

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 5th May 2016

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

In attendance: Distr. Cllr Phil Hackett, Cty.Cllr. B.Parsons, one member of the public.

1 Apologies for absence. n/a

2 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda: None.

3 Open Public Session.

Mr W. Frost spoke to the council about the progress made towards raising funds to resurface the m.u.g.a. with tarmac. A successful bid to the Tesco Bags for Help Scheme will raise £10,000.

Following a proposal by Cllr Haywood seconded by Cllr. Roberts, the Council as the legal land owner and trustee, unanimously agreed to sign the terms and conditions. The TDC solicitor has examined this document and is satisfied with it.

Work should begin this summer when the weather is warmer.

It is hoped to gain further funding through the New Homes Bonus via Cllr. Hackett, which would possibly allow lighting to be installed.

4 Approval of minutes.

The minutes were approved and signed. There were no matters arising from those minutes other than those that would be covered in the agenda.

5 Parish Plan Update.

57 out of 230 questionnaires have been returned to date. A start has been made to collate the results.

6 Website. The updating of the website is ongoing. Much of the outdated material has been removed and new information inserted.

7 Planning. Upcott, Black Torrington, -change of use
Kingswood Hs, -new agricultural building
Highacres, Chilla.- single storey extension
Longcross, Black Torrington –residential development

8 Queen's Birthday Celebrations.

A street party will be held on 11th June. Confirmation of road closure received and village hall reserved.

One hundred commemorative medals have been obtained for distribution to the village school children and other identified children of the parish. Any surplus will be available to purchase from the Council

9 Playing Field Committee Report.

Fund raising for the upgrading of the MUGA (multi use games area) is looking encouraging following a successful bid from Tesco's Bags for Help scheme and possible access to further funding from Torridge.

10 Village Hall Report.

Written report received. There is no longer any Council representation here as both current members have resigned from the Hall Committee

11 Financial Statement and approval of payments.

The Financial Update Statement to 22/4/2016 which had been previously circulated to Council was presented and approved.

Current Account holds £6138.03 The Reserve account holds £3178.01

12 P3 report and War Memorial update.

Reasonable quotations for repair work continue to be difficult to obtain largely due to the stringent standards required by the War Memorials Trust.

Council approved payment of £25 each to cover the workers' expenses for the P3 Scheme.

13 Trustee responsibilities.

Deferred to next meeting.

14 Tesco Bags for Help Scheme.

In the capacity of landowner and trustee the Council unanimously agreed to sign the terms and conditions to obtain the funding for resurfacing the m.u.g.a.

15 Correspondence.

League of Friends memorial proposal.

Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)

Local government boundary Commission

TDC Planning Team.

16 Items for consideration at the next meeting.

Trustee responsibilities.

Village Hall car park

18 Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Community Meeting - Date to be confirmed.

Parish Council Meeting 6th July 7.30pm. Methodist School Room.

