

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER
2011 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors: Peter Ashman (Chairperson), L. Lumley, S. Cook, S. Childs, I. Eve and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

REF Action

186/11 Open Forum

Nothing to report.

187/11 Apologies

Cllr J. Burgess.

188/11 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None to report.

189/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meeting.

190/11 Council to discuss and decide on a response to local planning authority:

- a) S/11/2014/HHOLD – Grove Orchard, Knapp Lane – 2 Storey extension.

The Council supported this application as it was in-line with policy HN16.

- b) S.11/2082/LBC – Barn B, Upper Silver Street Farm – additions to those permitted in application S.09/1186/LBC

The Council supported this application, policy HN16

191/11 Accounts

- a) Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Income Received

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	341.80	Wages September 2011
M.D. Collins	63.60	Steel Poles for Norton's Alley
J C John	240.00	Litter Collection for 2011

b) 1st draft of the 2012/13 precept to be reviewed and discussed

The clerk had e-mailed before the meeting an up to date budget for 2012/13, this gave a break down on the 2011/12 budget and how the council is performing against this. All councillors were asked to read through the budget and bring any suggestions or queries to the December meeting.

192/11 Electricity post at Ticks Hill

Cllr Childs had been contacted by Mr & Mrs Gwyn regarding an issue with birds being electrocuted on a post in the field behind the allotments at Hamshill. The post has metal items on it from its previous use. As the work needed to rectify this is not easy and the electricity in the area would need to be switched off the situation will not be solved quickly. It is anticipated the work will be scheduled for March. If the electricity company are unable to remove the metal then they will place a bird scarcer on the post. Cllr Childs will monitor the situation.

193/11 Noticeboard – replacement or repair to be discussed

This item was held over to the December meeting as the documentation was in the circulation envelope which had not been brought to the meeting.

194/11 Recreation Field Fencing

The clerk ran through the different quotes and the different options available for replacing the fencing. The councillors requested a quote for a chain link fence with concrete posting, the clerk will source for the December meeting. Clerk

195/11 Clerks Report

1. The clerk brought to the attention of the council an e-mail received from a parishioner regarding the dumping of garden waste in the ditch along Trenley Rd. Cllr Childs had visited the site and taken photos for the council to review. After much discussion the council agreed to write a letter to the local residents in the vicinity, advising them of the penalties and consequences in this dumping continuing. The clerk will draft a letter and circulate to the councillors for approval. Clerk
2. The clerk read e-mails from 2 residents who live on Knapp Lane regarding the condition of the road. Cllr Eve will chase this situation with Mr Portlock and report back to the council. Cllr Eve
3. The clerk brought the council up to date with the situation regarding the whistleboards. The clerk will forward e-mails from Mr O'Brien as received. Clerk
4. The clerk advised that the next Parish & Town committee will take place on Tuesday 6th December at Ebley Mill, beginning at 4.30 pm for planning.
5. The clerk advised of a new website where you can review crashes, the information was placed in the circulation envelope.

- 196/11 Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed
Nothing to report.
- 197/11 Grant applications
The clerk read out the response to her e-mail regarding the grant application from the Tae Kwon Do group, the Council voted unanimously to refuse this application.
- 198/11 Allotment Update
The clerk highlighted the different options available to the council following the quotes to replace the gate at Westend. The council voted to replace with a 11ft gate with locks on both ends. The clerk to advise the contractors to proceed with the work. Clerk
- 200/11 Village maintenance
Nothing to report.
- 201/11 Highway Repairs & maintenance.
Cllr Eve is still chasing Mr Portlock regarding the clearing of the gullies on Knapp Lane and other areas.
The pavement near the church is breaking up.
The tarmac near Betworthy Farm is cracking, Cllr Eve to raise the problem with Mr Portlock. Cllr Eve
- 202/11 Playarea Update
The council reviewed the quotes to bring the play area up to an approved standard, all councillors voted for option 2 and to replace the seesaw and roundabout with a quartet.
- 203/11 Matters for forward consideration
Recreation Field Fence
Phone Box
Electricity Post
Noticeboard
- 204/11 Items for press release and publication
Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm