

CHITTLEHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March 2017 at The Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton, 7.30p.m.

Those present: Cllr Mr M Ives (Chairman) Councillors, Mr T Kirby, Mrs M Edwards, Mr P Bradbury, Mr C Timberlake, Mr I Waldron, Mrs S Rowe, Mrs P Shallcross, Mrs R Warren (Clerk) Cllr Mr W White and Cllr R Edgell

Apologies: Cllr Mrs A Davies and Cllr Mr H Hooper.

No response: Cllr Mrs R Rawle. Members of the public: 2

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 15th February 2017 and the planning minutes of the 15th February 2017 and the 8th March 2017 were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Highway Matters: The poor road surface between the Rising Sun and Bartridge on the A377 will be reported. The two flashing school lights in Umberleigh will be reported. One is not working and the other one is hidden by branches. The bridge at the bottom of Woodlands Hill will also be reported again. Temporary signs were put there warning of a hump bridge. One of the signs has now gone and the other one is too close to the bridge. Permanent signs will be requested.

Police Report: Concerns were made about an elderly couple. Family are now aware and measures have been taken to help. 2 chainsaws and a strimmer were stolen from an outbuilding.

Playing Field: The rope climbing frame is broken and will be repaired. Work is also going to be done to other wooden posts to protect them from water damage. The application for the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme has been submitted. The overhanging branches around the football pitch will be cut back when the ground is dryer. A working party has been arranged for the 8th April to clear the weeds in the Play Area.

North Devon and Torridge Local Plan: No news.

North Devon Communities Fund: The application for a grant has been approved and the signs will now be ordered.

Eastacott Cross: The stones around the cross have been knocked off by vehicles. The stones were on the verge by the cross but have now disappeared. Enquiries are being made to find out where they are. The area needs repairing as soon as possible to protect the cross and the Highways department are aware of this.

Umberleigh Railway Bridge: Cllr Richard Edgell has visited Umberleigh along with two Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and a representative from Umberleigh School. He will now make enquiries of the Highways department to see what can be done to make the road through Umberleigh safer for pedestrians. Mrs Warren will contact the police to ask them to monitor the speed of vehicles driving through Umberleigh.

Correspondence: It was agreed to make a donation of £25.00 to Community News South Molton. A letter was received from North Devon Against Domestic Abuse. They want to bring their mobile unit to the Village on a regular basis. The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee has kindly allowed them to use the Village Hall Car Park.

Finance:

Payments made: £ 50.00 Mr M Ives. Chairman's expenses.
£ 40.00 Mr C Timberlake. Removing dangerous branch.
£ 32.00 Mr C Timberlake. Removing broken rope climbing frame.
£ 204.32. DALC. Subscription.
£ 927.68 Mrs R Warren. Wages, Expenses and Petty Cash.
£ HMRC. Income Tax.
£ RoSPA. Safety check. Play equipment.

Any other Business:

The meeting ended at 9pm. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on the 10th May 2017 in the Methodist Hall, Chittlehampton.