

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Wed 11th May 2011

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

- 1 Public Open Forum.** No comments from public
- 2 Apologies for absence.** None.
- 3 Notices of Interest** None
- 4 Minutes of last meeting** Approved and signed for 9th March 2011.
- 5 Matters Arising** Item 11 at last meeting ref Clerks wages. Clerk to proceed with opening acct with Douglas Tonks to administer payment of Clark wages quarterly in future. At a cost of £55pa.
- 6 Results of Parish Council Elections-Issue of Declaration of interest forms.** Clerk issued a form to all Councillors and asked that they be returned to SSDC by 28th May. Cllr Jenkins proposed that Sharon Rossiter be Co-opted onto the council and this was seconded by Cllr Young. Sharon Rossiter rejoined the Parish Council and Clerk to issue Cllr Rossiter with Co option form to complete. Cllr Jenkins also proposed Tony Appleton be Co-opted as soon as he was able, hopefully by next meeting 30th June .Cllr Young seconded this.
- 7 Planning Activity.** Pemberleigh application at Leigh Common had been withdrawn.
- 8 Footpaths** Cllr Rossiter has become a conduit between Eve Winn the SSDC footpaths rep, the channel for Cllr Rossiter to report issues and for SSDC to respond is now open. There has been little work done to footpaths yet this year but Sharon hopes to carry out work later in the year. No Strimmer project volunteers have come forward. Clerk to report this to SSDC.
- 9 Highways** .Cllr Fitzgerald went over the details of the major work that has been undertaken in the Parish, the work to Pen Mill Hill being a huge success. Also work at Long Lane has been completed. The plans to have a “No HGV “ sign at the bottom of Long Lane will be taken on by District Council and they are also looking at a 30 MPH sign for the stretch of road that is the old A303 at Leigh Common. Cllr Young said that Ash trees on highway near Hunters Lodges needed cutting back and that the highway at Clapton Farm was in need of maintenance. Tony Appleton to be informed to take these matters up before next meeting.
- 10 Defibrillator** East Knoyle has one available and unused should we decide to move ahead with this. However it was decided that more research needs to be carried out to establish the legal and personal implications of operating such a useful device. Some interest was recorded 18 months ago and it decided the Clerk should write to Annie Harvey to ask her to prepare a paper on the viability of a defibrillator on the village.

- 11 Approve payments and receipts and approve accounts for year ended 2010-2011 and reissue cheque number 398 for £60 to Church Hall** Cheque numbers 400 to 404 were signed. Council voted unanimously to accept accounts and annual Governance statement as prepared by Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Clark seconded by Cllr Rossiter. Cheque number 398 reissued as cheque number 400
- 12 Coombe Street Railings** Work on 45ft of railings has been completed at a cost of £500.(this had been covered by a AONB grant) Cllr FitzGerlad to look at alternative sources of funding for further work, . Wessex Water are a possibility as they own the land.
- 13 To approve AON Ins renewal** Clerk had secured a £50 reduction on previous year, cheque signed number 403
- 14 AOB** Stoke Trister PC had asked for Common Land annexed by A303 development to be formally transferred over to them. After reviewing the documents it was agreed the Clerk would write to them supporting the change. The Scaith family had asked that ,in future could their residence be considered part of PenSelwood not Charlton Musgrove and it was agreed that if both Councils agreed this would be possible. Cllr FitzGerald to speak to effected residents and Charlton Musgrove PC before next meeting. Cllr Jenkins said that the Field Committee had met last week and had asked if the PC could cover the cost of maintaining the Field in future (£1000) Clerk to include this as an item on the next agenda with Field Committee to prepare a paper covering annual costs for the Field(Cllr Jenkins to arrange)
Cllr Young said the meeting to prepare for the Diamond Jubilee next year would be held 18th May this year. Cllr Rossiter asked what decision had been made concerning the verge opposite hall .It was agreed that no work would be undertaken Clerk to write and thank Neil Gorry for estimate and advise our decision.

Dates for next meeting 30th June 2011. Meeting ended 8.55pm

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