

Minutes of the Meeting of Dewlish Parish Council held in Dewlish Village Hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 at 7.30 pm

### **PRESENT**

Mr Mike Claydon (Chairman)  
Mrs Judith Bridgen  
Mr Andrew Booth  
Mrs S Crabb  
Mrs Barbara Ross  
Mr Frank Ross  
Mrs Dianne Trebilcock

Also present, Pat Gubbins (Clerk).

### **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Patrick Cooke (District Councillor) and David Crowhurst (County Councillor)

### **2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and proposed by Judith Bridgen, seconded Barbara Ross, were unanimously approved.

### **3 MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk read an email from Rob Clarke of WDDC who had inspected the brook and did not find anything that indicated the possibility of flooding, but would return after rain to recheck. Councillors commented that it was the diversion of the brook from its usual course, rather than flooding of the road that concerned them.

### **4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**1D/10/2013 Dewlish Water Treatment** Erect UV treatment building Councillors met to discuss this on 17<sup>th</sup> January, and accepted the necessity of the building, while suggesting several conditions to improve the site.

### **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was available on the table. The WDDC Emergency officer has written to offer to speak to the Council and assist in drawing up a Resilience plan; Councillors did not consider this necessary. DCC are planning to replace the Pound Lane footbridge; Mrs Boyden has kindly agreed to cut back some trees on Whiteway Hill; attention drawn to imminence of local elections and of the Census. Publicity will be given in *Village News* and villagers are urged to consider standing for election as parish councillors.

An anonymous copy of a letter to the District enforcement officer was put through the Chairman's door. The Council, while always happy to maintain confidentiality, is not prepared to take any action on anonymous letters.

26 Christmas Trees have been collected for removal and we are awaiting the promised financial reward.

### **6 PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE**

No meetings had been held over the holiday period. Andrew Booth clarified the status of the Green, which had been researched some years ago. The Land Registry accept that it is the property of the Parish Council, and would inform us of any enquiries or attempts to enclose it.

## **7 WINTER SERVICES**

During the January 17 meeting the lack of County Council assistance in clearance and gritting during the two periods of heavy snowfall was discussed. Continued efforts are being made to have the bus route Puddletown to Milton Abbas via Dewlish, Cheselbourne, Ansty and Hilton included in the gritting schedule. It is hoped to arrange a meeting of interested parties from the Councils involved to discuss possible self help in the absence of DCC assistance in future, particularly in view of the fact that four dairy farms are dependent on this road to get the milk out, and considerable sums of money were lost this winter.

## **8 HIGHWAYS**

No action has been taken to clear the grips and gullies in the dip on the Puddletown road. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways regarding the organisation of Winter Services to Dewlish. No action has been taken to remove the concrete bags in spite of several years of promises.

## **9 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

A damaged stile at the top of the field above the village was reported, and although it is the responsibility of the Rights of Way department, Andrew Booth said he would have a look at it.

## **10 FINANCE**

The current Account stands at £1916.23, including the Community Fund £660.00. The Savings account is £937.05.

Cheques for approval	- Clerk's Salary (Dec/Jan)	£189.00
	- J D L Holdaway Grasscutting	£84.00
	- Donation to All Saints Church	£400.00

Proposed Judith Bridgen, seconded Frank Ross, the financial report was accepted.

## **11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Judith Bridgen suggested that the Royal Wedding should be commemorated by a permanent asset to the village, and suggested that the fence round the Green could be renewed. She agreed to obtain estimates for a picket fence and for a post and rail fence.

## **12 DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

No further matters were raised.

## **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.