

WITHYPOOL AND HAWKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA

Committee: Councillor(s) **Mr Tony Howard (Chairman)**
Mr Keith Branfield
Mr Richard Lock
Mr Tim Lloyd
Mrs Pat Williams
Mr Alan Collins
Mr Jeremy Davies

District Councillor Steven Pugsley
County Councillor Frances Nicholson

I hereby give notice that the next Meeting of the Parish Council of the above named parish will be held at **Withypool Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January at 6.30pm.**

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business at the meeting as set out hereafter.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

Charlotte Hornsby

Charlotte Hornsby - Parish Clerk

Hunt House, Honeyamead, Simonsbath, Somerset, TA24 7JX

Tel: 01643 831535/07527 077721 Email: withypoolhawkridgeparishclerk@gmail.com

- 1. Apologies of Absence**
- 2. Declarations of notifiable interests**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting on 1st November 2016**
- 4. Matters arising from these Minutes**
- 5. Finance**
- 6. Highways (including River)**
- 7. Parish Gardens**
- 8. Planning**
- 9. Parish Lengthsman**
- 10. Matters brought forward by the District Councillor/County Councillor**
- 11. Defibrillator**
- 12. Telephone Box**
- 13. Salt bags on the moors**
- 14. Correspondence**
- 15. Items for discussion at the next meeting and matters to report**
- 16. Date and time of next meeting:**

Tuesday 7th March 2016 @ Hawkridge Village Hall at 6.30pm

Minutes of the meeting of Withypool and Hawkrigde Parish Council at Withypool Village Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Tony Howard, K Branfield, A Collins, T Lloyd, P Williams, R Lock and J Davies

In attendance: District Councillor Mr Steven Pugsley and Count Councillor Mrs Frances Nicholson

1. Apologies of absence

None

2. Declarations of notifiable interests

Cllr R Lock declared a personal interest in item 8/17 Planning Application No: 6/42/16/108

3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting on Tuesday 1st November 2016 were **APPROVED** and signed.

4. Matters Arising from these Minutes

- It was noted that no one had come forward since the Flood Group meeting to discuss Withypool's concerns. The next meeting is on Wednesday 25th January 2pm at Roadwater. AC and TH aware of this date.
- Nothing had been done at Holmbush as yet
- Dan Passmore will now be cutting the picnic area

5. Finance

- The Clerk reported that due to an over sight on her behalf, cheques that had been signed were not being detailed in the minutes. A list of cheques signed since new clerk was employed in July 2016 until Nov 2016 has been added to the minute book which was signed by the Chairman.
- Cheques signed at this meeting by Cllr T Howard and Cllr K Branfield:
Cheque No 450 £301.50 Clerks pay and expenses for Oct, Nov and Dec.
This amount was agreed during the Nov 2016 meeting.

6. Highways

Concerns were raised over the problems of a developing pothole at Quarry Head. Clerk to inform Highways

7. Parish Gardens

- Hedge cutting at the Parish Gardens was discussed but all agreed it would be fine to leave for 12 months.
- There was an interest in the advertised Parish Garden and KB will sort out an agreement which will then be sent to the above mentioned interested party for them to put in a tender.
- KB and TH had a very positive meeting with the Solicitors Risedon Hosegood about the selling of the Ditch. Awaiting a reply from Mr and Mrs Walters Solicitor.

8. Planning

Application No: 6/42/16/108

Applicant: Hawkrigde Village Hall

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to external village hall parking are with proposed replacement fire escape

Location: Hawkridge Village Hall

Resolved: Recommend Approval – It will help improve highway safety and will be of great benefit to the community

Proposed: Cllr A. Collins Seconded Cllr T Lloyd 6-0-1

Application No: 6/42/16/109

Applicant: Mr N Van Der Wee

Proposal: to allow a building to be used for the keeping of domestic pets

Location: Hill Cottage, Withypool

Resolved: Recommend Approval – Dogs have been kept by Mr Van Der Wee in the heart of the village and has never had any complaints

Proposed: Cllr T Lloyd Seconded Cllr J Davies 7-0-0

Application No: 6/42/17/101

Applicant:

Proposal: Proposed alterations to domestic outbuildings and stables. Large barn to be reduced in length, existing stables to be demolished and replaced with hay barn in new location and existing garage and further redundant stable block to be demolished and replaced with additional ancillary spaces

Location: Foxtwitchen Farm, Sparrows Lane, Withypool, Somerset.

Resolved: Recommend Approval – Support the improvements to the property

Proposed: Cllr T Lloyd Seconded Cllr R Lock 7-0-0

9. Parish Lengthsman

The last day that the Parish Lengthsman will be working for W&H PC is on 9th February 2017. TH to get him to do a general check on the drains in the village and ensure water flow is not blocked.

After this date it will be up to the Cllrs to arrange all future work that is required.

10. Matters brought forward by the District Councillor/County Councillor

D Cllr S Pugsley spoke of how the Exmoor Panel Meeting on Tuesday 17th January at Winsford Village Hall at 7pm would be an interesting meeting as they will be discussing Magna Housing and also the proposed changes to West Somerset District Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council.

He also mentioned the Consultative meeting on Thursday 19th January at Winsford Village hall at 1030pm

11. Defibrillator

Resolved: It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the Defibrillator and case

Proposed: Cllr K Branfield Seconded: Cllr R Lock 7-0-0

TH to enquire about the next training course.

12. Telephone Box

ENP had put forward their formal objection to the closing of telephone boxes across the area.

13. Salt bags on the moors

A member of the parish had raised concerns privately to Cllr T Howard about salt bags on the moors and problems for animals. It was discussed at length and decided that it would be too costly for the Parish Council to pay out for salt bins as it would not be just one or two. It was also discussed that there was no problem for the wildlife.

14. Correspondence

A letter from Rural Housing Network asked for a Councillor or member of the community to volunteer as a Local Housing Contact with in the community. It was agreed that the present Village Agent does an adequate job at present but should there be any changes they will review the situation.

15. Items for discussion at the next meeting and matters to report

Plans for the replacement of the Parish Lengthsman

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2017 at Hawkridge Village Hall
6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....Date.....
.....