



WEARE GIFFARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Weare Giffard Village Hall at 7.30pm. on Thursday 13th December 2012

Present:

Vice-Chairman Mr. R.Hedden
Councillor Mrs. M. Herman
Mr. A. Nickels
Mr. N. Higley

Also present: Clerk Mr. B. Wittram. County Councillor Mr. S. Robinson. Mr and Mrs Lees

47. Apologies: Councillors Daniels, Hoile and Gorvin. District Councillor Langmead, PCSO Baker

48. Items brought forward at the Chairman's discretion.

There were none.

49. Public participation

There was representation from Mr and Mrs Lees who talked to the letter they had sent to the Council re the state of the road and its flooding, at Park Hill near the Cheese Factory entrance. Photographs were also distributed.

It was agreed urgent action was needed, as it was the access and exit to the village during periods of flooding- this was even more important for the access of emergency service vehicles at these times.

This issue has been raised many times to Devon County Council but there has been no long term remedial work and the long term situation has worsened.

Co. Robinson said he will raise it again with DCC.

50. Policing Report

Information was passed on from PCSO Baker- reporting one crime of fraud in the past 6 months as well as an info sheet on domestic violence

51. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 4th Oct were accepted.

52. Matters arising from the minutes.

a. Flood Markers-Clerk reported that Co. Gorvin had contacted Mr Vickers- markers are on hold.

- b. Village Hall notice board- replacement has arrived. Installation has been arranged
- c. Welcome to Weare Giffard signs. Clerk reported that DCC were proceeding with this
- d. Park Signage- Co. Herman reported that this was still proceeding but that due to personal circumstances of the contractor the project is on hold.
- e. Access to Tarka Trail- Clerk reported that there has been no contact from DCC re, an improvement scheme for the area.
- f. Cycling on P3 paths Clerk reported that he had received some no cycling discs from DCC

53. Annual Strimming contract

Clerk reported that he had received a tender from the contractors, with an inflation linked increase in cost. Proposed by Co Herman Seconded Co. Higley. Unanimously accepted by the Council.

54. Financial report.

Previous Balance

Investment acc. £3328.40
Bank acc. £1091.88

Cheque in- direct credit
£1700 TDC Second payment
of precept

Cheques out:
100146 £275 Strimming contract
100147 £64 Hire of Village Hall- to replace cheque 100147 not received

BALANCES

Investment Acc £3328.42

55. Community Partnership

Discussion re. the advantages of Community Partnership/Neighbourhood planning- agreed Clerk sets a date for an open meeting prior of parishioners prior to the next Council meeting. Clerk to contact the Community Planning Officer for advice re format.

56. Annual TDC Precept 2013-14.

A 5% increase in the annual precept from 2012-13 was proposed by Co. Nickels and seconded by Co Herman.

57 P3 Report

Clerk requested info re state of P3 paths which he had walked- no problems. Clerk to feed back to DCC along with grant application for 2013-14.

58. Planning

1/0783/2012/FUL 50KW Wind turbine Cleave Farm Mr and Mrs Moore– additional information from TDC. After a discussion it was felt that there was nothing to add from our original views from the last meeting.

1/0997/2012/FUL Photovoltaic solar array Gammaton Moor.

Objection on the basis of insufficient info beyond a map ref.

Desire for a proper consultation process with the applicants and other affected Councils.

Finally there was a need for guidance/policy from TDC re Solar Array development

59. Suggested date of next meeting Thurs 28th March 8.00pm Village Hall