

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7th September 2016

Present: N.Berkeley (Chairman), P.Roberts, B.Garrett, T.Laws, M.Down, M.Taylor. (Parish Clerk),

1 In attendance: Distr. Cllr Phil Hackett, C.C. Barry Parsons.

2 Apologies for absence. D.Haywood, D.Bates. Absences were approved.

3 Declarations of interest relevant to this agenda: None.

4 Open Public Session.

Three members of the public in attendance.

The Council received a presentation from Mr. Greg Brown from Hole Station regarding the construction of the Ruby Trail.

5 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.

6 Playing Field Committee Report.

Resurfacing and line painting of the MUGA has been completed. A donation from the Village Hall Committee of £1000 and a donation from the Fete Committee for £900 have been received.

The Fun Day is scheduled for this Saturday and planning will soon begin for the village bonfire event.

Some play equipment is broken and has been put out of bounds until repairs or replacements have been arranged.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the status of the Playing Field management committee should remain unchanged. The Parish Council should receive a regular financial update from the committee.

7 Planning.

- Elbury House- land change of use.
- Kingsley Cottage- extension

8 Village Hall Report.

The committee made a donation of £3000 towards the Air Ambulance Night Landing Project. A proposal was received to distribute a flier to all homes suggesting a small contribution to village projects such as the car park.

9 Financial Statement and approval of payments.

The Financial Update Statement to 24/8/2016 which had been circulated previously to cllrs. was presented and approved.

Current Account holds £8179.42. The Reserve Account holds £3178.54

10 TaP (Town and Parish) Fund

Funding may be used to carry out pothole repairs around the parish.

11 Review of Policies.

The annual review of Council policies has been carried out and no alterations are considered necessary.

12 Devon Air Ambulance night landing project

Sufficient funding and support has been achieved and it is anticipated that the project will be completed before the winter.

13 Co-option of a councillor.

Since this has been unsuccessful it was agreed to continue with eight councillors.

14 Road Sign Damage and hedge trimming.

Despite reporting damage to sign at entrance to village from Sheepwash several months ago, no response received from Highways. C.Cllr. Barry Parsons offered to investigate the matter.

Owners of overgrown hedges causing a possible hazard will be contacted.

15 Correspondence.

- Dog fouling in children's play area.
- Offer of £3000 donation from Village Hall Committee towards landing lights.
- Donation of £122 from Time Out Lunch group towards landing lights.
- Suggestion that the Youth Club be given a grant to keep the phone box and bus shelter clean. Cllr. Laws to take this forward.

16 Ongoing Matters.

P3- Routine clearing of footpaths has been ongoing.

Reduction of the height of hedge adjacent to the playing field to be carried out in October.

Work on Parish Plan continues.

17 Date of next meeting.

Extraordinary single item meeting 14th September 7.30pm. Methodist School Room.

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 2nd November 7.30pm Methodist School Room.