
Minutes of a meeting of Durleigh Parish Council on Wednesday 9th. MAY 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 Cllr. N. Myers and Cllr. S. Mason.

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr. R. Lilley and Cllr. M. Caswell.

23/18 Election of Chairman

The Clerk took the Chair for the initial item to elect the Chairman for the years 2018-2019. He reported that there were no written nominations received so would take nominations from the floor. Cllr. T. Cobley proposed that John Vassalli be re-elected and this was seconded by Cllr. N. Myers There being no further nominations Cllr. Vassalli was unanimously re-elected.

The Clerk witnessed the Chairman's Declaration of Office.

24/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Vassalli and Cllr. Bates declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Planning Application 23/18/00007 as they lived opposite the site. The Clerk ruled that this did not prevent them from considering the application.

25/18 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman thanked all colleagues for the exemplary manner that they had conducted Parish Council business and the County/District Councillors for their support and regular attendance at meetings. He wished minuting thanks to Charlotte Ellicott for her regular attendance as a member of the public. Finally, he thanked the Clerk for his good works for the Council.

The Chairman then stated that he had the sad task of accepting resignations from Scott Mason for personal reasons and John Bates after 34 years public service on Durleigh Parish Council. He thanked Scott for his short but very valuable contribution to the Council and John for his immense effort as a Councillor and past Chairman of the Council.

Cllr. John Bates responded with a short appraisal of his 34 years of public service which had included 180 meetings and had always been interesting and sometimes challenging. He thanked all Councillors including County and District and the various Clerks for their support. Finally, he thanked Mary, his wife, for her support and accepting the number of meetings he had been to.

26/18 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, after the following amendments were made: 14/18 insert "interest" after personal; 15/18 after EDF "in the development of HPC"; 20/18 "materials were submitted".

Proposed by Cllr. S. Mason and seconded by Cllr. N. Myers. **All agreed.**

27/18 Matters Arising

There were none.

28/18 Financial Matters

The Clerk reported there was no monthly summary as the accounts were just approved.

1. Accounts to be approved:
 - SALC subscription = £146.84

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- TSBA for PAYE returns = £ 48.00
Proposed by Cllr. T. Cobley and seconded by Cllr.N. Myers – **All agreed.**

2. The Clerk presented a brief summary of the Annual Accounts which had been approved by the Internal Auditor and recommended them for approval and adoption by the Council.
Proposed by Cllr. T. Cobley and seconded by Cllr. John Bates. **All agreed.**

29/18 Planning Matters

Items for decision:

23/18/00006: Push Energy at Cobbs Cross Solar Farm – application to remove condition to provide drainage swires. This site had been problematic from the beginning with the various companies involved not wishing to meet their obligations. The Clerk had visited the site and the field to the north of it was waterlogged proving the need for effective drainage. The Parish Council to strongly object to this proposal and recommend enforcement of the condition.

23/18/00007: Wessex Water – application for temporary site compound to facilitate works to Durleigh road sewers. The Council was appreciative that at last these works would be carried out but would recommend some conditions:

- That the site is strictly temporary while works are carried out;
- That the site is restored to its natural state and the access, hard standing and gates removed;
- That Skimmer ton Lane is not used as a diversionary route.

23/18/00008 Willoughby Road – porch to front of property – no observation.

08/18/00079 Haygrove Estate – variation to road provision – Cllr. Slocombe to investigate.

30/18 Items from last Agenda and Meetings attended:

1: **Highways and traffic:** covered in Chairman’s annual report.

2. **Footpaths:** Cllr. Gill Slocombe reported storm flood damage in Queenswood Lane and would need resurfacing.

3. **Meeting attended:** The Chairman had attended a joint Parish/District highways meeting where the main topic was EDF impact. The Quantock Road roundabout was earmarked for improvements and Cllr. Ann Bown has pressing for much improved road safety particularly for school-children.

31/18 Any other business

1.The Chairman reported that he was in contact with Simon Osborne of Wessex Water and would invite to a future meeting.

2. there was concern over the fly-posting at the junction of Spaxton and Enmore Roads.

32/18 Date and Venue of next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th. JULY 2018 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Wessex Water Offices.

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.)

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

