

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009 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.

- 14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
- 15. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** of 26<sup>th</sup> May, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
- 16. MATTERS ARISING:** None
- 17. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- DNPA:** None
- DCC:** **Eastern Link Committee:** 25<sup>th</sup> June. No one able to go.
- WDBC:** **Standards Training:** The clerk and five members to attend.  
**Core Strategy Development Plan Summary for West Devon:**  
This was discussed and it was noted that in the 'Strategic Allocation for Okehampton' map the area proposed for 'employment development' extends south of Exeter Road as far as the Belstone parish boundary. At several points this area seems to encroach over the boundary. A letter to be written to WDBC and copied to the National Park Authority objecting to this and also objecting to the visibility of this 'employment zone' from the higher parts of the parish and the slopes of Dartmoor above.
- DAPC:** None
- OTHER:** None
- 18. FINANCE:**
- i. Current state of finances and petty cash:**  
**Receipts:** None  
**Payments made:** Community First (£232.99); Clerk (petty cash) £20  
A transfer of £750 was made on 8<sup>th</sup> June from the current account to the reserve account.  
**Current account:** £286.20 **Reserve account:** £2938.12.  
Bank statements were signed by the Chairman.  
**Payments to be made:** Petty cash (see below).  
**Petty Cash:** Payments made since 01.04.09 totalled £50.79 (stationery £41.78, VAT £6.27, petty cash £2.74). The clerk requested payment of £55. This was agreed unanimously.  
Proposed A. Norman seconded S. Hudson
- ii. Internal audit:** The internal audit report was accepted unanimously. It was also agreed to send a small gift (value £20) to Mr Herbert.  
Proposed A. Terry seconded P. Cooper
- iii. Council diary:** Checked and signed.

**19. PLANNING:**

**0167/09: Foxes Holt, Belstone: Proposed alterations and extensions including new garage.** Conditional planning permission granted.

**0214/09: Resugga, Belstone: Proposed demolition of existing derelict buildings and replacement with new stable block.**

After discussion the Council had no objections to the proposal, but considered that details of disposal of foul waste and water should be provided, as the site is close to a stream.

**20. HIGHWAYS:**

- i. **Site meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April:** This meeting had been attended by Martin Stoddart and Bruce Pedrick from Devon Highways, Sean Lehni and four members of the Parish Council. The minutes were discussed (attached to these minutes).
- ii. **Matters reported/to be reported to DCC highways maintenance department:** A list of requests was prepared for the next lengthman's visit (22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June). This included clearing the sump by the stocks, clearing the gully and entrance to the bridlepath at Mere Pool, and clearing the run-offs from Tongue End Road and Skaigh Lane.
- ii. **Road closure:** 1<sup>st</sup> September for drainage works. Heatherside to Beacon View, with diversion through Church Cottages Lane.

**21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- i. **Consultation concerning proposed closure of the military road ('loop road').** The Duchy had replied that it intended to go ahead with its proposal to maintain the tarmac surface of the loop road only as far as Observation Point 22 on the east side and the barrier at grid reference 597921 on the west side, and to remove all access for civilian vehicles south of this point. This to be implemented by late summer this year.
- ii. **Seats:** Mr Norrish had written a letter of agreement to donate a seat to stand on a new site below the green. He accepted the Council's terms for this. A reply to be sent from the Council choosing the metal seat as the preferred design.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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