

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 2nd November 2016

Present: N.Berkeley (Chairman), P.Roberts, C.Lock, T.Laws, M.Down, D.Haywood, D.Bates. M.Taylor. (Parish Clerk)

1 In attendance: Distr. Cllr Phil Hackett,

2 Apologies for absence. C.C. Barry Parsons.

3 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda: None.

4 Open Public Session.

No members of the public attended.

5 Approval of minutes.

The minutes were approved and signed. It was noted that Cllr. Lock's apologies for absence at the last meeting had not been recorded. There were no other matters arising from those minutes other than those which will be covered in the agenda.

6 Playing Field.

The annual Black Torrington Fireworks event will take place on November 5th. The committee has carried out a risk assessment.

The Christmas Song Event date has not been fixed but will be held on the Playing Field. Quotations to be sought for provision of lighting for the MUGA. The deadline for funding of this project from the Leader 5 Scheme is 9th December.

7 Skate Board Park.

A request for the council to consider providing a skate board park was received from a young member of the village. While the council sympathised with his suggestion it was felt that there are insufficient young people in the community to justify the considerable cost of the venture and there is no appropriate site.

8 BT Times.

BT Times production is a budgetted expense but it does provide additional income for the community. This could be increased with greater advertising income. Help with obtaining more advertisers would be welcome and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk or the BT Times editor.

Council approved payment of expenses for stationery etc. to the editor.

9 Planning.

- No recent applications.

10 Village Hall Report.

No report available.

TDC Cllr. P. Hackett updated the council on the Leader 5 projects.

The council is anxious for its project applications to go forward as early as possible. The immediate task therefore is to obtain three new competitive quotes each, for the village hall carpark, its retaining wall and lighting for the MUGA. The council discussed providing initial funding as contractors will require payment for completed works before grant money can be claimed.

11 Financial Statement and approval of payments.

The Financial Update Statement to 2/11/2016 which had been circulated previously to cllrs. was presented and approved.

Current Account holds £11664.37 Reserve Account holds £3178.81 Total £14843.18

Enquiries to be made concerning reclamation of council VAT payments.

Playing Field Committee annual financial statement received for councillors to examine before sending to the Charity Commission.

12 Devon Air Ambulance night landing project

The lighting pole has been erected and the underground cabling installed. Power will be supplied from the Torridge District Council supply in the adjacent public toilets.

It is planned to have the 'opening' on Bonfire Night.

Mr. Andrew Orchard kindly provided machinery, materials and workforce for much of this work.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr.Orchard.

Councillors expressed thanks to Cllr. Roberts for pushing this project forward.

13 Co-option of a councillor.

Following a proposal from Cllr. Roberts seconded by Cllr. Down, Mrs. P. Riches Mills has been co opted onto the Council following Ms. J. Nutt's resignation. Cllrs were in support with one abstension.

Cllr. Bates was unanimously elected as Vice chairman following a proposal by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Haywood.

14 Correspondence.

- Suggestion that the Youth Club be given a grant to keep the phone box and bus shelter clean. Cllr. Laws to take this forward.
Following this suggestion at the last meeting it was agreed provide help with the Youth Club's running expenses.

15 Ongoing matters. No reports.

16 Items for next meeting.

- Preliminary budgetting.

17 Dates of future meetings. All meetings at the Methodist School Room.

Tuesday January 10th 2017

Tuesday March 14th 2017