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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, November 4th 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Clirs Andrews, Bailey, Betts, Caudle, Clarkson, Doman, Karthauser, Prentice and Wheeler along with six members of the public.

Agenda:

14.103 **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr. Butters

14.104 **Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in October 2014 Minutes**

None

14.105 **Public Participation**

Stewart Cole said that there was a tree near the dovecot in Farm Lane which he thought might be unsafe. The Clerk agreed to look into it with Mr Cole.

14.106 **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on October 7th 2014.**

The Clerk said that he had already amended an item under "Any Other Reports" to reflect the fact that it was Cllr Doman who raised the issue of dams near the ford.

The Chairman amended the reference to dogs' mess which should have included the need for extra bins.

The amended minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

14.107 Planning

Tree applications

Cllr Bailey reported that she had no objections to the tree applications relating to Vera House, Court Farm and The Hollies.

The Council agreed unanimously to support the applications and the Clerk agreed to write to B&NES accordingly. **GW**

Building applications

Application Number: 14/04490/LBA Site Location: Box Bush Cottage High Street Description of Proposal: Internal and external alterations to facilitate loft conversion with installation of dormer window and roof light and ladder/stair access. Reopening of ground floor sash window.

Cllr Clarkson reported that she had no objections to the application. However, she was concerned that we had only received a Listed Building Application and that residents in neighbouring properties had not been informed.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to support the application and Cllr Clarkson agreed to respond to B&NES. She will raise her concerns about correct procedures apparently not being followed. **DC**

Decisions received

The Council noted that approval had been given in respect of Application Number 14/03944/TCA at 2, The Batch.

14.108Finance Report

The financial report was accepted unanimously and the payments listed on the agenda agreed to. The cheques were duly signed by Cllrs. Andrews, Caudle and Doman.

14.109 Any other reports

The Chairman referred to the letter received from Radstock Museum and asked that it be an agenda item in December.

The Chairman showed a hand-written letter he had received regarding issues in the areas around the ford. The Clerk agreed to scan the letter and to send it to everyone after which any decisions could be made. **GW**

The Chairman asked that the letter regarding a grant for lighting be scanned and distributed. The Clerk agreed to acknowledge the letter and to express thanks. **GW**

In response to a question from Cllr Betts the Clerk confirmed that the new clerk, Nicola Duke, would attend the meeting on December 2nd.

Cllr Andrews reported that the Salvation Army would be visiting Wellow on December 22^{nd} for carol singing.

Cllr Andrews referred to the development on Sulis Downs and distributed a number of response forms for councillors and others to complete if they so wished.

Cllr Wheeler referred to the need for a Christmas tree. It was suggested that, as Mari Bartholomew had submitted a planning application for the removal of a large conifer, we could use it should planning permission be given. Otherwise it was agreed that Cllr Wheeler would source a tree from the same supplier as in 2013.

Cllr Doman reported that the Play Area was open once more.

14.110Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as December 2nd at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Geoffrey White Parish Clerk November 6th 2014