

POWERSTOCK & NORTH POORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Given below are the minutes of the meeting of the above parish council held at the Hut, Powerstock on 24th October 2016.

PRESENT: Cllr, Lester-Card, Cllr Bunney (Chair), Cllr Poole, Cllr Samways, Cllr Butler, Cllr Seal, Cllr Fooks, Cllr Marsh, Cllr Jackman, District Cllr Roberts, County Cllr Coatsworth. Mrs A Stephenson recorded the minutes

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Water running down road near old shop in West Milton by Brookwood Cottage (spring) -very dangerous when it freezes. An extensive amount of water. County Council used to leave grit near the house to be able to put cross the road but this doesn't appear to be happening now and she is unable to go and get the grit.
Pot holes in North Eggardon road has been done. The sunk road has not been dealt with as yet on that same road.
West Milton bridge - pointing coming out, also a bowing in the wall.
Road at Merriott Cross to Nettlecombe is deteriorating, especially around the manholes.
Clerk to inform Highways.

2. APOLOGIES

None

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Marsh in item 10.

Cllr Lester-Card entered the meeting at this point

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman asked if everyone had both received and read the minutes of the last meeting, if so, were they a true record. **ALL AGREED** that the minutes were a true record. The minutes were duly signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Bench to mark Queen's 90th - Cllr Marsh has been looking into this. We could get a solid teak bench for £300-£400. Have asked various people to quote to make one. Suggestion of oak 'lumps' and a flat top instead of making a traditional bench. Cllr Marsh will look into this further and report back.

6. FINANCE REPORT

- Current acct: £5,922.32, Business acct: £2,228.56 with 10p interest being received on this account. Second half of Precept received on current account of £2,250
- The following cheques were authorised by the council: Clerks wages for past month £150.40 HMRC £37.60, clerks expenses for past 3 months £84.60
- Precept for 2017/2018 was discussed. Cllr Roberts advised that further costs may be incurred by parish councils as the County Council/Highways would have limited help in the future. Cllr Coatsworth confirmed that at the present time DCC will continue to do as they are doing but any extra work may be charged. With this in mind it was Proposed by Cllr Fooks to raise the precept to £5,000 which was seconded by Cllr Marsh. All agreed.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/D/16/00152 - Land off Kings Lane/Castle Lane - The Old Rabbit Catchers Cottage, Castle Lane. Erection of 2 timber stable blocks and associated works. Further information had been received from the planning department in relation to comments made by the parish council and others. This was for information only and not to make further comments.
WD/D/16/00750 - 1 The Square, Nettlecombe - APPROVED

8. WORKING PARTY FOR FINGER POST REPAIR etc

Less than £40 left in the pot. Cllr Bunney has surveyed the posts and there are further ones that need repair at approximately £3,200. He has written to Powerstock Heritage Fund to see if they can help, also putting something in Eggardon View and possibly the parish council themselves could contribute.

9. BENCH

Two quotes supplied. Need further info from John Bright Fencing - price for fitting and sketch of what it will look like. Clerk to deal.

10. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Roberts informed all that the District Council have joined a combined authority - 6 districts and 1 county. Now has senior staff appointed. More items could be devolved from central government once all this is in place. Consultations are happening now re unitary authorities/combined authorities. You can express your opinion via the dorsetforyou website.

County Cllr Coatsworth updated more on the above subject. We will know in a fortnight or so the outcome of these votes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Various which were all available to read.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 28th November 2016

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....

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