

Minutes of a meeting of Durleigh Parish Council on Thursday 12th. SEPTEMBER at 7.30 pm in the Enmore Memorial Hall.

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

In attendance: Chris Sidaway (Clerk), Cllr. M. Caswell and Ms Tammy Weeks (new Clerk) and one member of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr. I. Dyer, Cllr. A. Bown, Cllr. G. Slocombe and Cllr. Brian Bolt (Wembdon).

105/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

106/19 Public Question-time

There were no public questions but two Councillors indicated they would like to comment:

Cllr. Mike Caswell declared that nominations for County Councillors were coming up and he had decided not to stand again on the basis of not working for two masters but would remain a District Councillor. Cllr. Janet Johnstone raised a question on behalf of a constituent about letting rooms in private houses and subsequent parking implications. The Clerk had researched and unless a guest house was registered with multiple occupancies requiring Guest House Regulations the planning authority had no powers and parking was a civil matter unless criminally obstructing a right of way or a protected access (school, hospital etc.). It was decided that the Parish Council had no powers and that it was up to the neighbours to resolve. No further action required.

107/19 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Ms Tammy Weeks to the assembly as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Durleigh Parish Council. Tammy was an auditor and financial manager with 20 years of local government experience to bring to the role.

The Chairman also introduced Ms. Jo Day as a Parishioner who had come to see the Council, in session, as a potential co-opted Councillor.

The Chairman reported that Mr Simon Osborne the Project Manager for the Wessex Water infrastructure project would be holding a public consultation between 5.00 and 7.30 before the next Council meeting and a presentation at the meeting. **Action:** Clerk liaise with Wessex water and Hall Booking Secretary to ensure hall is booked.

108/19 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to single amendment of changing 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm under date of next meeting Item:104/19.

Proposed by Cllr. Johnstone and seconded by Cllr. Smith. **All agreed.**

109/19 Matters Arising

There were none.

110/19 Financial Matters

1. The Clerk reported that the Bank balance was £14,128,64 and tabled the monthly income/expenditure balance sheet for Member's information.
2. Clerk's expenses for July/August/September including recruitments ads = £254.60
Rob the Web Guy for website domain and maintenance = £285.00
Proposed by Cllr. Johnstone and seconded by Cllr. Myers. **All agreed.**

111/19 Planning Matters

Items for decision:

23/19/00002 Persimmon: land to south of A39. It was **agreed** that all previous comments and recommendations were still pertinent and it was decided to reiterate previous comments but with addition to observation about pedestrian access north/south and need to introduce new speed restrictions on all adjacent roads before works begin. **Action:** Clerk respond accordingly.

23/19/00004 and 6: The Pheasants, Rhode Lane – various works – no observation.

Items for Update:

There were none.

112/19 Items from last Agenda and Meetings attended:

- 1: **Highways and traffic:** improvement works had been carried out on Enmore Road past Durleigh Hill but not adjacent to reservoir because of Wessex Water works disruption for a considerable period.
2. **Footpaths:** Wessex Water granted consent to re-route footpaths within wet-lands development.
3. **Millenium bench:** It was reported that the Millenium Bench had become a focus for young people taking drugs and a young man was apparently living in a car in the vicinity. **Action:** Clerk to contact the Police again.
4. **Meetings Attended:** Nothing to report.

113/19 Any other business

1. The Chairman re-introduced Jo Day and enquired if she was still interested in joining the Council as a co-opted Councillor to which the reply was affirmative.
Proposed by Cllr. Nathaniel Myers and seconded by Cllr. Nigel Smith. **Agreed unanimously.**
Jo Day was duly co-opted on to the Council and the Clerk would issue Declaration of Office and Declaration of Interest forms for next meeting.

114/19 Date and Venue of next Meeting

The next Durleigh Parish Council Meeting will be held on:

THURSDAY 14th November @ 7.30 p.m. in the Enmore Memorial Hall.

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

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