

Minutes

Langtree Parish Council meeting

14th December 2017

Members present Cllr Attridge [TA & Chairman], Bond GB, Ley DL, French JF, Mitchell PM, Glover MG & Coles JC and Cllrs Hurley [TDC] and Saywell [DCC]

Apologies Cllrs Tucker, Edworthy

Minutes of previous meeting Agreed nem con Prop PM Seconded DL

Matters arising Nil

Police No input this month

DCC Cllr Saywell reports that DCC has a pothole action fund of £210,000. Collacott to Sandy Lane is currently being resurfaced. It is noted that the new cash point ATM at Duffy's Hardware Store is up and running and the BT ATM in the South St car park is now in situ. Contrary to rumours, Torrington Fire Station is not going to be closed. He welcomed Leigh Pollinger to the position of Parish Clerk following the retirement of Mike Evans. He wanted recording his thanks to Mike for his work and care as Parish Clerk for the past twelve years.

TDC Cllr Hurley stated that our Speedwatch team had carried out a demonstration in Shebbear for the benefit of Shebbear Parish Council. Some 19 speeders were detected. TDC planning were having staffing problems but matters have improved. The problem of traveller's sites is still ongoing with no decisions as yet. The TDC website now has some new software that it is hoped will simplify access and communications. The TAP fund for 2018 will not cover maintenance such as grass cuttings and will be aimed at joint projects as originally planned.

Finance Current balance is £3549. Cllr French is currently in possession of the Nationwide pass book pending him registering as a signatory with them. Mr Pollinger has the appropriate paperwork to attend Lloyds Bank in Bideford to transfer the Clerk's financial responsibilities and access from Mike Evans to himself. There are currently sufficient signatories for the current account but will need to be kept under review.

Planning No applications this month.

Correspondence Nil this month.

Items at Chairman's discretion. Cllr Glover mentioned the flooding problems between Forches Cross and LongAcre. His previous query had been forwarded to DCC Highways and LPC had been informed that it "was on the list".

At the request of a member of the public it was agreed to make a discussion on the current state of affairs at Langtree Meadows development a monthly agenda item.

Before the meeting closed, the Chairman made a statement in which on behalf of the Parish Council he thanked Mike Evans for his special contribution to the council as Parish Clerk for the past twelve years and particularly thanked him for the help he had had in his position as Chairman, and Cllr Ley made a similar comment. Mike was presented with a bottle of Malt Whisky, a libation known to be his favoured tippie. In reply he said he had enjoyed his tenure and it was only age and health issues that mandated his retirement. He thanked the Council, members past and present, for the support he had received over the years and would never forget his time in the job. He welcomed Leigh Pollinger, his replacement, knowing he too would be an asset to the Parish Council

Meeting Closed 9 p.m.