

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st NOVEMBER 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room.**

Present: Elisabeth Emerson, Jane Lehni, Ann Norman, Susan Norrish and Andrew Terry with Michael Ash in the Chair.

61. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Peter Cooper
62. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
63. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** of 27th September having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
64. **MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere):**
65. **URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN:** None
66. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- DNPA:** None
- DCC:** **Eastern Link Committee:** October 6th (No one able to attend)
- WDBC:** **Services for potential devolution:** The Council could see no services which it could take over and run independently.
Diamond Jubilee Woods: There being no space available to the parish or in Skaigh Wood for planting, the offer of saplings for planting to commemorate the Jubilee would not be taken up.
- DALC:** None
- OTHER:** **Devon and Cornwall Constabulary:** The former Police Liaison meetings to be replaced by responses to specific requests for consultation.
Diocese of Exeter: Meeting to discuss the future of Sticklepath Church. 28th November. This matter to be left to the Parochial Church Council.
67. **FINANCE:**
- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:**
Received: Interest of £0.29 had been added to the reserve account on 30.09.11.
Payments made: Audit Commission £60 (as agreed at the last meeting, and within precept estimates).
A transfer of £400 had been made from the current to the reserve account.
Current account: £169.22 **Reserve account:** £2,691.04.
Payments to be made: South Hams District Council (See below)
- ii. **Half year budget:** This showed an increase in estimated costs of stationery, but this would probably be balanced by the lower than expected cost of insurance. The total of moneys held over had been reduced by the £35 spent on wood for repairing the seats. The budget was accepted unanimously, and it was agreed to make the planned

payments to Okehampton District Community Transport (£25), West Devon CAB (£15), Victim Support Devon (£20), Young Devon (£10), North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team (£20).

- iii. **PAYE:** The annual charge invoice had been sent by South Hams District Council for providing the parish council with a payroll service for the clerk. This was for £100 plus £20 VAT. (This unplanned spending to be taken from the reserves)
It was agreed unanimously to make this payment of £120.
Proposed A. Norman seconded A. Terry.
- iv. **Council diary:** Checked and signed.

68. PLANNING:

0411/11: Stable/garage adj. to Moor Hall, Belstone; conversion for use as accommodation ancillary to Moor Hall: Planning permission granted.

0437/11: Stable building and schooling area, The Moors, Belstone: Planning permission granted.

69. HIGHWAYS:

- i. **Matters reported/to be reported to DCC highways maintenance department:** Reply from Cllr Christine Marsh that the promised two grit bins would arrive shortly.

70. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i. **Seats:** A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Wood requesting a new site for the seat in memory of the William and Kathleen Ball. It was agreed to hold a site meeting.
Jane Lehni reported that the Miller family had recently checked the condition of the seat in memory of their parents.

71. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 13th December

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

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