

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Wed 12th November 2014

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

Before the meeting our County Councillor Anna Groskop presented to Cliff Clark the Chairman's nomination for service to the community, Anna thanked Cliff for his years of service seconded by PC.

- 1 Public Open Forum.** Hazel Baker reported damage to road surface on Pen Mill Hill which was noted by Tony Appleton. Public- Present Cllr Anna Groskop, Hazel Baker Ann and Cliff Clark.
- 2 Apologies for absence.-** Mike Beech.
- 3 Notices of Interest** Peter FitzGerald in item 7 (04772) and Andrew Jenkins in Item 8 relating to Precept
- 4 Minutes of last meeting -** Approved and signed for 10th September 2014. It was agreed that the draft Minutes would be approved by the Chairman and posted on the notice boards before being submitted for Approval at the next meeting.
- 5 Matters Arising -** Peter welcomed Belinda Heal to the PC and hoped that she would look out for the interests of Leigh Common residents..
- 6 To note Co- option of Belinda Heal to PenSelwood PC, Clerk to ask Belinda to sign Declaration of acceptance of office form.-** Form signed Clerk to forward to electoral officer.
- 7 Planning activity Andrew Jenkins .-** Cllr Jenkins had received a letter from the "Wincanton in Crisis" group who were holding a meeting on 18th November 2014 at the Sweetman Hall, Wincanton to discuss two plans to build 700 houses in the area. Anna advised both applications had been refused but had gone to appeal. It was decided that the PC should not formally become involved but individuals were free to attend if they had an interest in the project, however the Windmill Hill site would be in the view of quite a few houses in the Parish. Andrew would keep an eye on developments for the PC. The Council then looked at Application 14/04722/ful for Stour House Pen Mill. It was decided not to object to the application. The Clerk was asked to respond to SSDC to express the concern over potential flooding on this site.
- 8 Discuss budget/precept request for 2014/2015 prior to completion and submission of forms before 20th Jan 2015.-** After several small adjustments to lines of cost the budget was agreed with the precept request to remain unchanged from last year at £4883. The PC would budget to spend £261 more than anticipated income, this to come from reserves. Clerk to advise PCC of one off additional payment of £200 for 2015-2016 making PCC grant £500 for the year.
- 9 To note change to new Payroll Provider, Ian Small accountancy services (Previously used Douglas Tonks) saving PC £30 per year in costs. -**Noted, planned for end of financial year.

10 Highways Report-Tony Appleton.- Tony advised that roads were generally in good repair with verges on Pen Mill recently cleared, Tony had also requested a road sweep for the whole village. The pot holes in the verge at Underhill were a concern and Tony would ask Highways to look at these and also ask to have the missing reflectors in Pear Ash Lane replaced. Bryan reported two drains were also blocked at Underhill. Clerk to forward details of the Winter action plan to Tony. Missing white lines and drains on B3081 had been reported to Highways and the A303 maintenance work would not now include resurfacing so no new quiet surfacing would be installed. Pear Ash Lane was a big concern at the moment and Tony would ask Highways to help with its clean up.

11 Agree Meeting dates for 2015.- Dates were agreed for next three meetings, Jan 14th with the March meeting being held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 (the original date) and 13th May 2015(Election date 7th May 2015)

12 Footpath Update- Jane Ashman reported that SSDC had agreed to clear the overgrown path and repair stiles on the path the runs outside the wood parallel to Stourhead. Peter wished to record a vote of thanks to Hester Messum for all of her work on the footpaths .Richard , Hester and Chris are assessing the work involved in repairing or replacing damaged stiles ,where possible including a fog gate within the new stile. The footpaths on Mr Hopkins land had been walked and were all in good order. Peter reported a recent incident at Lucy Nelsons where a loose dog had frightened two horses one of which had had to be out down. Peter would cover this incident in his Pen Paper Report item.

13- Update on Village Statement –Jenny reported that copies of the document were now available in the reception area of the hall and Jenny would top up supplies as they were needed. It was agreed to delay a discussion on a new housing survey until after the new council had been elected in May 2015.

14 Discuss possible safety hazard created by Horse Chestnut tree overhanging sign on junction of Pen Ridge road and Church hill /Great hill. – Bryan Young had asked for this item to be included and following a discussion it was agreed that the tree was on Common Land and its safety would be assessed before the next meeting. No action taken at this point

15 AOB - Jenny advised that the Defibrillator training update would take place in the Village Hall on 21st Jan 2015 at 5pm this would be advertised on the web site. The phone box had been very kindly cleaned and painted by Annie. Jane advised that Bourton had recently withdrawn from the Somerset and Devon Broadband Partnership and that this was a potential risk to the village receiving improved broadband speeds .Anna Groskop advised David Hall at SSDC was the best person to speak to and Jane would speak to David about our concerns and would try to attend the forthcoming meeting on Economic Regeneration and Broadband Jane would report back to PC at the next meeting.

Dates for next meeting 14th Jan 2015. Meeting ended 9.05pm

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

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