

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Clawton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

These minutes are subject to amendment at the next meeting.

Present: Parish Cllrs: Irene Ellis, Adrian Mitchell, Roger Mitchell, Alison Sharp and Nigel Stacey
District Cllr Peter Watson
Victor Gough from Devon Highways

Sue Whapham, Clerk

1. Apologies: Parish Cllrs Paul Grafton and Anthony Barriball. County Councilor Barry Parsons, PCSO Raquel Rowe..

2. Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair, Cllr Alison Sharp

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Road Warden Scheme. Mr Gough spoke about the scheme to support local communities in doing work that Devon County Council no longer undertakes as a result of the shortfall in Highways funding. The original budget of £10,000 has been improved and a further £100,000 is earmarked to assist parishes and towns with grass cutting, potholes, etc. To obtain funding for a specific project or programme of work parishes should submit a plan for the forthcoming year. Ideally this would be match funded, sources of possible funding were mentioned, such as the County Councilor Locality fund, the TAP fund, Tesco carrier bag scheme and so on. Despite a long correspondence with Devon Highways on the subject Clawton is not registered and Mr Gough will send across the document required for signing in the next few days. Cllr Paul Grafton has registered for Chapter 8 training, which will allow work to be undertaken safely and with public liability cover. Registration will also allow access to equipment stored at Okehampton.

3.2 TAP Fund. The clerk will obtain costs for Road signs and cones, High Vis jackets, gloves, and brooms .to assist with the Village Tidy Up in conjunction with the Road Warden and send details to St Giles who will put in the joint bid.

3.3 Feedback on Highway Concerns. The three items of concern at the last meeting were reported to Simon Philips who responded as follows:

- The water on the road on the A388 - There is a pipe in the field that takes water from one side of the entrance to the other and then into a ditch on the farmers land that runs into the stream. This was blocked causing water to run onto the highway but has now been cleared. We will at some stage be carrying out jetting works to clear the gully and pipe in the highway and it is hoped that a combination of these actions should go a long way towards solving the problem.
- Water running across the road opposite Ivy Cottage - The item regarding water flow after surfacing many years ago is one we are unable to address at this time as other than reshaping the road completely it is unlikely the problem will be resolved and at the moment there simply isn't funding to do this.

- The temporary barrier at Cholditch - We have reported the barriers as a safety issue and they should be addressed in due course.

4. Police. PCSO Raquel Rowe was unable to attend but reported that crimes in the area during October were

Thornbury – Criminal Damage to fence resulting in livestock escaping

Chasty – Property taken from dwelling by unknown means

Milton Damerel – Vehicle filled at petrol station and made off without offering payment

5. Planning

There have been no new applications since the last meeting. The application for change of use for Stone Barn has been refused. There has been no decision on the other outstanding applications although it is understood that the decision regarding the development at Riverside is imminent.

6. Highways

There is a loose drain cover in the road opposite the school. Cllr Alison Sharp will provide a more exact location so it can be reported.

Members should PLEASE continue to report problems with local roads and potholes, the number to call is **0345 155 1004**

7. Finance:

Cheques were signed for:

Clerk's salary and expenses

PAYE

Clarion postage

8. Correspondence

Both consultations have been circulated by email. The letter from Airband Community Internet has been sent to all residents with the November Clarion. No action was taken on the letter regarding Hospital Services.

9. AOB

9.1 Village Events Noticeboard

The board has warped and come away from the frame due to expansion in the hot weather. Having spoken to the supplier it was agreed to purchase a black aluminium panel in its place, flood coated with anti-graffiti film which can be fitted to the existing frame but will not expand in the sun, at a cost of between £135 and £140

9.2 BT Phonebox

A notice has been posted on the phonebox at the crossroads by BT stating that they intend to remove it as usage is so low. The handset has also been vandalised. The consensus of opinion was that it would be better to have it removed unless figures showed there was a demand for it, before the development at Riverside required it to be relocated at the expense of the parish. Clerk will research the usage figures.

9.3 Items for the Clarion

A note of thanks should go in the Clarion to those people that have mowed, strimmed, tidied and planted the grassed area at the crossroads.

Also a note confirming that Sue Whapham has resigned position of Clerk and welcoming Sally Whitehead as new Clerk to the Parish Council.

9.4 Christmas Tree

Cllr Nigel Stacey will kindly donate a tree for the village. Clerk will check with Penny & Chris about the electricity supply and also the whereabouts of the lights and the cable protector.

9.5 Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

The wreath has been purchased and Cllr Roger Mitchell will tidy the war memorial before the day. Cllr Irene Ellis has agreed to lay the wreath.

9.6 Bad Weather

Cllr Adrian Mitchell still holds good stocks of salt and will distribute as before in the event of bad weather.

10. Date of the next full Parish Council meeting Monday Jan 9th 2017 at 7.30pm

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