

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 April 2017.

PRESENT: Cllr, Lester-Card, Cllr Jackman, Cllr Poole, Cllr Fooks, Cllr Seal, Cllr Samways, Cllr Butler, County Cllr Coatsworth, District Cllr Roberts, 2 x members of the public. Mrs A Stephenson recorded the minutes

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public were present to view their concerns with regards to the planning application for Ashbrook in West Milton. They had written to the Parish council with their letter of objection also.

Eggardon Road is now really bad, cars are bottoming out - it is possible people may end up suing Highways for damages. Clerk to inform Highways.

Pot holes - Welcome Hill, these are very bad. Clerk to deal.

Road from West Milton to Melplash - very bad with pot holes - clerk to deal.

Lorries going through West Milton - Cllr Butler and Jackman have met and discussed this and wonder if Highways could put a notice saying road not suitable for heavy lorries; - near to Normans Slaughterhouse so people have somewhere to turn around. Also one on A35 near entrance to Uploders to say same. Clerk to speak to Highways.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Marsh, Cllr Bunney

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Jackman and Cllr Poole in item 7 - Ashbrook

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. Other than this **ALL AGREED** that the minutes were a true record. The minutes were duly signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

BT phone box will soon belong to the parish council - awaiting telephone equipment to be removed.

6. FINANCE REPORT

a) Current acct: £5,616.32 Business acct: £2,229.01 with 9p interest being received on this account.

b) Annual Review of Clerk's salary - If in agreement it would go up from salary point 25 which is £188 a month before deductions, up to salary point 26 which would be £194 a month – so an extra £6 per month. This was proposed by Cllr Samways and Seconded by Cllr Jackman

c) The following cheques were authorised by the council: Clerks wages for past month £156.40 HMRC £37.60, clerks expenses feb-apr £92.15

d) External Audit - to sign Section One only. Proposed by Cllr Lester-Card and Seconded by Cllr Samways

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/D/17/000536 Campions, Ruscombe Lane, West Milton - Rear extension and remodelling work. Council felt that due

to complexity of this application that a site visit would be appropriate although in theory couldn't see a problem with it. Clerk

to ask for extension and get details from owner

WD/D/17/000387 Ashbrook, Ruscombe Lane, West Milton - Internal alterations and 2 storey rear and side extension.

Council were concerned with regard to scale and size of this development - Objection

New Barn Farm, West Milton - Council had enquired before with regards to this stables possibly being more than just a stable block but had not heard back from the enforcement officer. Clerk to chase.

Planning applications will now not be sent out in paper form. This issue was discussed and it was decided that councillors would view the plans via their own computers at home. Clerk to forward on correspondence from new planning applications once received from planning, and this would link them to the planning portal.

8. WORKING PARTY FOR FINGER POST REPAIR etc

Cllr Bunney has wood for 7 more fingerposts and will be collecting more letters soon

9. BENCH

Still awaiting engraving

10. INFORMATION FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Coatsworth - this will be his last meeting as he is not standing for county councillor again. Cllr Samways offered his and the parish councils thanks for all his hard work over the many years he has been in post.

District Cllr Roberts - last year there was a referendum about how the council was run so had to have a change to constitution. Executive has had to change and this will start after May 4th.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Various which were all available to read including a letter from the school regarding extinguishing the existing footpath. This item was voted on with all supporting this application and one abstaining.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 22 May 2017

Meeting closed at 8.58pm

Signed.....

Date.....