

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 4/11/2015

In Attendance: N.Berkeley (Vice Chairman,) J.Nutt, M.Down, D.Haywood, B.Garrett, C.Lock, D.Bates, M.Taylor. (Parish Clerk), Distr. Cllr Phil Hackett

1 Apologies for absence. P.Roberts (Chair), T.Laws, C.Cllr. Barry Parsons

2 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda: None.

3 Open Session. n/a

4 Approval of minutes.

Cllr. Bates proposed and Cllr. Nutt seconded by the acceptance of the minutes.

5 Parish Plan Update.

The sub-committee has almost completed the draft questionnaire. A couple more suggestions were put forward to be added especially regarding the MUGA (multi-use-games-area). Distr. Cllr. Hackett intimated that help with funding may become available from the TTVS (The Torridge Voluntary Service) Fund.

The questionnaire will be distributed with the BT Times.

6 Planning.

The appeal hearing for “The Retreat” took place yesterday but a final decision has not been made.

Concern was expressed that there are apparently several unauthorised developments in the parish. Information will be passed on to Torridge Planning Enforcement department.

Applications under consideration: Land at ‘Alpine’, Chilla.

7 TaP (Town and Parish) Fund.

Several proposals have now been considered including a notice board to be purchased for Chilla following a proposal from Cllr. Haywood seconded by Cllr. Lock and agreed unanimously.

8 Website.

The updating of the website is ongoing.

9 Playing Field Committee Report.

The Village Fun Day was very successful and well attended throughout the day.

The Village Fireworks Display is planned for Saturday 7th November provided that the wind is not too strong. A decision will be made during the afternoon.

10 Village Hall Report.

The Table Top Sales are going well but greater support is always welcome. A Bingo event is planned for before Christmas. Excellent prizes are promised.

11 BT Times.

An Advertising Manager is required. Applications from interested persons to any councillor or the editor.

12 P3 report and War Memorial update.

Deferred to the next meeting.

13 Roadside enhancement.

A voluntary group in Chilla has undertaken to plant bulbs there. The Council will reimburse its costs up to £30, in the first instance. Proposed by Cllr. Nutt, seconded by Cllr. Garrett.

The flower tubs at the approaches to the village will be repaired or replaced.

14 Financial Statement and approval of payments.

The Financial Update Statement to 22/10/2015 which had been previously circulated to Council was presented and approved.

Current Account holds £6,818.91

Reserve a/c holds £3,177.19

Finance and Oversight Committee to meet to plan the budget, review the precept and the BT Times accounts.

15 Correspondence.

Holsworthy Rural Community Transport.

TNMWD Citizens' Advice.

16 Items for consideration at the next meeting.

P3 report.

War memorial.

Flower planters.

17 Date of next meeting.

January 6th at the Methodist Chapel School Room at 7.30pm.

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