

Minutes of a meeting of Durleigh Parish Council on Wednesday 14th. MARCH 2018 held in Wessex Water Offices, Durleigh Reservoir, Durleigh at 7.30 pm.

Members Present: Cllr. John Vassalli (Chairman), Cllr. Janet Johnstone, Cllr. J. Bates, Cllr. Ted Cobley and Cllr. N. Myers.

In attendance: Chris Sidaway (Clerk), Cllr. R. Caswell, Cllr. G. Slocombe, Cllr. A. Bown, and 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. I. Dyer and Cllr. M. Caswell.

14/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Vassalli declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 23/17/00005 as he was a direct neighbour. Cllr. Bates declared a personal as a near neighbour but the Clerk noting his declaration, ruled that the relationship was sufficiently distant for him to take part in the process.

15/18 Public Question-time

Mr Hamish Ramsay enquired about Planning Application **23/18/00004** for the Environmental Gain scoping exercise for the residential development to south of the A39. He was advised that it was just that, a feasibility study that would determine archaeological and environmental potential and an impact assessment of the geology, topography, drainage and flooding risks. Cllrs. Bown and Slocombe had lobbied that the development does not commence until the EDF works are complete to avoid disruption of the A39.

16/18 Chairman's Comments

There were none.

17/18 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, after the following amendments were made: Item 6/18 the motion was proposed by Cllr. Myers not Cllr. Mason. Proposed by Cllr. S. Mason and seconded by Cllr. N. Myers. **All agreed.**

18/18 Matters Arising

There were none.

19/18 Financial Matters

1. The Clerk reported that the Bank balance was £10,879.87 and tabled the monthly income/expenditure balance sheet for Member's information.
2. Accounts to be approved:
 - The Clerk's salary and expenses for January = £388.62
 - Zurich Municipal Insurance premium = £293.59
 - SALC subscription = £143.72
 - SDC Bin empties for second half year = £ 97.66

Proposed by Cllr. T. Cobley and seconded by Cllr.N. Myers – **All agreed.**

20/18 Planning Matters

Items for decision:

23/18/00004: discussed at item 15/18 above – no response required.

23/18/00005: 3, Broadlands Lane – garage conversion to domestic accommodation.

(The Chairman declared an interest and left the room and Cllr. Johnstone took the Chair).

Members considered the plans, which had been withdrawn due to planning input on design and materials are resubmitted, and those present felt the new proposals acceptable and would offer no objection. **All agreed unanimously.**

(The Chairman re-joined the meeting).

21/18 Items from last Agenda and Meetings attended:

1: **Highways and traffic:** The Clerk had made contact with Katherine Tyson, the new Traffic Engineer, and was waiting for a date for a site meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had attended a seminar, in advance of SCC removing the SID service. He briefed Members on the cost implications of going alone and was instructed to investigate further the cost effectiveness and possible consortia with other Parishes. **Action:** Clerk.

2. **Footpaths:** Cllr. Gill Slocombe and Cllr. Ted Copley had met Keith Palmer the SDC Enforcement Officer and Wessex Water to determine “put right” works to Queenswood Lane. Cllr. Bates reported that there had been severe flooding to the foot-path below Durleigh Farm.

4. **Millenium Trees:** Clerk reported that they were looking a bit unkempt and offered to do some pruning.

3. **Meeting attended:** SW Parish Cluster meeting was attended by Chairman and Clerk and it had covered: Highway Issues, Waste Disposal and Air Quality monitoring.

22/18 Any other business

1. The Clerk reported on the implications of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and their compliance. He added that the Council kept very few personal details.

2. The Clerk put for ward a **recommendation** that the Council adopt e-communications for all future agendas, minutes and reports in line with other Authorities. This was vigorously debated but with the consensus that this be **approved**. Members who still required hard copies would be supplied them.

3. Cllr. John Bates announced that he wished to register his intention of resigning from Durleigh Parish Council after 34 years of continuous service. The Chairman thanked John for his support, good works and enthusiasm over the years. Clerk to the consider implications of a “Casual Vacancy”.

23/18 Date and Venue of next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th. MAY 2018 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Wessex Water Offices which would be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm.**

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.)

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman of Council)

