

CHITTLEHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2016 at The Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton, 7.30p.m.

Those present: Cllr Mr M Ives (Chairman) Councillors, Mr T Kirby, Mr H Hooper, Mrs A Davies, Mrs M Edwards, Mr P Bradbury, Mr C Timberlake, Mr I Waldron, Mrs R Rawle and Mrs P Shallcross.

Apologies: Mrs R Warren (clerk) Cllrs Mrs S Rowe and Mr W White.

No response: 0

PCSO Beverley Bray attended the meeting.

Members of the public: 0

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 7th September 2016 were agreed and signed.

Councillor Edgell advised that Devon Libraries have been run by Libraries Unlimited since the 1st April 2016. Approval is being sought to give them charitable status as this would enable them to apply for grants. Councillor Edgell has grant money available for any projects we may have. The situation regarding transferring NHS departments away from North Devon was discussed. It was suggested that more NHS services were required in view of all the house building in North Devon. A letter will be sent to the relevant parties expressing the Parish Councils views.

Cllr Edwards asked if anything could be done to reinstate the Park and Ride in Barnstaple. Cllr Edgell will make enquiries.

MATTERS ARISING

Highway Matters: The signage at Woodlands Bridge is inadequate. Permanent signs at a sensible distance from the bridge are required. Any other problems will be reported.

Police Report: Suspicious vehicle at Limers Yard, ongoing investigation. Cow hit by car on Umberleigh Road. Also a broken down vehicle. A fallen tree had blocked road on B3226.

Umberleigh Pedestrian Crossing: No News.

Playing Field: The maintenance check on the play equipment will be carried out shortly.

North Devon and Torridge Local Plan: Regarding the Wind Turbines, over 98% including 55 Parish Councils do not want Wind Power to be considered within the Local Plan. Wind Energy should only be permitted where they are in an area identified as being suitable for development which is allocated in a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Hooper to respond.

North Devon Communities Fund: A quote has been received in the sum of £300.00 to install the stone benches at the Stocks. This was approved and the work will be carried out. The suggestion for this year's grant is for new village signs which would include wording to drive slowly through the Village. Enquiries are being made to see if this is possible.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Finance:

Annual Audit. The Annual Audit is now complete.

Payments made: £ 289.22 Mrs R Warren. Replacement Dog Bin for entrance to Cricket Field.

Any other Business: Moles are invading the Playing Field, Cllr Davies to ask Mr Davies to investigate. The next Defibrillator training session will be in November.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on the 30th November 2016 in the Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton.