

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee meeting at the Village Hall on Wed 14th Jan 2015

Present Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Appleton, Young, Steadman, Ashman, Heal

Members of the public Hazel Baker and Chris Worrall , Alan Webber.

- 1 **Public Open Forum-** Hazel asked if the sides of the roads could be swept again and Tony said that he would ask for this work to be carried out. Hazel said that the Butts had done a good job in the past and could we ask for them again.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – Anna Groskop.
- 3 **Notice of interest** - None.
- 4 **Minutes of last meeting** -Signed as a true record.
- 5 **Matters Arising** – Jane advised that a gate on the footpath close to Salters Hill had been locked. Peter offered to speak to land owner in order to rectify the situation.
- 6 **Planning Activity- Andrew Jenkins-** Andrew reported that application 5031, Holly Cottage, Coombe Hill had been supported as had two other applications, 5487 and 5543lodged by Bill Hopkins . Jane asked if in granting application 5543(for a mobile home) the PC might be inadvertently sanctioning a future application for a dwelling. Andrew advised that the application had been granted for 5 years only and would need to be renewed after 5 years. Andrew would check with SSDC Planning to establish if such precedents existed.
- 7 **Highways** –Tony Appleton reported that PSW roads were in fair condition except for Pear Ash Lane (PAL) which had been covered with mud due to heavy use by agricultural vehicles. Tony reported that the road had been swept once by Highways in December but had returned to its former state very quickly, we were still awaiting new reflectors for PAL. New pot holes had appeared on PAL and Pen Hill and were being monitored. The verge pot holes, and blocked drain at Underhill were on the Highways list for repair. Tony reported that SSDC winter action plan was to clear A and B roads before C roads and village access roads. If the village needed a snow clearing vehicle then Tony could arrange this from a number of Highways approved, local contractors. 20 bags of salt were on hand at Tony’s house for topping up salt bins and some drain clearance work had been undertaken on Coombe Hill. The new road drainage works on Coombe Street were noted.
- 8 **Footpaths Update**-Jane Ashman- No action.
- 9 **Discuss the offer of Nathaniel Lucas (SSDC) to attend local meeting with BT representative in order to discuss broadband provision. Agree group members and provisional date** – Jane Ashman discussed possible dates for a meeting and would now speak to Nathaniel Lucas to agree dates. Jane to communicate outcome to all Councillors.
- 10 **To note and vote to accept Clerks 1% pay increase to £10.26/hour SCP 21 and payment of Non Consolidated back pay.-** 1% increase agreed and noted but Clerk was asked to clarify nature of “non consolidated payment” before this could be accepted. Clerk to circulate confirmation.

11 AOB- Jenny advised that the defibrillator account was getting low on funds and suggested that the PC may wish to take financial responsibility for this valuable village asset in future. No money had been spent on the defibrillator for a while and as such Peter suggested that the PC should consider this situation when funding was needed. However property belonging to the parish was clearly a PC responsibility.

Jane suggested that Robin Cuthbert, the new Neighbourhood Watch representative should be invited to some meetings in future and the Clerk would write to Robin giving details of future meeting dates. Clerk mentioned that Geoff Parcel had noted the link between the PC and the Pen Paper had now gone with the resignation of Cliff Clerk from both bodies. It was agreed that the Clerk would get Pen Paper deadline dates from Geoff and that the Clerk would summarize PC activity quarterly and forward detail to Geoff.

Andrew mentioned that cattle were still getting onto the roads in the village. Peter reported that an attempt to move the cattle had been made but had failed because they did not have passports. It was noted that there were fewer cattle overall and that it was thought the situation was reaching a conclusion.

Meeting ended 8.29pm

Date for next meeting 11th March 2015

Chairman..... **Date**.....