

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

Present: Cllr. John Vassalli, Cllr. Ted Cobley, Cllr. J. Johnstone, Cllr. N. Myers and Cllr.N. Smith.

In attendance: Chris Sidaway (Clerk), Cllr. G. Slocombe, Cllr. A. Bown, Cllr. I. Dyer, Mr. S. Osborne (Wessex Water), Cllr. D. Cole (Enmore PC), Rev. Will Lane (Church of St. Hugh, Durleigh), Mr. P. Johnstone, Mr. N Lewis and Mrs. M. Lewis.

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

54/18 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

55/18 Public Question-time

There were none (see below).

56/18 Presentation by Mr Simon Osborne on Wessex Water Infrastructure Project

Mr Osborne introduced himself as the Project Manager for the £45 million infrastructure works at Durleigh Reservoir. The reservoir and its buildings dated from the mid 1930's and were now past their "fit for purpose" and the project would modernise, consolidate and introduce state of art technology to improve the water supply to 80,000 customers. Mr Osborne gave a comprehensive presentation outlining the scientific improvements, building assets, landscaping and ecological issues and road management during the duration of the project.

The Chairman then opened to public questions which concentrated mainly on traffic issues, the dangers of this particular stretch of road and if long-term outcomes could be improved road safety and access to the Church. There was interest and support in the landscaping and water management to the west of the reservoir which was perceived as a welcome potential leisure asset and nature reserve.

57/18 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman reported that as the Wessex Water infrastructure works would remove need for a corporate meeting room at the reservoir Durleigh PC would be from January meeting in the Enmore Memorial Hall. This would also necessitate a change of evening to Thursdays to fit in with the halls programme.

The Chairman then asked if Norman Lewis would come forward and gave Norman thanks and a card and cheque for £50.00, as an honorarium, in respect for him opening and closing the reservoir offices for DPC meetings over many years.

The Chairman raised the issue of the removal of the winter salt/grit provision from SCC Highways and it was **agreed** Durleigh PC would be reluctant to pay around £400 per annum.

58/18 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

59/18 Matters Arising

There were none.

60/18 Financial Matters

1. The Clerk reported that the Bank balance was £10,359.09 and tabled the monthly income/expenditure balance sheet for Member's information.
2. Accounts to be approved:
 - Norman Lewis – honorarium = £50.00
 - Clerk's expenses = £59.00
 - Clerk for petty cash =£100.00Proposed by Cllr. T. Cobley and seconded by Cllr.J. Johnstone – **All agreed.**
3. The Finance Working Party would consist of the Chairman and Clerk with Cllrs. Cobley, Johnstone and Smith. Chairman would circulate possible dates. **Action: JV**

61/18 Planning Matters

Items for decision:

23/18/00015: Wessex Water – This application was a variation of condition to extend the life of this temporary compound until July 2019. It was **agreed** that there would be no objection to further use as a storage/comfort facility. However it was reported that it may be used as a crushing yard for stone and concrete from the redundant Queenswood Reservoir in which case Durleigh PC would strongly object. **Action:** Clerk to respond accordingly and to also emphasise it imperative to maintain strict security on site to deter illegal camping.

62/18 Items from last Agenda and Meetings attended:

- 1: **Highways and traffic:** deferred to next meeting.
2. **Footpaths:** Cllr. T. Cobley reported that there were instances of illicit parking by a van in Queenswood Lane and asked what action could be taken, perhaps installation of bollards to inhibit this. **Action:** Clerk make enquiries to SDC Open Spaces Officer.
3. **Meetings Attended:** there were none but the Clerk would be attending Wembdon Parish Council meeting on Monday 26th. November in the new Community Centre for a consultation on the major Persimmon Development to the south of A39. It would be at 7.30 and any Councillors present and members of the public were invited to attend.

63/18 Any other business

There was none.

64/18 Date and Venue of next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **THURSDAY 10TH. JANUARY 2019 @ 7.30 p.m.** in the **Enmore Memorial Hall** – (to the front of Enmore Park Golf Course, car-park at right turn after the hall).

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

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

