

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL
STOKEINTEIGNHEAD VILLAGE HALL
10 JUNE 2017

Present: Cllrs French (Chair), Dagworthy, Horton, Simmons and Stoneman
County Cllr Dewhirst

Apologies: Cllrs Setter and Small

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 17 members of the Public

1. Cllr French opened the meeting at 14.17. She thanked those present for their attendance. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllrs Setter and Small. Cllr French addressed the meeting, and her speech forms part of the minutes.
2. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
3. Cllr Simmons reported on behalf of the Village Hall. It had been a difficult year, but there have been some very successful events held, including lunches, a new table tennis club and fun days. The Committee has been very grateful for the support from villagers in these new attempts. A strong new committee has been formed, who are keen with new ideas. Health and Safety inspections are being undertaken regularly, and a new bar with better control for public events has been installed. Repairs are being dealt with quickly and the website has been updated. A new secretary has been appointed in the Parish Clerk and Matthew Fearn has re-joined the committee. With regards to the minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting, the Village Hall accounts had been received by the Parish Council. All documentation will be put on the website and a copy of accounts will be provided regularly. A great deal of work has been done by Karl and the committee to ensure things are done correctly. Thanks were extended to Karl for taking on the chairmanship and getting things back on an even keel. Cllr Dagworthy asked for a vote of thanks to the committee. All agreed that the committee had worked incredibly hard and thanks were extended.
4. Matthew Fearn had brought a defibrillator to show to those present. He explained that there are two in the village; one on the external wall of the shop and one on Cllr Stoneman's barn in Rocombe. The equipment is top of the range and housed in temperature controlled, secure cabinets. The code can be obtained when dialling 999. Remaining funds will be handed to the Parish Council, for the purchase of supplies and to fund first aid courses. Funds will continue to be raised to support the defibrillators, including a Christmas raffle.
5. Cllr Stanley reported that it was over a year ago that an Emergency Plan was initially discussed. This is a tailored plan for the village which is being based around a Devon template. There is a new flood risk page on the village website. More volunteers are required to ensure the plan is exercised fully, which could include staffing a community refuge, caring for adults and children and first aid administration. A further two members for the response team are also required. Volunteer training will take place on 24 September from 10.00-16.00, which is government funded and will take place in the Village Hall.

Flooding is an immediate threat and it was requested that individuals provide any further information that they feel is missing.

If you think your home is at risk and you aren't on the flood risk list, please contact Cllr Stanley. Sandbags are available from the Linhay and they can be delivered should you be unable to obtain some yourself.

Cllr Stanley reported that the defibrillator is an excellent addition to the village and they have been provided by the enthusiasm of a small group of people. However, many are not geared up to use them. A list of people prepared to make themselves available should be created. Individuals interested in this can sign up for CPR training via the Red Cross. The course will cover AED with life support training, emergency

life support, CPR and other serious events. The cost is £35 per person for a group of 12. This is a one-day course with a three-year certificate. Details of these courses are on the EP table.

It was reported that defibrillator training must be done on an annual basis to maintain competency. This would be checked by Cllr Stanley.

The Parish Council would need to discuss how a list would be maintained.

6. Susan Horton asked for a notice board at Higher Gabwell and at Teign Harvey. This request was noted. A new treble notice board will be put in the centre of the village. Clive Smith asked how parking would be monitored if the notice board is put near the war memorial, which is a regular occurrence. It was NOTED that this would be considered by the Parish Council.

It was asked who owns the phone box. The clerk reported that it is owned by BT and she would ask for them to undertake maintenance as it requires painting.

Concerns were raised over Parish Council communication, especially considering the recent application for a mobile telephone mast. It was explained that the Parish Council are statutory consultees on planning applications and adhere to time constraints set by the District Council.

Cllr Stanley reported that once the issue with the mast was up and running, the Parish Council handled it excellently and it was taken seriously and those present agreed with this statement.

A resident explained that people attend meetings when there is a problem but are generally happy to let the Parish Council undertake its work with minimal input. She suggested that the use of social media may be a way forward, especially when dealing with tight time frames. This was NOTED.

It was NOTED that people can be rude and abusive to the Parish Council. Councillors are volunteers and give such a lot of time and hard work! She thanked the village as a whole; there is an excellent shop, an excellent pub and an excellent Parish Council which runs well.

Cllr Dagworthy explained that people should come to Parish Council meetings and raise concerns; the Council is there to help and represent the Parish as a whole.

A concern was raised regarding the field above Church Lane, where parties appear to be taking place. A large generator is in place. The Parish Council were not aware of this issue, but it would be reported and investigated.

A resident asked why the Parish Council's precept has increased so much. Cllr French reported that whilst the increase appeared large, the Parish Council's precept is small in relation to the other services. The Parish Council has taken on the Pools Weir area, insurances have gone up, the clerks hours have increased, and the Parish Council provides grants to local groups and organisations.

It was NOTED that there are no further updates on EE, but they have possibly been in contact with people where a mast will need to be positioned.

Cllr French introduced new County Councillor, Alistair Dewhirst. He was elected in May and this is his second term of office at DCC. He used to represent the division of Teignbridge South, which has now merged with Teign Estuary,

He explained that he is an opposition Councillor. In terms of duty, he sits on three committees: Chair of Scrutiny, Children, Adults and NHS and is the Chair of Infrastructure, Regulations and Corporate Services. He sits on the County Farms Estate Committee. DCC is one of largest farm owners in UK and has been and is in a process of transformation. The aim is to keep young people in farming by providing small starter farms with a seven-year tenancy. This will allow capital growth for their own farms.

He looks forward to representing the new area.

The meeting was closed at 15.58.

There were refreshments and the opportunity to view community tables.