

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 11th January 2011 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.

66. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
67. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
68. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** of 30th November having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
69. **MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere):** None
70. **URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY THE CHAIRMAN:** None
71. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- DNPA:** Parish Council Planning Survey: This was completed.
- WDBC:** Meetings to discuss future collaboration with South Hams: The Chairman to attend the meeting at Meldon on 1st February.
- DCC:** Eastern Parishes Link Committee: March 3rd, Throwleigh.
Mobile Library Service: New times provided.
Flooding and sandbags: Information. This was noted.
- DALC:** Gypsies and Travellers: Guidance on planning applications.
- OTHER:** Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: Conferences 16th February and 15th March.
72. **FINANCE:**
- i. **Current state of finances and petty cash:**
- Received:** Interest of 33 pence had been added to the reserve account.
- Payments made:** S. Hudson expenses £20.91(as agreed at the last meeting, and within precept estimates).
(Letters of thanks for earlier donations received from North Dartmoor Search & Rescue Team, Young Devon and Victim Support).
- Current account:** £233.53 **Reserve account:** £2590.21
- The Chairman signed the bank statements for 31.12.10.
- Payments to be made:** Belstone Village Hall £40; Clerk's salary £525;
Travel expenses to the Chairman for attending the National Park meeting at Bovey Tracey on 16th November (44 miles at 41 pence per mile: £18.04).
It was agreed unanimously to make these payments.
Proposed A. Norman seconded P. Cooper.
- Petty Cash:** £25.35 spent from 3.11.10 to 11.01.11. Clerk now £26 in arrears.
Requested payment of £35. This was agreed unanimously.
Proposed S. Hudson seconded S. Norrish
- ii. **Precept for 2011-12.** This was considered, and after discussion total expenses of £1,227 were agreed unanimously. It was also agreed unanimously to make a contribution of £127 from the reserves and therefore to set a precept of £1,100. (See table which forms part of these minutes). Proposed A. Terry seconded P. Cooper

iii. **Council diary:** Checked and signed.

73. PLANNING:

0538/10: Belstone stables and yard (Mr P. Wood): Conversion of redundant structure (former stables and store) to accommodation for holiday use:

Permission granted.

0571/10: Moorlands Cottage, Belstone: Conversion of barn into holiday let.

Permission granted.

Windy Ridge Farm, Skaigh Lane, Belstone: Appeal against refusal of planning permission for conversion to a maltings. Hearing 18th January, Belstone Village Hall, 10am.

74. HIGHWAYS:

i. **Matters reported/to be reported to DCC highways maintenance department:**

Further clearing of the blocked drain on Tongue End road to be requested.

ii. **Grit bins and salt refills.** A letter had been sent to Cllr James McInnes at DCC asking for four more salt bins in the parish. He had replied asking for a map, and would liaise with the Highways department.

Two bins had been refilled after the recent heavy snow, but others had not because the appropriate identification numbers had not been provided.

A list of these to be kept for future use.

75. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

76. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesdays 1st March and 19th April 2011.

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