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The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th December 2009 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's J White (Chairman), R Blake, I Noon, P Wood, N Vereker and C Gillett.
In attendance: District Cllr E Ley and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

60/12/09. To receive apologies. Apologies were received from Cty Cllr J Yabsley.

61/12/09. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

62/12/09. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2009 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

63/12/09. Matters arising from the minutes. The following actions were carried forward:
 i. To find out whether the 'lay-by' at Little Hawkswell is a passing place or a lay by.
 ii. To send a letter of complaint to DCC about the poor condition of the road surface between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm entrance which the council now feels is dangerous, particularly to motor bikes.
 iii. Report overhanging branches between Weirholme Farm and New Park.
 BT has not contacted the council about the adoption of the phone box. It was reported that they have been inundated with responses.

64/12/09. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council. No applications.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC. None.

c) Any other planning matters. Cllr Ley reported that planning permission had been granted for a wind turbine at Luckett Farm, in a neighbouring parish. Cllr Blake queried whether the Parish Council should have been informed about the application. The Clerk advised that the District Council has no obligation to inform the council about planning applications in neighbouring parishes but suggested that she could check the weekly planning list from NDC to see what applications had been submitted.

65/12/09. Finance

a) To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments: Devon County Council - £31,50 hire of room for Parish Council meetings at East Anstey School (chq no 000102)

W C Dart - £812.00 grass cutting at Village Green (chq no 000103)

J White - £60.89 printer cartridges and paper for newsletter (chq no 000104)

J Larcombe - £107.00 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 000105)

It was agreed that Cllr Blake would contact David Lockwood of Stags at South Molton to ask that Stags arrange for the overgrown vegetation on the area opposite Froude to be cut.

b) To adopt the Financial Regulations as distributed. It was resolved to adopt the Financial Regulations. The date adopted will be added to the document. It was agreed to review them in November 2010.

c) To agree the Precept for 2010/11. The council discussed the budget for 2010/11 and looked at spending to date for the financial year. It was resolved to set the Precept for 2010/11 at £2565. This is the same amount as for 2009/10.

66/12/09. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. Two large potholes at Hollow Walls and one outside of Roothings were reported. The drains need jetting on the road from Oldways End to West Anstey, where nothing has been done for some time, and between the property previously known as Normans Croft and New Park Farm

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. No work noted.

c) Any other highways issues. Trailers are still being parked outside of New Park Cottages and an additional vehicle is being parked outside Hollow Walls Cottage. Cllr White will speak to the Police Community Support Officer and the Highways Technician, who will also be reminded about the 'Slow' signs. The need for a light outside of Allways End for evening events was discussed but it was agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer of the Community Centre should be asked to look at this.

67/12/09. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr – Cllr Ley. Cllr Ley suggested that he might be able to help with funding for a light outside of Allways End for evening meetings.

b) County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley. No report.

c) Play Area. Cllr Noon has contacted the suppliers of the climbing frame. They are unable to supply the parts to repair it and have said that the minimum cost to replace it will be about £8000. There was concern about spending a large sum of money to replace it as the play equipment is not used very often. It was agreed to discuss the play equipment at the next meeting.

68/12/09. Village Fayre 2010 – update. Following discussion it has now been agreed, for various reasons, that the fayre should be held on Monday 3rd May. It will be held in the field opposite the Village Green.

69/12/09. To discuss the draft newsletter. It was agreed that the dates of the Carol Services should be added.

70/12/09. To discuss the points made in the meeting with SELF. The council discussed the points made in the meeting with Self and representatives from adjoining parishes. If there was a great deal of social housing built on the site the parishes wouldn't be able to fill them. The other parishes represented at the meeting were not in favour of a social housing development. It was agreed that the Parish Council are against housing because they feel that there would be a limited demand for both private and social housing on this site and it would create a new hamlet. They are against an industrial development because they don't believe that it would be supportable. They would support the development of a Country House Hotel with leisure facilities. If affordable housing is removed from the plans for the site it was felt that the other parishes would be out of the discussion on the future use. District Cllr Ley said that there is no planning

policy to cover the development of the site and that in his opinion if the parish was in agreement for a Country House Hotel they would be in a stronger position.

71/12/09. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

NDC – Standards Committee agenda & minutes

NDC - Weekly Information Sheets

NDC – northdevon direct

South Molton & District Community News – November & December 2009

Safer North Devon – ‘Safe and Secure’

N Devon’s Biosphere

72/12/09. Public Questions. None.

73/12/09. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2010 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

The following dates for 2010 were also agreed:

10th March - Parish Council Meeting and Parish Annual General Meeting

12th May - Annual Parish Council Meeting

14th July, 9th September and 15th November – Parish Council Meetings