

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room.**

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

**47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Ann Norman

Before the meeting, the Council stood in memory of Nora Marshall, a member of the Council for many years.

**48. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** of 28<sup>th</sup> September having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

**49. MATTERS ARISING (unless dealt with elsewhere):**

**Brenamoor Pond:** A letter had been sent to Mr. Reddaway, as agreed at the last meeting. He had replied that he had concerns about the possible effect on the drainage patterns on Brenamoor if the second pond was dug out. He would have to discuss this with the Commoners before he could reply.

**50. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**DNPA: Meeting** between DNPA and all Parish/Town councils in the Park. 16<sup>th</sup> November at Parke, Bovey Tracey. 7.00pm. The Chairman and E. Emerson to attend.

**DNPA Forum:** 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2.15pm. S. Hudson to attend.

**Draft Recreation and Access Strategy for Dartmoor;** Consultation Document. Belstone is located in the 'North and West Dartmoor Area of Opportunity'. The aim for this area is to 'Promote the existing recreational route network, to include new audiences and develop further links'. It was decided not to comment on this document.

**DCC: Eastern Link Committee:** November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WDBC: Letter relating to complaint made at last meeting:**

Ms Delyth Jenkins Evans, Head of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer, replied that she had noted that, in the case of planning application WDBC 00664/2010, the Parish Council had broken its rule of only discussing items raised under AOB, and not taking any action until the next meeting.

However, she indicated that it is always possible to have urgent items, by the following procedure: 'A standing item is included on the agenda following Apologies, Minutes, Declarations of Interest etc for "Urgent items raised by the Chairman". (To avoid caprice s/he can monitor what's proposed to be raised and judge whether it's truly urgent). If there are none, the meeting moves on; if there is one, as in this case, the Chairman raises what he wants to, and either discussion is deferred, or some necessary action can be taken. It's useful to minute why it was urgent'.

This procedure to be included in the Standing Orders, and added to the agenda for meetings.

**DALC:** None

**OTHER:** None

**51. FINANCE:**

**i. Current state of finances and petty cash:**

**Received:** Interest of 20 pence had been added to the reserve account.

**Payments made:** None

**Current account:** £344.44 **Reserve account:** £2589.88.

**Petty Cash:** £2.20 spent since 28<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk now 78 pence in arrears.

**ii. Half-year budget; payments to be made;** 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 and North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team £20.

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

**52. PLANNING:**

**0467/09: Windy Ridge Farm, Belstone:** Appeal against refusal of planning permission for change of use to a maltings. The Council's previous statement had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

**53. HIGHWAYS:**

**i. Matters reported/to be reported to DCC highways maintenance department:** Blocked drain on Tongue End Road, and also worn junction markings at Tongue End Cross had been reported. Action had been taken. The lengthsman had visited on 26<sup>th</sup> October, and cleared the drainage channels on Market Lane and Brenamoor Common. The cover to one culvert had been dislodged on Brenamoor; This to be reported.

**ii. Letter from WDBC re. supplies of rock salt:** It was unclear whether this meant that grit bins would not be re-filled this year. This to be checked.

**54. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**i. Seats:** Two still in need of repair.

**55. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

dated.....

