

Minutes of a meeting of Durleigh Parish Council on Wednesday 12th. SEPTEMBER 2018 held in Wessex Water Offices, Durleigh Reservoir, Durleigh at 7.30 pm.

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

In attendance: Chris Sidaway (Clerk), Cllr. M. Caswell, Cllr. G. Slocombe and Cllr. A. Bown.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. N. Myers, Cllr. C. Ellicott, Cllr. R. Caswell and Cllr. I. Dyer.

44/18 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

45/18 Public Question-time

There were none from the public but Cllr. G. Slocombe took the opportunity to update Members on the Wessex Water sewer improvement programme. They were doing well and ahead of schedule but with some limited disruption and significant increase in HGV activity. Cllr. Smith added that comments made around noise from generators in the compound had been addressed. Cllr. Slocombe concluded that the improvements to traffic management around Haygrove School including the pedestrian crossing had been well received and would be vigorously monitored by SDC, SCC and the Police.

46/18 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman reported that Simon Osborne, Wessex Water infrastructure Project Manager sent apologies to this meeting but would attend the next meeting in November to give an update. The Chairman had a meeting with Mr. Osborne and the result of the New Year eviction of Durleigh PC meetings from these premises that Wessex Water have offered to pay for 10 years rent for alternative accommodation. The Clerk had researched and found that the most competitive and convenient alternative was the Enmore Memorial Hall. The proposition required changing the meeting evening to the second Thursday in each other month starting from 10th. January 2019 to fall in with the booking schedule. In light of the generous offer and availability the Chairman proposed this move and asked Councillors, including the District and County representatives, their opinion and the majority **agreed**.

47/18 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, after the following amendment was made: Item 35/18 "company's not companies".

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

48/18 Matters Arising

There were none.

49/18 Financial Matters

1. The Clerk reported that the Bank balance was £10,953.15 and tabled the monthly income/expenditure balance sheet for Member's information.
2. Accounts to be approved:
 - Robert Popplewell for website domain name and service = £285.00

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

It was **agreed** to enquire of Rob the Web Guy if the website could be monitored for usage?

50/18 Planning Matters

Items for decision:

23/18/00011: Push Energy: Cobbs Cross Solar Farm – variation to Condition to provide drainages swales. North Petherton Town Council and environmental organisations had lodged an objection. Durleigh PC to support with a strong objection. **Action:** Clerk respond accordingly.

TPO 23/18/00014: raising crown and pruning tree in gardens at 21, Luxborough Road – no objection.

Updates:

1. Wessex Water infrastructure project – to receive report from Simon Osborne at next PC meeting.
2. The Clerk had correspondence from SDC Enforcement saying that the banners on the junction of the Spaxton and Enmore Roads did not constitute fly-posting but were categorised as temporary advertising display, which if temporary, were permitted. Long term ones were at discretion of the owner of the property but if the Parish Council considered it a health and safety issues it was a matter for County Highways.
3. Complaints from Messrs' Brown and Roberts over Haygrove Lane issues were decreed by the Chairman to be within Bridgwater Town Council jurisdiction not Durleigh P.C. and no action was required by the Clerk.

51/18 Items from last Agenda and Meetings attended:

1: **Highways and traffic:** The Clerk reported that Katherine Tyson, on behalf of Durleigh PC and Enmore PC, had been instructed to proceed with the small improvements programme including traffic calming measures at Durleigh reservoir. Cllr. Bown and Cllr. Caswell reported on speed restrictions along the A39 being implemented and improvement works to the Quantock Road/NDR roundabout.

2. **Footpaths:** It was enquired if the Wessex Water development at Queenswood Lane and elsewhere could ensure that they repair and refurbish to a high standard. **Action:** Cllrs. Slocombe and Copley to monitor.

3. **Meetings Attended:** there were none.

52/18 Any other business

There was none.

53/18 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 turn right after the hall).

(There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.)

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

