

Minutes of the meeting of the Withypool and Hawkridge Parish Council on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at Withypool Village Hall.

Attendees: Parish Cllrs: A Howard, K Branfield, T Lloyd, P Williams, A Collins, J Davies, District Cllr: S Pugsley, County Cllr: F Nicholson and Clerk C Hornsby

1. Apologies of Absence

Cllr R Lock

2. Declarations of notifiable interests

Cllrs P Williams and A Howard for planning applications

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting on 14/11/2017 were amended in one area of Point 10 and then TL proposed and JD seconded the minutes as a true and correct record of what took place and all agreed.

4. Matters arising from these minutes

. TL has looked at the problem with the water rushing down Sandyway. He said one person and a shovel could probably clear the issue and as yet he has been unable to speak to the landowner. AH will also speak to the owner of Waterhouse Farm to see if anything can be done to help the situation.

. PW raised the issue of the Chibbet Ford stating that she was concerned that with the forthcoming road closures this route will be used more by locals and it could cause a problem as the concrete pad that has been erected there is slowing the river down causing the water at the ford to be higher.

5 Matters brought forward by and put to the District Councillor/County Councillor.

JD asked about the 'please slow down' signage for the village. FN asked to be copied in on any emails regarding this with the Highways. The matter of the speed indicators being put in the wrong place in the village was raised, FN said re inform the Highways of where you actually want them and they will do it again.

FN then left the meeting

SP spoke of about the forthcoming Exmoor Panel and Consultative meetings on the 16th and 18th January respectively. He also spoke about the proposed changes to West Somerset County Council area. Road names and their confusion with Highways was also discussed.

SP then left the meeting

6. Finance

A cheque was signed for Dan Passmore for work done over the period 4.4.17 – 31.10.17 for £600 (cheq No 465) and also Clerk's pay and expenses for Oct, Nov, Dec 2017 for £234.00 (cheq No 466)

7. Highways

The following areas were raised as concerns for flooding and clerk will send emails to Highways informing them. 1. Halsgrove Farm, Sparrow lane; 2. Kitridge Lane below Westerclose House; 3.

Slade Hill below Zeal Farm. Clerk will also send email to Highways asking if the road closure of Sparrow Lane in March will be 24hrs.

8. Parish Gardens

The Ditch had still not be resolved but AH has asked Mark Saunders the land surveyor to step in and act for both parties. This will hopefully speed up the process.

9. Planning

6/42/17/108 Telecommunications mast at Kitridge Farm 5:0:1

PW declared an interest and abstained

KL proposed and JD seconded the planning and all agreed to support the planning but to make it clear that the mast will be available for other mobile phone providers as well As this mast will be connected to the fibre optic Cabinet within the Village, the cllrs showed concern and asked would this connection slow down the speeds within the village.

6/42/18/101 The Old School Withpool – to modify section 106 agreement under 6/42/12/102

AH declared an interest and abstained

This was discussed at length and it was decided that no comment could be made until it was fully explained to the Cllrs what exactly is the new amendment and who it would allow to purchase the property. The clerk will email ENP for more information.

10. Parish Maintenance

None

11. Correspondence

None

12. Items to discuss at next meeting

None

13. Date and Time of next meeting:

Tuesday 13th March 2018 @ Hawkridge Village Hall at 7pm

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed:

Chairman.....Date.....