

CATCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2010 in Catcott School Hall at 7.30pm

- 10/11/145 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Fraser (in the Chair), Gould, Burden and Merry.
- 10/11/146 **ALSO PRESENT:** DCllr Kingham and 12 members of the public.
- 10/11/147 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** received and accepted from Cllr Mackay.
- 10/11/148 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk to the Council
- 10/11/149 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** were confirmed and signed.
- 10/11/150 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None declared.
- 10/11/151 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** DCllr Kingham said the Executive had not yet finalised how to make the required savings. The boundary changes are going to be as originally proposed. The District Council is not increasing its share of the Council Tax and will therefore get a 2.5% increase from the Government.
- 10/11/152 **HIGHWAYS:**
- Any updates on previous problems - Two grit bins are now in place. Highways send regular updates regarding the treatment of roads. Bags have been delivered to the King William to assist with any problems at the top of the road. A couple of bags will be made available for use at the top of Hector Road.
 - Problems arising - pot holes in Scotts Lane have not yet been dealt with.
- 10/11/153 **PLANNING:**
- 14/10/00009 - Removal of hedgerow at ST3967 3803 adjoining A39 Bath Road - An appeal has been lodged.
 - Appeal APP/V3310/A/10/2132033/NWF regarding 14/10/00001 - no update.
 - 14/10/00010 - variation of conditions on permission 14/97/0007 to enable a change to the approved restoration scheme on land South of Higher Ropes Drove (County matter) - SDC raise no objection.
 - 14/10/00011/CJA - erection of bungalow on land to S of 33 King William Road - no update
 - 14/10/00012 - Agricultural building at Northbrook Farm - Supported. Close to other farm buildings. Should not adversely affect other properties. No adverse affect on landscape.
 - Updates on contraventions and any new ones - The Clerk had gained clarification from Mrs Berry regarding the status of the wall at Manor Farm. It is not listed but an application for it to be listed could be made. Agreed not to pursue this.
 - Journal of Local Planning - a private enterprise publication. Agreed not to subscribe.
- 10/11/154 **RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS:** it was agreed that a survey should be carried out in the Spring.
- 10/11/155 **NOTICEBOARDS REPAIRS:** Cllr Mackay was dealing with these. No update.
- 10/11/156 **RISK ASSESSMENT:** The Clerk and Cllr Gould had completed this. The only matter to cause concern is the fact that it has come to light that the bus shelter is not insured for damage. The insurance company say they would give a quote once we have established its worth. Clerk had looked at various new shelters and had contacted the only firm she could find who produce something a bit similar. They have not yet forwarded details of prices. It was confirmed that the bus shelter had originally been built by villagers many years ago. Repairs had been undertaken at various times. Agreed that the Clerk should ask for a quote for insuring it for £1,500.
- 10/11/157 **PARISH PLOT:** Clerk advised that Dr Mark Steer had asked for a meeting and it was agreed that three representatives from the Council should meet with him with the view of progressing the matter. It was agreed that Cllrs Mackay, Gould and Burden should represent the Council.
- 10/11/158 **FINANCE:**
- Cheques for signature - one cheque was approved for signature. Chq.132 J A Marshall (Clerk's salary and expenses) £328.01.
 - Bank signatories - Cllr Gould had been to the bank to prove her identity. Cllrs Merry and Burden would go as soon as possible.
 - Set precept for 2011-2012 - Council looked at the figures prepared by the Clerk suggesting a precept of around £6900 having taken various potential expenses into account. It was finally agreed that, in view of the current economic climate and the fact that earmarked funds could be used on a temporary basis if necessary, that a precept of £6000 be made for the third successive year. This was proposed by Cllr Burden. Cllr Gould seconded it saying she felt the contingency sum is in danger of falling too low and that there may well be a need to increase the precept next year.
- 10/11/159 **SALC, NALC, COMMUNITY COUNCIL, CPRE:** items for information incl Fieldwork; Somerset Matters; Countryside Voice and a funding letter from the Community Council were put for circulation.
- 10/11/160 **SDC, SCC:** Recycling schedule; SCC cuts letter; Rural Services - community led delivery put for circulation
- 10/11/161 **DRAINAGE BOARD - SOUTH DRAIN FAVOURABLE CONDITION PROJECT:** put for circulation.
- 10/11/162 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 11th January 2011

Public Speaking Period

A display relating to local war memorials was available for members of the public to peruse and ask questions about.

Chairman Date