

**Minutes** of a meeting of Spreyton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** K Whitaker (Chairman), D Hawking (Vice Chairman), M Leonard, J Lee, J Talbot, K Gallop and C Wootton (Clerk). Also P Ridgers (WDBC), M Hann and V Bennett.

**1 Apologies:** E Osborn-Hodge (holiday).

**2 Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

2.1 Having been previously circulated the minutes were agreed and signed.

**3 Matters arising**

3.1 Availability of grants for installation of solar panels has end January deadline. Needs discussion with Village Trust.

**4 Interests in Agenda items/dispensations.** None.

**5 Budget and precept for 2016/2017**

5.1 The Clerk produced a Budget for known expenditure of £1742 in addition to which expenditure for Parish Council contributions for agreed contributions towards defibrillator, cooker and pans for Village Hall, basketball stands, freezer cabinet for the Village shop and replacement tree seat on Village Green will be made from reserves.

5.2 It was agreed to apply for an unchanged precept of £1701 plus Council Tax Support Grant of £88.

**6 Annual Parish Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

6.1 It was agreed to invite Cllrs McInnes and Ridgers to give their usual reports on DCC and WDBC. Additionally Cllr McInnes would be invited to give an overview of children's services in his role as Cabinet Member with those responsibilities.

**7 Donation to Spreyton PCC for churchyard maintenance**

7.1 It was resolved to make a grant of £100.

7.2 The Council may be requested to contribute towards essential tree work in the churchyard.

**8 Highways and footpaths**

8.1 Due to a very high workload a meeting with Steve Dawe has not been possible. He will try to meet again before the end of the month.

8.2 The roadworks on the A3124 at Whiddon Down are now finished.

**9 Contribution towards defibrillators**

9.1 The availability of free defibrillators has closed temporarily but will reopen.

9.2 The Council agreed a contribution of £400 towards the one in course of delivery.

**10 Contribution towards new refrigerator for Village Shop**

10.1 An application for Section 106 funds will be made shortly.

**11 Contribution towards new cooker and saucepans for Village Hall**

11.1 An application for Section 106 funds will also be made shortly.

**12 Replacement tree seat – review of quotations and designs**

12.1 Quotations and designs were considered from C H Jones & Sons, £1200 + VAT, Simon Ridley £2250, Tom Lee Engineering £1300 + VAT.

12.2 It was resolved to accept the quote from C H Jones & Son – additional charges will be made for powder coating and installation. A 10% deposit needed.

**13 Link Committee**

13.1 Grants towards community projects such as installation of solar panels are available from the Rural Commission Energy Fund, Village Trust to be advised.

**14 Planning matters/environment**

14.1 Martin Hann explained the position of tipping of waste at Cullaford. He has a licence from the Environment Agency for disposal of inert material.

14.2 Vivian Bennett informed the meeting he has had contact with WDBC over including some provision for development in the forthcoming draft Local Plan. He plans some development of the farm with some new buildings.

**15 Frequency of Parish Council meetings**

15.1 Cllr Leonard suggested the Council meet more frequently in view of the time it was taking to process the recent capital projects. It was considered that delays were not due to time between meetings and there was no support for more frequent meetings.

**16 Accounts to pay:** None.

Cheques drawn:

427	19.01.16	Spreyton PCC	£100.00	(churchyard maintenance)
428	19.01.16	Spreyton Village Trust	£400.00	(defibrillator)
429	19.01.16	C H Jones & Son	£144.00	(deposit re seat)

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.