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THE DUNTISBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 150th Meeting on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.30pm In Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

Present: Mr R. Lane, Mr R. Carver, Mr W.J. Eykyn, Mrs J.R. Edwards,
Mr R. Bliss, Mrs E. Whitaker, Mrs C. Ling (Clerk)
Apologies: Mr J. Weston

Also present: Mr R. Gittins, Mrs M. Knapp, Mr P. Smith, Mr A. Becket

Minutes of the last Meeting - were approved.

Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting – Minutes to be put up on the Notice Boards together with next date when known.

Village Signs -

A design and costs for a **Village sign** for DA were viewed and discussed. It was agreed to order one to be positioned near Rectory farm on the north side of the road, and if this meets with approval, the possibility of further signs can be discussed in the future.

Speeding in the village, particularly Ealy Hill and Hailey Hill continues to be of concern, involving cars passing through as well as some local cars, causing risk to pedestrians, horses and dogs. The purchase of temporary, movable PVC signs such as '20 is Plenty' was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Andrea Shutt (Community Police) for paper templates which RC offered to get laminated, similar to those in Birdlip. Should this prove impractical, 2 PVC signs to be ordered.

Dog fouling – a design for a metal sign was circulated and it was agreed to order 2, and also to obtain 2 official dog fouling signs from CDC.

It was agreed that since the barn door has been repainted, it would be more suitable to have a free standing **Village notice board in Duntisbourne Leer**. Mr Gittins, who had written stating his strong feelings on the matter, generously offered to design and provide one, similar to the one kindly made and donated for DA by Mr P. Smith, but free standing and without glass.

Planning Updates: Nothing to report

Highways:

Following a site meeting in October, Amey will be 'jetting through' the blocked drains under the road to relieve the **flooding in The Grove** – date unknown, but the Clerk will continue to follow up.

Flooding by Box Cottage is due to a lorry breaking a drain under the road, resulting in worsening potholes due to standing water. It appears little can be done but RC offered to further investigate.

Mrs M. Knapp has been in correspondence with CDC and Amey concerning the serious **potholes in Leer** which make it impossible to negotiate the bend by Alice's cottage

without risk to a car's suspension, but has received only vague and unsatisfactory replies to her complaints. The Clerk will raise the matter with Highways, and also report the potholes by Trustrams Mead and by Church Farm in DA.

The **signpost at Edgeworth/Sapperton crossroads** has vanished completely – the Clerk to make enquiries.

Mr C. Thomas, on noticing the rising level of water in **D.Leer ford**, arranged for his son to dig out the deposited gravel, resulting in a clear flow and marked drop in water level. The gravel gets washed down from people's driveways up the hill, as well as other debris. JRE stated all riparian owners have a duty to maintain their banks, and it was suggested a copy of 'Rights and Responsibilities of Riparian Owners' be circulated to those involved.

Mr A. Becket reported that a hinge on the **manhole** in the middle of the road near Grove Cottage is broken, making it loose, and a possible risk to traffic: we need to ascertain whose manhole it is and for them to be contacted. **Grit bins** have been filled.

Finance: The annual Precept will be requested before the Finance Report and Budget is discussed at the next meeting in Feb. It was agreed to increase the Precept by £100 (to £1,350) to partly cover anticipated increased expenses.

Rural Services Network: JRE reported that the main topic was Broadband, and that it seems unlikely we will benefit from the upgrade at Miserden, resulting in a 2 tier service. Feeling was strong that poor Broadband has a demonstrably detrimental effect on local businesses, house prices, student's study and many other aspects. It was suggested a letter be written to our MP. Also that the clerk writes to BT Openreach, asking the cost of a fibre optic cable from the Winstone/Sapperton road down Green Pits Lane to DA, as they apparently surveyed this possibility 2 years ago. It was suggested that a possible community effort might finance such a scheme. JRE also reported the new legislation regarding **Mobile phone** providers sharing masts might help the local dire reception. RC suggested it might be possible for us to finance a community satellite transmitter. JRE also reported concerns for rural **postal deliveries**, should the post become fully privatised, it being less economical to make rural deliveries compared to urban.

Any Other Business: Christmas waste collection dates are on the Notice Boards, as are details of Christmas parking. JE suggested that everyone is reminded that the **Refuse Collection** can be as early as **7am**.

The problem of storage for historic PC correspondence was raised. The Clerk would purchase plastic containers, and place these in the VH shed for safe-keeping.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 24th Feb at 7.30pm.

Tuesday, 19th May Annual Villages Meeting - provisional