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### The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr's J White (Chairman), C Gillett, P Wood and N Vereker.

**In attendance:** The Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

**74/01/10. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr's R Blake and I Noon. Apologies were received from District Cllr E Ley.

**75/01/10. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** There were no declarations.

**76/01/10. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 as a true record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**77/01/10. Matters arising from the minutes.** David Lockwood of Stags has agreed to meet Cllr White to look at the overgrown vegetation on the area opposite Froude.  
 Cllr White has contacted SCC by email to check whether the 'lay-by' at Little Hawkswell is a passing place or a lay by but has not received a response yet.  
 A stronger email has been sent to DCC about the poor condition of the road surface between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm entrance. Cty Cllr Yabsley has also been emailed about this problem.  
 Cllr White has contacted the DCC Highways Technician about the painting of the two 'SLOW' signs on the road surface near the entrance to Weirholme and on the slope below Hollowalls Cottage. Although it was agreed that this work would be carried out the highways department has said that they have no money to do it.  
 BT has agreed that the Parish Council's adoption of the phone box can go ahead. This has been cleared by NDC. A contract will have to be signed. There is no electricity in the phone box so there will be no additional costs for the council.

**78/10/10. 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.** No decisions.

**c) Any other planning matters.** It was noted that the North Devon and Torridge Joint Core Strategy (Pre Publication January 2010) has been received. An accompanying newsletter highlights the consultation period of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**79/01/10. Finance.** It was resolved to make the following payments:

Mrs J Larcombe - £80.20 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 106)

Allways End Methodist Church - £9.48 electricity (chq no 107).

East Anstey Community Centre - £50.00 room hire (chq no 108)

**80/01/10. Highways.**

a) **To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** Potholes are appearing everywhere. In particular the ones at New Park, below Chicoma, by the school entrance and at Threadneedle were noted. Cllr White has received an email from Cllr Noon noting his highways concerns.

b) **To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman.** The gully opposite The Old Rectory is blocked again and the Lengthman will be asked to clear it.

c) **Any other highways issues.** None.

**81/01/10. To receive the following reports:**

a) **District Cllr – Cllr Ley.** No report.

b) **County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley.** No report.

c) **Play Area.** The climbing frame cannot be repaired by the manufacturers, Lappset. It would cost more than £10,000 to replace this piece of equipment and it was felt that this would not be a good use of the money because the equipment would not have much use. It was agreed to look at removing the main frame and cables of the climbing frame leaving the slide intact. The necessary work noted in the annual inspection report from Wicksteed will be carried out on the swings and the bark safety surface will be topped up. This work should be carried out by the May Day Fayre. Information about the plans will be put in the newsletter and parishioners will be given the chance to comment on the plans.

**82/01/10. Village Fayre 2010 – update.** The fayre will be held on the big field where there will be a central arena. A Car Boot sale and a main tent have been lined up. More activities are being looked for.

**83/01/10. To discuss the draft newsletter.** The next newsletter will be produced in February. It was agreed that an item should be included to say that the Parish Council would like to thank farmers for helping to clear the snow from the roads during the recent severe weather.

**84/01/10. To discuss the future use/development of the SELF Unlimited site at Blackerton.** Peter Williams of SELF has been told that the Parish Councils That were consulted do not want any housing development on the site and would like to see some form of development that would bring employment. Mr Williams said that he would look at this and then arrange another meeting. The Parish Councils will be kept updated.

**85/01/10. To note the Exmoor National Park Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> January.** Councillors were reminded about the meeting which will be held at Dulverton Town Hall from 2pm to 5pm.

**86/01/10. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:

NDC - Weekly Information Sheets

NDC – Standards Committee Ethical Standards Audit.

Nick Harvey MP – 2010 Dates for Advise and Help Surgeries a Barnstaple,  
Ilfracombe and South Molton  
The Boundary Committee for England – Advise to the Secretary of State on  
unitary local government in Devon  
Senior Council for Devon – Newsletter January 2010

**87/01/10. Public Questions.** None.

**88/01/10. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
March at Allways End at 7.30pm.