

Minutes of a meeting of Spreyton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th November 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present: K Whitaker (Chairman), D Hawking (Vice Chairman), J Lee, M Leonard, J Talbot, K Gallop and C Wootton (Clerk). Also 7 members of the public.

1 Apologies: E Osborn-Hodge (holiday), P Ridgers (WDBC).

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2015

3 Matters arising:

3.1 The North Beer wind turbine application was refused on 18th August.

3.2 The Chairman is writing to 3 blacksmiths for quotes for the replacement tree seat.

3.3 Mention of the dog fouling problem will be included in the next edition of the "Flyer".

3.4 No progress has been made re a snow warden – left with Cllr Hawking.

3.5 Relocation of the Heathfield post box may take 6 months, it may be moved up the road.

4 Interests in Agenda items/dispensations: None.

5 Highways and footpaths

5.1 The proposed closure of the A3124 from Whiddon Down to de Bathe cross for a 3 week period to 18th December was discussed with input from the members of the public present. The impact on businesses and the community was considered unacceptable and it was decided to seek assistance from our Borough Councillor, County Councillor and MP plus representation from the Parish Council to have the road closure order which was made without any consultation and with minimal notice rescinded and work delayed.

5.2 Patching has been carried out at Highfield but not Heath Lane as there were no funds.

5.3 Drainage work will be undertaken near Coombe Moor Cottage.

5.4 There is some money available for ditching work.

6 Contribution towards Defibrillator

6.1 It was resolved to make a contribution towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. Application would be made for Section 106 moneys towards the project.

7 Contribution towards the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Village Shop

7.1 The Council has been approached to make a contribution of £500 towards the purchase. Section 106 funds would also be applied for.

7.2 Mention was made of a request from the Village Trust for a contribution to wards the purchase of a new cooker and saucepans for the Village Hall, a contribution towards the provision of a baseball stand at the end of the Village Hall and new goalposts for the playing field. These will be considered when a formal approach is made by the Trust with quotations etc.

7.3 The installation of solar panels on the Village Hall was discussed. Cllr Hawking will take this forward.

8 Donation to Okehampton Ring and ride

8.1 A donation of £100 was agreed.

9 Verge cutting on roadsides

9.1 Devon CC have advised that money is available towards the cost of cutting roadside verges as they are reducing cutting programme. It was agreed to apply for funds.

(on contacting DCC the Clerk was informed that money is not available in rural areas)

10 Super Link Committee

10.1 This committee only meets once a year. Link Committee meeting this week.

11 Planning matters

11.1 An appeal has been made re the North Beer turbine application. They have 5 weeks to comment. They have not submitted sufficient documentation.

12 Accounts to pay: None.

Cheques drawn:

426 17.11.15 Okehampton Ring & Ride £100.00 (donation)

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

