

# BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

**1 In Attendance:** S.White (Chairman), E. Barnes (Vice Chairman), S. Floyer, M.Down, C.Lock, D.Haywood, P. Riches Mills, D.Bates, P.Roberts. M.Taylor. (Parish Clerk), Distr. Cllr Phil Hackett.

**2 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda:** No declarations.

**3 Open Public Session:** no members of the public attended.

## **4 Approval of minutes and any matters arising.**

The minutes of the previous meeting, subject to agreed amendments, were approved unanimously following a proposal from Cllr. Haywood, seconded by Cllr. Riches Mills.

## **5 Reports.**

### ***Playing Field.***

Cllr. Down reported that the recent bonfire and fireworks event was a great success despite the rain. £480 was received in donations.

The next event will be "Songs in the Park" on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

A long-standing problem with playing field drainage will be tackled by the construction of a stone (French) drain. It is hoped this can be carried out with community help.

### ***Village Hall.***

The Village Hall Committee desperately needs new active members as there have been several retirements recently. The possibility of running more cultural events is to be investigated. Volunteers and suggestions will be very welcome. An article regarding the situation to be included in the next issue of the BT Times.

Christmas Bingo will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

### ***Finance.***

The accounts had been circulated to all cllrs. prior to this meeting,

Current Account holds £16,830.68      Reserve a/c holds £3,181.

The Playing Field Committee to be requested to submit regular accounts and its proposed budget to the Parish Council, in its role as Trustee of the Playing Field.

### ***Outside Meetings Attended.***

Cllr. Roberts reported on a conference on maintenance funding for self help, highways repairs, snow wardens run by DCC. Details to be circulated to Cllrs.

## **6 Redecoration of facilities.**

The phone box and bus shelter to be repainted in the spring hopefully as a voluntary community project.

A quotation to be obtained for the repair and repainting of the Playing Field gates.

## **7 Parish Community Groups.**

Cllr. Haywood to compile details of the various community groups.

## **8 Welcoming new residents.**

A welcome pack has been developed by members of St. Mary's parish church for delivery to families and individuals moving into the parish. It contains maps showing the extent of the village and parish including local details, a copy of the BT Times and various leaflets. The packs are distributed by Mrs. Rose Neave and can be requested from the Rector or any cllr.

## **9 Planning.**

a) Silent Haven 1/0668/2017/FUL- approved b) Kingslake 1/0501/2017/FUL - approved

## **10 Progress Reports.**

### **a) *Overflow Car park.***

Following receipt of an acceptable quotation the final plan will be circulated to cllrs.

### **b) *War memorial***

There has been no progress on this matter.

### **c) *Website.***

A contract has been signed with the website designer. Ideas for inclusion in the site have been put forward. Cllr. Riches Mills offered to take on the development and administrative role in the short term on a voluntary basis.

Cllr. Roberts proposed that the council accept her offer. This was seconded by Cllr. Bates and unanimously supported.

### **d) *Parish Plan.***

The final shortened version was submitted to the Council before being published in the BT Times. The complete document will eventually be available on the parish website.

## **11 Preliminary Budgetting.**

- Cllr. Haywood will provide figures for discussion showing expenditure to date and estimates to the end of the year.
- Application to the TaP (Town and Parish) should be made before 28<sup>th</sup> February. It was suggested that a successful bid should be used towards improving playing field playground equipment.

**12 Revision of Standing Orders.** Current model version to be obtained and distributed to all cllrs for further discussion.

## **13 Correspondence.**

- Insurance procedure for private hire of playing field.

## **14 Items for inclusion for next meeting.**

- Policies review. TaP, Standing orders, Budget

**15 Date of next meeting.** Tuesday Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00 pm. Methodist School Room.

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