

# Black Torrington Parish Council

**Minutes of the Black Torrington Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, at 7pm, at the Chapel School Room, Broad Street, Black Torrington**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr S White, Mrs E Barnes, Mrs P Mills, Mr P Roberts, and Mr C Lock and Mrs S Floyer

**In Attendance:** Mrs C Dalley, Parish Clerk  
Mr Ben Garrett, Chairman, Black Torrington Playing Field Committee

**1807/047 To receive and accept apologies**

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Mrs D Haywood, Mr D Bates and Mr M Down (Proposed by Cllr Roberts)

**1807/048 Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**1807/049 To consider a grant funding request from the Playing Field Committee for £4,500, which will be used as match funding towards the purchase of new play equipment.**

Further information had been issued with the agenda. The funding requested was considered in detail by members. The Clerk advised Councillors that the Black Torrington Playing Field Committee could not claim back VAT and therefore it appeared that the project had a funding gap amounting to the total VAT. It was noted that Cllr Barry Parsons had advised that he could support the project through the County Councillor locality grant scheme with £1,000, subject to an application being submitted. The Clerk advised this process could take up to 6-8 weeks. Councillors felt that the Black Torrington Playing Field Committee should be committing more than the £1,263.42 detailed on the Leader 5 grant application form and requested it contributed a further £1,000. Cllr Roberts advised that the Rotary Club had also said it would support the project with £500. If all this funding was received the Parish Council would be required to match fund the sum of £2,000.

After careful consideration and discussions with the Mr Garrett, it was **resolved** as follows:

- Black Torrington Parish Council to take the lead on the Leader 5 grant funding application with Mr Garrett being appointed as the Project Leader
- The Council to commit a total of £3,000, as match funding to the project, should the Clerk not be able to secure any further grant support, such as Cllr Parsons £1,000 locality grant.
- The Parish Council, as the purchasers of the equipment, to underwrite the VAT element of the project, if the Parish Council were not able to claim it back.
- The Parish Clerk to seek advice regarding the VAT element of the project.

(Proposed by Cllr White)

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Close

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated.....