

Brendon and Countisbury Parish Council

Minutes of PC Meeting (24)

Held at the Brendon Village Hall on 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm

Public Participation:- None

1. **Councillors Present:** - A Fletcher, S Adams, P Young, J Patrinous, A Davis,

Apologies: G Woollacott, A Percival, W Floyd.

2. **Declaration of interests:** - None

3. **Minutes:** - Of 3rd February 2019 were agreed, proposed by A Fletcher , seconded by S. Adams. All Agreed.

4. **Matters Arising:** The Clerk reported that the ENPA Inforcement Officer had met the Licensee of The Blue Ball regarding new Signage. It was established that they would be required to submit a “Listed Building” planning application.

Highways Division have investigated water flowing over road at Dr’s Ford which is caused by a blockage underneath the road. This will be attended to in due course.

5. **County/District, Councillors’ Reports:-**

The County Councillor’s Report has been distributed to all Councillors. A Davis précised the report.

District Councillor’s Report focused on the availability of Grant Monies, to compensate for the removal of the Parish Grant. This has to be bid for possibly in conjunction with other Councils. The next Climate Change Meeting is on the 24th February, all Councillors and Parishioners were urged to attend. Due to the Change of Government there is a high degree of uncertainty surrounding funding. A rise in the District Council’s part of the Council Tax is likely to be £5 per Band D property. That’s because the District only gets 10% of Council Tax; the County, Police, and Fire Authority are also going to increase their portions.

6. **Finance:-** The RFO reported the Council’s Bank Balance stood at £4145.00. Authority was requested to pay the Clerk’s Expenses of £ 84.49. Proposed A Fletcher, seconded S Adams, All agreed. It was stated that the authority to change the Council’s bank account to online banking stalled over main point of contact issues. This to be investigated and addressed.

7. **Any Other Business:-** Council heard a report from P Young regard ASSIST, a training initiative to help those thinking of suicide. Further work is required to gauge local interest and support from other organizations.

Co-option of new Councillor. Meeting was suspended to widen the discussion with Parishioners with regard to the process. Meeting restarted . It was considered that as 50% of Councillors were not present at the Meeting it would be wise to defer a decision to the next meeting when a full compliment would hopefully be present

Planning :- No 62/11/2/001/LB Dewcombe Wells Countisbury. Listed Building Consent for the installation of secondary double glazing to all window. Resolved to support.

Date of next meetings: - 9th March 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at: - 20.15hrs