

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th April 2015

1 In Attendance: Cllrs. Adams, Nutt, O'Donoghue, Roberts (Chair), M.Taylor. (Parish Clerk),

2 Apologies for absence. Cllrs. M.Down, P.Riches Mills, J.Bray, Cllr. B. Parsons, Cllr. Tabor (TDC)

3 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda: None.

4 Open Session.

Mr. Phil Hackett attended. He spoke about the main issues concerning voters in the forthcoming elections. These were the appalling conditions of many of the local roads and the possible threat to rural bus services. Regarding the first issue, our present MP intends to present a petition in the next parliament.

The DCC transport consultation closes on 20th April so residents and councils are advised to make their views clear by that date. Several possible solutions were mentioned in the subsequent discussion.

5 Approval of minutes of 14th January:

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. They were approved unanimously following a proposal from Cllr. Nutt seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue, following two alterations:

- Para 11 line 26, strike out "all".
- Para 12 line 3, strike out "for when it is extended".

6 Matters arising from previous minutes:

There were no relevant matters arising from the last minutes.

7 End of Year Financial Statement

The statement from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Following a proposal from Cllr. O'Donoghue seconded by Cllr. Nutt, the statement was unanimously approved. Mr. Tim Cartwright will be asked to be the internal auditor again.

8 Hedge Trimming.

There are a few places in the parish where the landowners will be asked to trim back their hedges to prevent damage to passing vehicles.

9 Planning Applications Considered.

- Proposed Bran, The Retreat, Highampton, (appeal) 1/0228/2015/FUL
- Permission for holiday occupancy, West Lake Farm, E.Chilla 1/0158/2015/FUL
- Residential Mobile Home, Narracott Wood. 1/0228/2015/CPE

No action was needed on these applications.

10 Playing Field Committee Report.

A big thanks from the Playing Field Committee to everyone who came to see the Hot House Four at the end of February and made it such a good evening. We managed to raise £550 towards the management of the playing field but most of all I think everyone had a great time. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee that looks after the village hall and keep it so smart. The band members commented on what a good hall it was, the acoustics were good and with a bit of simple lighting it had a very nice atmosphere. We managed to fill the village hall (I'm not sure there's ever been that many people in there). So for future reference and anyone organising events you can fit about 120 people in the hall, 3/4 seated the rest standing or dancing, plus room for a stage. The stage is available to anyone hiring the hall and is pretty easy to erect (it took 2 people half an hour to put up, and I took it down in 20 minutes). Overall because the hall is so well set up and organised it's not a big job to put on an event.

If anyone knows of a good local band that would work in the village hall the Playing Field Committee would be very happy to consider booking them and organising the event. Some people have said to me that we should book the Hot House Four again for next year, if you think so too just mention it to someone on the Playing Field Committee (Mike Downs, Will Frost, Sarah, Dave, June).

11 Village Hall Report.

Recent very successful musical evening run by Playing Field Committee.

Easter Bingo went well on 28th March.

A number of folding chairs to be purchased.

Blackheart Music Duo to perform on 31st October.

Saturday Markets on last Saturday of the month.

Open Hall Month in April.

Plant Sale 9th May

Jumble Sale 13th June.

Plans for improvement of the car park are proceeding.

12 Correspondence:

- Draft Local Plan issues and deadline. Details and comments on localplan@northdevon.gov.uk or localplan@torridge.gov.uk by 17.00hrs
1st May 2015

14 Financial Statement and approval of payments.

The Financial Update Statement to 31/3/2015 which had been previously circulated to members was presented and approved following a proposal from Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue

Current Account holds £1697.85

Reserve a/c holds £3176.25

Total £4874.10

15 Date of the next meeting Wednesday May 20th.

Parish Meeting and AGM to be arranged with post election Parish Council

