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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April in order to be prepared for the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> – 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 28<sup>th</sup> June
- The next NCG meeting is to be held 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30

Mr Ford reported that on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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: 26<sup>th</sup> March Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 full Council Meeting**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm**