

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held at the Old School, Englishcombe at 7:30pm Monday 9 December 2019**

*Present:* Cllrs Robert Law (Chair), Brian Huggett, Tim Hancock, Brian Scurlock, Will Pow Clerk: Kathryn Manchee

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr King, Cllr Hulm and District Cllr McCabe

**2 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** None.

**3 Parishioners Matters**

At the bottom of Padleigh Hill tree fallen onto the telephone line. Clerk to report.

**3.1 Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting 2020**

Chairman to book a speaker from English Nature to talk about encouraging wildlife such as butterflies and dragonflies.

**4 Council Meeting 4 November**

**4.1 Approval of the 4 November Minutes** Having been circulated these proposed Cllr Pow, seconded Cllr Huggett as representing an accurate record of the meeting and were therefore signed by the chair of that meeting.

**4.2 Matters Arising from the 23 September Meeting** Truespeed has achieved more sign ups.

**5 PLANNING**

**5.1 Results, Correspondence and Consideration**

It was agreed by 4 votes with one abstention not to take any action re a possible enforcement situation. The parish council unanimously agreed to support planning application 19/05213/FUL Westvale Priston Road Priston Conversion and extension of disused rural building to holiday let

**5.2 Report on the Conservation Appraisal Review** Nothing new to report.

**6 FINANCE**

**6.1 Payments for Approval**

**Payments to Ratify Parish Council**

30 Nov	Standing Order	Clerk's Salary	£279.28
30 Nov	Standing Order	Sweeper Fee	£225.27

**Payments for Approval Parish Council**

9 Dec	Cheque No 953	Cllr Law's Travel	£21.15
9 Dec	Cheque No 954	Clerks Expenses	£58.89
9 Dec	Cheque No 955	BPT Membership	£20.00
9 Dec	Cheque No 956	EPC's Share of Clerk's SLCC Membership	£36.00
9 Dec	Cheque No 957	Chairman's Training	£50.00
9 Dec	Cheque No 958	Newsletter Printing	£140.00

Proposed Cllr Scurlock, seconded Cllr Pow Approved.

**6.2 Financial Report** The balance of funds as at 9 December is £15,092.17 and without CIL funds is £11,859.06.

The balance of Millstream and Wheelwrights funds is £2,180.08.

**6.3 Consideration of Contribution to the cost of a new floor for the Wheelwrights Workshop** Cllr Hulm getting more quotes.

**7 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS**

**7.1 Highway and PROW Issues** 20 mph sign on the right hand side as you come into the village from Priston round the wrong way. Clerk to report. Chairman not yet met with the highways inspector. With reference to the PROW issue raised at the last meeting the electric fence has not yet been installed but the horses are in for the winter.

**7.2 Amendment of Route on Definitive Map of BA11/15 Footpath**

Nothing to report

**7.3 Consideration of Future of the Agency Agreement with BANES re PROW Clearance and/or appointment of PROW Clearance Contractor for 2020** In light of the work this year and the likely unavailability of our contractor next year it was unanimously agreed to hand responsibility for PROWs vegetation clearance back to BANES. Clerk to write to BANES.

**7.4 Englishcombe Road/Padleigh Hill Addresses** Cllr Hancock checking that residents happy for their address to be corrected.

**8 Consideration of Future of the Agency Agreement with BANES re PROW Clearance and/or appointment of PROW Clearance Contractor for 2020 Millstream and Wheelwrights Workshop and Orchard Committee Report** The subcommittee has not met since the last parish council meeting.

**9 Parish Newsletter and Website** The website has been updated with rubbish and recycling collection dates for 2020 and the new bus timetable. Winter newsletter printed and delivered.

**10 Approval of response to strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments consultation** Cllr Huggett to draft a response to be approved by email.

**11 District Councillor's Report** In Cllr McCabe's absence nothing to report..

**12 Reports by Clerk/Councillors/Chairman** Cllr Hancock reported that Bonfire Night was a great success.

**13 CORRESPONDENCE** None

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm. Next scheduled meeting is Monday 13 January.