

MUSBURY OPARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Committee Room of Musbury Village Hall on Monday, the 2nd December, 2019. As Amanda is unable to attend this meeting Cllr. Ellis will take the minutes.

PRESENT Cllr, C. Corbett (in the chair), Cllrs. C. Ellis, J. Albano, P. Perryman, P. Smith. M. Craker and 10 parishioners.

1. APOLOGIES were received from Cllr. Barry Maher.
2. MINUTES of the meeting held on the 21st October, 2019 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr. Corbett.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.
4. POLICE MATTERS. An email had been received from PSO Bolsover advising that no crimes had been committed in Musbury.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ISSUES.
 - Parish Clerk Vacancy. Amanda Hill had handed in her resignation. The post had been advertised in the Parish News, to date one application had been received. The Chairman said that persons applying for the post should contact Amanda with their C.V.
 - Devon Air Ambulance night landing site update. The Chairman welcomed Toby Russell from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust to the meeting to give an update on the possibility of a night landing site in the village. Mr. Russell informed the meeting that so far there are 133 sites operational in Devon with a further 80 in the pipeline. Mr. Russell stated that the Air Ambulance needs a well lit site 50 x 50 metres with vehicle and pedestrian access to the site, close to the area of population. Mr. Russell had previously been in touch with Jane to discuss locations. The preferred site is the School Playing Field. Cllr. Albano said that since Mr. Russell's previous visit to the village a new Head Teacher had been appointed to the school. Mr. Russell and Cllr. Craker will contact the school. Lighting for the proposed area will be on a 10 metre post and will be controlled by the Air Ambulance Headquarters. The lights would be sympathetically sited and would be lit shortly before landing and after the air ambulance had taken off. Ownership of the lights, maintenance and insurance and electricity costs would need to be discussed and agreed. The cost of the electricity would be in the region of £10 per year. Mr. Moulding asked if the site would be used in an emergency during daylight hours? Mr. Russell said that during the day the Air Ambulance would land as near as possible to the emergency, but that during the night the Air Ambulance loses that flexibility. Once a site is agreed, funding will need to be found. The Chairman thanked Mr. Russell for attending.
 - Defibrillator. An email had been received from the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee advising the Parish Council that the Hall Committee will donate a defibrillator to the village. It will be located on the wall of Musbury Garage. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Perryman, Chairman of the Hall Committee.
 - E.D.D.C. Control of Dogs three year review. Cllr. Albano said that there was little change since the last review. No dogs are allowed in the Playing Field.

6. HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC SPACES.

Village Lengthman. Cllr. Albano reported that fallen leaves and mud were blocking pipes and drains, and suggested that the Parish Council might consider employing a lengthman. Cllr. Hall said that there are successful schemes running in other parishes and that most lengthmen are self employed.. The Chairman said that we would need to know what the County Council covered. Cllr. Perryman said that drains had been cleared but the ditches had not, and large heaps of spoil were left which made hedge cutting difficult. Cllr. Hall said that in most cases it was the duty of the landowner to clear the ditches. It was suggested that it would be useful to know what money would be available if we opted out.

Musbury Drainage Survey. An email had been received from David Ashford in which he said that the system was in good condition. Problems are still being encountered, September and October had been very wet and residents are keeping drains clear where possible. There is a blockage at the junction of Mounthill with Doatshayne Lane and water coming down the hill is not getting into the ditch adjacent to Northfield. Cllr. Hall offered to walk around the village with Councillors to see the problem areas. The Chairman said that water had been laying in the road just before Whitford Bridge, Cllr. Smith said that with a fine spell the water had now drained away. Mr. Moulding said that the land was low lying and it was difficult for the water to get away.

Speed Warning Sign. The cost of a sign could be £4,500. Cllr. Hall said that Newton Poppleford had a mobile sign that they may be willing to hire out. Anyone seeing a vehicle speeding was advised to make a note of the number.

7. ACCOUNTS.

Spending review. Amanda had estimated that there would be a small balance to carry over at the end of the Financial Year , similar to the amount last year.

Online transfers for approval for December. These were approved.

8. FOOTPATHS.

Cllr. Smith is doing the footpath survey, and Cllr. Albano is doing the paper work. The Contractor has been unable to carry out the work he was booked to do due to the wet weather.

Although the footpaths are all well marked and signed, walkers are using their mobile phones rather than using the markers. Cllr. Perryman said that he had approached walkers and members of the National Trust and had been verbally abused. The Chairman said that he would speak to the National Trust about keeping to the paths.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

19/2017/FUL 4 Axminster Road, construction of two storey extension to the rear and single storey extension to the side. APPROVED.

19/2014/FUL Westways, Axminster Road. Construction of extension to existing roof to create additional first floor accommodation, widening of garage and addition of pitched roof (Alterations to previously approved 18/0051/FUL & 18/1030/VAR)
Awaiting a decision.

10. PLAYING FIELD.

The goal posts are on the ground and need to be removed.

11. ALLOTMENTS.

Two allotments are available for rent. Mr. Parkman said that he has sprayed them and will rotavate them when conditions allow.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

Cllr. Hall. Due to the election next week. The Chairman read a report from Cllr. Hall, in which he said that good news would be announced shortly. Cllr. Hall said that his funds are low at present, but money is available from various sources should it be needed for the Air Ambulance night landing site or the defribulator.

Cllr. Chubb. Cllr. Chubb reported that the Seaton Wetlands are very successful also the Thelma Hulbert gallery. The recycling is going well. The Chairman asked what could be done with large amounts of cardboard as it is necessary to place it for collection the evening before and at times it gets wet.

13. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Village Hall Car Park. Cllr. Perryman said that permission had been given for cars to use the village hall car park when bring children to school.

New lights had ben installed to light the car park. The switch is located outside the main door and the last person to leave is requested to switch the light off.

Jane Bishop's Quiz. Mr. Moulding reminded everyone that the quiz that Jane was compiling before she died is to be held on the 14th December, in the Village Hall. Money raised will go to the Heritage Centre.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

S.L.C.C., Glasdens , and Clerks and Councils Direct.

15. QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS.

Mr. Parkman asked when the yellow lines will be installed in the Street? Cllr. Hall said there is a delay in the line marking.

Mrs. Sargent asked about flashing speed signs? and was advised to email Cllr. Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55p.m. and wished those present a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, the 13th January, 2020.

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