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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill

Present: Mrs C Dawson – Chairman, Mr R Birch, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mr S Ford, Miss S Gregory, Mr A Hossack, Mrs H Molyneux and the Clerk

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence including long term apologies from Mr Blunt

Resolved to accept apologies from Mr Allan, Mr Birt and Mrs Kirkpatrick and also on a long term basis for Mr Blunt due to current ill-health

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest (*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should one become apparent*)

None

3. Adoption of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2014

Resolved to adopt with minor amendment on Item 8

4. To Consider Matters Arising from Previous Parish Council Meeting above and not on the Agenda

The Clerk advised that Council had been asked to agree to a license to allow Welsh Water to have a compound on Wyebank Road to facilitate the building of the new pumping station. Terms include full safety fencing, tree protection, full re-instatement post works, grass re-instated by seeding after use and under their maintenance until back to current condition. The fee is £50 per week for the anticipated period to 11th July and further if needed. **Resolved** to agree to the terms offered.

In view of the damaged to one of the apple trees to advise Transition Chepstow and ask if they had any further trees as a replacement

5. To Consider Requests for Dispensations

None

6. To Allow Public Consultation

None

7. To Receive the Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reminded all appropriate people that their reports for the Annual Parish Meeting are needed by 1st April in order to be prepared for the meeting on 9th – it was confirmed that Sedbury & Beachley Hall and Poor's Allotments will produce reports; Tidenham Recreation Ground Committee will be asked by Mr Hossack
- Letter from the police cancelling their license to occupy part of the Hall from end May
- Any nominations for Pride of the Forest – negative
- Email request from a group against the new power station asking that, if Horizon notices are to be put up on Parish Notice Boards, their own would also be put up in order for a balanced view. The Clerk had agreed to this
- A48 group – no one had agreed to attend. Mr Bowshall might be able to attend however

8. Policing in the Parish

Mrs Bollen reported on the recent NCG meeting as follows:

- Scrambler bikes on Dane's Hill again
- Gaff applied for a £4,000 grant
- Trying to set up a new Committee for the Gaff
- Tutshill School visited by PCSO Lang
- Cllr Molyneux advised that he was approaching Monmouth CC about barriers on the A48 over the bridge to Chepstow
- Festival at Wyedean School is to be held on 28th June
- The next NCG meeting is to be held 17th June at 6.30

Mr Ford reported that on Tuesday 18th March a group of youths had been hanging around in the street outside the Gaff with no apparent control – Clerk to report to the police

9. To Receive the Financial Statement

Resolved to approve the monthly financial statement and to approve payments

Resolved to approve the decision not to use on line banking and to continue the use of cheques for all payments

Resolved that following a recommendation by the Clerk that Council moves from Iris to Thirsk Payroll services for payroll services at a cost of £16 per month following the problems experienced with Iris

10. To Approve Revised Standing Orders

Having made the two changes agreed last month plus the legal changes the Clerk received details of the new Financial Regulations the day before this meeting and therefore these will be changed to comply with the new rules and the whole document will be presented to the next meeting

11. To Approve the Continuing Appointment of the Internal Auditor and the Strength of the Internal Controls

Resolved to approve the continuing appointment of Mr Richard Crighton as Internal Auditor and to approve the strength of the Internal Controls

12. To Consider the Report by Commission on Devolution in Wales

Mr Ford raised the issues at 5.7.2 (the working together of Welsh and UK Governments) and his disappointment that this was not happening

Mr Birch raised the issues of buses and ambulance/police – these have always been a problem

Mrs Molyneux said that the Silk Commission was just looking at the various problems and not seeking an answer

Resolved to accept the suggestion made by Mr Allan in an email and write to the Commission thanking them for recognising the problems and hoping they will ask for the local co-operation to be addressed

13. To Receive a Report on the Consultation for Tidenham Church from the Clerk

The Clerk reported that both she and Mrs Molyneux had attended the consultation. The meeting was attended by some 100 people with mixed views on the future of the church. The last quinquennial report, done in 2011, had stated that the repairs to the roof and the internal walls would cost in the region of £500,000. The average congregation is 20 people

for Sunday services. What was needed according to people present was car parking facilities, toilets and running water – all of which would be difficult to provide and exceedingly costly. Further consultations will take place

14. Correspondence Received to Date:

None not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda

15. To Receive Committee Drafts and other Reports:

- Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee, Finance & Probity Committee, Mopla Cottages Committee and Amenities Committee – noted

15. To Receive Councillor's Reports on Local Matters and Matters for the next Agenda

Mr Hossack reported on the new Highways site

Mrs Molyneux reported that she had received a call from Cllr Gethyn Davies requesting her support for repairs to the pot holes in Woodcroft

Mrs Dawson asked if the recent advertising signs, particularly the signs for St. John's School, could be reported to Glos CC Highways. The Clerk to report

16. To Note the Following Dates: 26th March Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee, 9th April Annual Parish Meeting and 16th April 2014 full Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm