

BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of AGM Meeting of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council Thursday May 5th 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Church.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mills, Mrs Boughton, Nicholls, Hooper, Hannaford; D. Cllrs. Green and Pennington; C. Cllr Robert Vint.

Also present, Sue Misselbrook, Mark Elliot-Smith, and

David Eeles, Clerk. The Chairman opened the meeting, welcomed the visiting District and County Councillors and members of the public.

1(5.16) APOLOGIES: Cllr. Perring

2. (5.16) CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR:

As the deadline for a possible election to be activated has passed the Council were free to co-opt a new member. Mr Mark Elliot-Smith had previously put himself forward for co-option but had been unsuccessful however he was present and willing to be nominated again. His nomination was proposed by Cllr Nicholls, seconded by Cllr Hooper and duly CARRIED. The Chairman welcomed him to the Council.

3.(5.16) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The clerk asked for nominations for Chairman, and Cllr J. Mills was duly nominated and elected. The Chairman then asked for nominations for the other posts, and it was AGREED to re-elect the office holders en bloc as last year:

OFFICE	PERSON NOMINATED	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	Cllr. Mills	Cllr. Nicholls	Cllr. Boughton
Vice Chairman	Cllr. Hooper	Cllr. Perring	Cllr. Boughton
Village Hall Rep.	Cllr. Boughton	Cllr. Mills	Cllr. Nicholls
Tree Warden	Cllr. Nicholls	Cllr. Mills	Cllr. Boughton
Footpaths	Cllr. Perring	Cllr. Nicholls	Cllr. Hooper
Planning	Cllrs Hannaford, Boughton and Elliot-Smith	Cllr Mills	Cllr Nicholls

4. (5.16) MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING:

These were AGREED as a true record and duly signed off.

5 (5.16) MATTERS ARISING

11(4.16) Cllr Boughton again raised the issue of who had put in the cattle grid at the entrance to the parking area at the back of Keep Cottages. It was believed that this had happened in 1981/2. It was suggested that the Estate Office might know.

11(4.16) As agreed at the last meeting the interview of Mr Steve Holley for the post of Parish Lengthsman/ handyman has taken place with the involvement of Marldon Parish and it was AGREED to appoint the applicant to work for both Parishes. Arrangements were put in place for the transfer of the strimming equipment from Cllr Hooper's care to that of Cllr Nicholls, and for Mr Holley to meet Mr Ty Stephens of Berry Pomeroy and the MEG volunteers at Marldon on Wednesday morning when they convene to carry out voluntary work.

6 (5.16) POLICE

Various minor incidents from the police incident website were reported.

7 (5.16) REPORTS

Report of Cllr. R. Vint, Devon County Council:

1. Bourton Lane is going to be resurfaced
2. A bus stop in Blackpost Lane is coming.
3. Coronation Road roundabout is to be changed.
4. At Grove School the installation of a pedestrian crossing has been delayed.
5. He is trying to get some transparency on the system with 106 money for highways. He has had a question asked in Parliament but there was no clear answer. Through the inadequacy of DCC Highways officers over £500,000 that could have been available from the Riverside development for road improvements in the area was not made available.

Report of Dist. Cllr Trevor Pennington:

1. . I am a member of the overview and scrutiny committee, the strategic planning working group, the political structures working group and I am Chairman of the audit committee and I am pleased to report that Grant Thornton, our external auditors, praised South Hams for their economy efficiency and effectiveness in their examinations this year which is more than can be said for one very large multinational organisation on which the auditors have refused to sign off their accounts for over 20 years! South Hams is working in partnership with West Devon and shares services and gains efficiencies. Since 2013 central government has reduced our revenues support to grant by over 40% but by sharing with West Devon we are delivering annual

revenue savings of £33 million. Our revenue support grant was 1.4 million in 2015 to 16 and it is expected to be nil by 2020/21. Council Tax increase by £5 or to £150.42 p Band D (10 pence a week). Net expenditure was 8,751,072

2. SHDC continue to make cost savings through co-operation with West Devon
3. To counter the impending reduction in the Revenue Support Grant from Central Government, which will be zero by 2020/21, there is talk of Local Authority controlled Company being set up to franchise out the services offered by SHDC. He has great reservations about this, feeling that the officers do not have the expertise to do this, as was shown in a previous effort where the marketing was similarly hived off, which proved disastrous.

Cllr Hannaford agreed that a different mind-set was needed to run a business than was needed to run a local authority.

4. I have been involved with the removal of the travellers from Littlehempston but those at Bourton Lane are still there. The D.C. is not prepared to tolerate them and they have been in liaison with DCC on whose land they are. He is concerned that in 2009 the DC had a clear view of non-toleration but since then the policy seems to have been changed- by whom?

D. Cllr Green also presented a report from SHDC in which he detailed the 11 meetings he attended in April as Ward Councillor and also outlined two key messages. These were concerning the Air Quality Management order for Totnes which is to be extended to True Street junction. More support is sought from DCC to make this an effective way of improving air quality. Secondly there has been local approval for an NHS plan to change NHS resources from bed-based hospital care to wellbeing teams that support people in their local communities.

8(5.16) PLANNING

None received. It was agreed to ask if the plans could be sent direct to Cllr Hannaford.

9 (5.16). FINANCE

Payments

The following items were submitted for approval and duly AGREED:-

	£
1. Clerk net salary and expenses for April -	181.74
2. PAYE for April	39.20
3. Zurich Insurance annual premium	211.09
4. DALC Affiliation and service charge	234.09

Receipts

1st precept	2,928.50
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Balance on Business A/C	21 March 2016	£5,976.62
Balance on Savings A/C	6 July 2015	£4,169.57

The completed Annual Return together with the Internal Auditor's Report- which raised no issues -was presented and it was AGREED that the Chairman sign this off.

10 (5.16) ITEMS AT CHAIRMANS DISCRETION

Members listed the items that needed attention from the new lengthsman, including the bench, the down pipe on the footpath, and the notice board at Dukes Road.
Cllr Nicholls noted the problems with the drains outside the farm cottages which he was trying to get seen to.

11(3.16) NEXT MEETING

Will be on 2nd June in the **VILLAGE HALL**.

Signed2-6-2016 (J. Mills, Chairman)

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