

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 17th AUGUST 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room.**

Present: Peter Cooper, Elisabeth Emerson, Stella Hudson, Ann Norman, Susan Norrish and Andrew Terry with Michael Ash in the Chair.

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

30. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING of 6th July, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

31. MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere): None

32. CORRESPONDENCE:

DNPA: None

DCC: **Mobile library service:** Planned new service for Belstone. Same day and place. Longer stopping time (45 minutes). .

Eastern Link Committee: September 9th, Sampford Courtenay.

WDBC: **New refuse and recycling service:** Information; Belstone Village Hall, 9th September, 10am -12 noon.

DALC: None

OTHER: None

33. FINANCE:

i. Current state of finances and petty cash:

Received: Interest of £0.26 had been added to the reserve account on 30.06.10.

Payments made: DALC (annual subscription), S. Hudson (expenses), S. Blacksell (reimbursement) (as agreed at the last meeting, and within precept estimates).

Current account: £1,423.19 **Reserve account:** £1,589.68.

Bank statements to 1st July were signed by the Chairman.

Payment to be made: Audit Commission £58.75 (including VAT of £8.75).

It was agreed unanimously to make this payment.

Proposed P. Cooper. seconded S. Norrish.

ii. External audit: Successfully completed. This advertised on the board.

iii. Council diary: Checked and signed.

34. PLANNING:

0355/10: Stoneycott, Belstone: Proposed replacement of existing porch:

The Council had no objections to the proposal.

Proposed touring caravan park: to rear of North Lake, Stockley.

As this proposal is situated on the parish boundary, it was discussed by Council It would be highly visible from the higher parts of the parish, with a detrimental

effect on the landscape quality of the northern part of the moor. Also, vehicular access, onto the already busy Exeter road, between the two slip roads connecting to the A30, could cause a dangerous congestion at these junctions. It was agreed unanimously to send a letter of objection to West Devon Borough planning department.

35. HIGHWAYS:

- i. **Matters reported/to be reported to DCC highways maintenance department:** Extensive repairs to potholes and road edges had been completed throughout the parish. Road sign at Tongue End damaged; repair to be requested.
- ii. **Water/sewerage leak above Skaigh House entrance.** To be reported to South West Water.

36. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i. **Big Lottery Wildlife programme: propose application for Brenamoor pond.** This had failed because an application could not be submitted without the freehold to the land or a lease. However, the National Park ecologists and rangers, STOC and Belstone commoners plan to clear the reeds from the pond on the morning of November 5th. This to be advertised in the Beacon, asking for helpers.
- ii. **Seats:** Peter Cooper had checked those needing attention and would request reimbursement for work done.
- iii. **Bus shelter:** Attention needed to branches pushing the shelter forward, and to debris piled against the side. The clerk to discuss access with the owners of Oldway. The clerk had cleared further bottles and broken glass.

37. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 28th September

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed.....

Chairman

dated.....