairs and maintenance
 Peak Lane appears to be clear at the moment.

161/17 Playarea Update
Nothing to report.

162/17 Matters for forward consideration
New councillor
Newsletter

163/17 Items for press release
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm