

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee meeting at the Village Hall on Wed 9th Nov 2011

Present Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins, Clark, Rossiter, Appleton, Steadman, Young

- 1 **Public Open Forum-** No Questions
- 2 **Apologies for absence .** None
- 3 **Notice of interest -**None
- 4 **Minutes of last meeting** Approved and signed.
- 5 **Matters Arising** Phone box now purchased awaiting BT removal of workings. Cliff has repaired notice board .
- 6 **Defibrillator Update** – Painting can begin now purchase is complete.
- 7 **Illegal Fencing Leigh Common-** Peter has contacted Council are to serve notice to remove the fencing and will probably litigate if necessary and may authorise a third party to cut the wire.
- 8 **Discuss contents of letter from Colin McDonald-** Chairman asked council members for comments. Results of surveys returned by Parishioners indicated little interest in Affordable housing, Parish plan should establish true interest levels. It was agreed that the PC should not respond at this point other than to acknowledge the letter which was perceived by the PC to be helpful and addressed our concerns
- 9 **Footpaths-Support from the Village-** Sharon has been asked, by Somerset CC, to provide details of landowners who have footpaths crossing their land. (Land owners are responsible for maintenance and up keep) Local people can get involved by reporting faults when they see them. Sharon is asking that villagers adopt a footpath and become involved in reporting faults and carrying our small maintenance tasks. Cliff to put a flyer in Pen Paper to ask for volunteers to adopt a path. Sharon gave out Completed sheets to Councillors and asked for amendments by Friday 20TH Nov . **ALL**
- 10 **Review Audit Documents for 2010-2011-** Clerk described how Pen Selwood had been chosen for an extensive in depth audit this year as part of 5% of Parish Councils around the country. The audit report had thrown up issues ,mostly procedural, around the areas of risk assessments and internal financial controls which would be addressed. Accounts were in order and balanced. **KS**
- 11 **Precept Request for 2012-2013/Budget-** The Council discussed the broad concept of freezing the precept request for a second year (£4883) and this motion was proposed by Sharon Rossiter and seconded by Cliff Clark, vote was unanimous. It was also agreed that several one off items were anticipated but that these would be funded through he reserves. These one off items were, possible Parish Plan donation, Jubilee celebrations (£200). Clerk to write to Geoff Parcell to advise PC would help with funding up to £1533 which had not been obtained by grant aid.. Clerk to forward cheques to PCC, Community field trustees and Community Transport. Council agreed 2012-2013 budget with £4883 precept request and £200 put into Jubilee celebrations. (copy of budget with minutes) **KS**
- 12 **Planning Update** – Andrew gave details of recent applications in the Leigh Common area which had been processed and Peter gave details of an application in Pen Selwood in the Leigh Common area where there may be possible complications due to an agricultural tie.

13 Wind turbines ,update and possible fundraiser. The Charlton Musgrove wind turbine issue has progressed after a lift size balloon was placed on the site .There was a local hearing today where the application was rejected by local council. Jenny Steadman represented Pen Selwood and gave a deposition on our behalf. Many other PC’S were represented and all were against the proposal which has gone to appeal. Audrey Snugg’s has booked the village hall in December for a “no wind turbines” fundraiser for the Silton Wind turbine appeal.

14 Highways- Tony Appleton. Three Potholes at Pen Ridge have been reported and all salt bins have been filled .Three damaged road signs have been reported and will be repaired in due course. Tree at Great Hill still to be looked at and kerbstone at top of Coombe Street has been reported.

15 Ideas for Jubilee Celebrations –This item to be deferred to Jan meeting in the mean time could everyone have a think about possible activities. **ALL**

16 Correspondence –Peter gave details of letter received from Beacham’s thanking the PC for their support during recent building work .Peter to write back acknowledging letter and would circulate copies to adjoining owners. **PF**

17 Parish plan and the approach from Three Towns. -It was agreed the PC would not become involved in the three towns initiative this followed Peter and Jenny’s attendance at a recent meeting but would press on with its own Parish plan. There followed a discussion of what role the PC should take in the completion of the Parish plan. Members of the public were invited to contribute to the discussion and following the expression of many views Cliff Clark agreed to join the Parish Plan Committee with Andrew Jenkins and would act as our liaison officer. The PC would encourage Geoff and his team to progress with the project and would offer help and support where ever it was needed.

18 AOB- Sharon advised Website is now up and running after problems with access and uploading. Peter was thanked for the clearing he had done at Coombe Boundary. Sharon conveyed the views of many of the residents of Coombe Street who were delighted and asked that all the Boundary be cleared

Date for next meeting 11th Jan 2013 Meeting Closed 9.55pm

Chairman..... Date.....