

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 28th SEPTEMBER 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room.**

Present: Peter Cooper, Stella Hudson, Ann Norman, Susan Norrish and Andrew Terry with Michael Ash in the Chair, and also two members of the public (Mr Harris and Mr Westlake).

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Elisabeth Emerson.

39. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING of 17th August, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

40. MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere):

Big Lottery Wildlife programme: The rules having now changed, it would be possible to apply for funding with just the permission of the landlord. It was decided unanimously to write to the landlord about this matter.

Mobile library: S. Norrish reported that the mobile library times sent to the council were incorrect.

41. CORRESPONDENCE:

DNPA: Proposed alteration and extension to Sticklepath Conservation Area: The DNPA had recommended that the boundary changes to extend Sticklepath Conservation Area across the parish boundary into Belstone parish should go ahead. The parish council decided unanimously to raise no further objections.

Draft Recreation and Access Strategy: To be commented on at the next meeting.

DCC: Winter Service Review: A questionnaire was completed. The locations of grit bins were checked and amended and the secondary gritting route into the village agreed. An interest in coordinating a 'local winter response' was expressed.

Eastern Link Committee: 18th November.

Public meeting: Proposed cuts to local services.
Okehampton, 25th November.

WDBC: Flood Presentations, November: No one able to attend.

DALC: Newsletter: Town and parish council elections 2011: Possibly to be delayed due to referendum into changing the voting system for general elections. Delay could mean parishes bearing whole cost of an election. This cost to be checked before precept set.

Newsletter: Internet banking and the phasing out of cheques:
On-going discussion on lawful payments by parish councils..

OTHER: Ministry of Defence: Dartmoor Training Area Rural Management Plan, Draft: It was decided not to take part in this consultation exercise, Belstone Commoners having been consulted.

42. FINANCE:

i. Current state of finances and petty cash:

Received: Nil.

Payments made: Audit Commission £58.75 (as agreed at the last meeting, and within precept estimates).

£1000 transfer made from current account to reserve account on 27.09.10

Current account: £344.44 **Reserve account:** £2589.00.

Payments to be made: None

Petty Cash: £2.75 spent since 7th July. Clerk now £1.42 in hand.

ii. Council diary: Checked and signed.

43. PLANNING:

0355/10: Stoneycott, Belstone: Replacement of existing porch: Listed building consent granted.

44. HIGHWAYS:

i. Matters reported/to be reported to DCC highways maintenance

department: Road markings at Tongue End junction need repainting (to be reported). Leak of water/sewerage in road, by Skaigh House, reported to South West Water. Road signs repaired (Tongue End road);

45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

i. Seats: The green-painted seat nearest to Birchy Lake now unsafe and should be taped off.

ii. Bus shelter: The Chairman and P.Cooper had checked its condition, which is good. It will be possible to clear vegetation from behind the shelter from the verge.

iii. Complaint: Mr Harris and Mr Westlake complained that the council had discussed the planning application for a caravan park (WDBC 00664/2010) at the previous meeting under 'Any other business', without adequate advertising on the agenda. It had also been minuted under 'Planning' rather than 'Other business'. This matter to be taken further with West Devon Borough Council.

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2nd November 2010.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

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