

Petrockstowe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 15th March 2011

Councillors present: P Vogel (chairman) W Luxton (Vice) I Fisher J Harris D Kelsey A Hunkin

District Councillor P Collins, PCSO M Baker, and H. Harris Clerk, 1 member public.

38 **Apologies:** received from Cllr C Hanson.

39 **Minutes:** the minutes of 18th January 18th 2011 having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record, except minute 36, item 4 should have read Andy Boyd not Andy Board. All Agreed.

PSCO Melissa Baker attended the meeting, in the last 60 days 2 reports logged, 1 of Missing person, another car theft, Cllr Hunkin reported that he has had a theft of fencing tool. Many changes are taking place in Torrington with one being made redundant PSCO are Being funded by the Government for the next two years,

40 Matters arising

- 1) **Affordable housing** Contact had been received from J Scott Rural Housing Officer of Community Council of Devon, He suggest that at present no further action should be proposed, but that should any proposals for small scale private development in the villages come forward, the parish councils should make a case for one or two houses to meet affordable need. Copies to Buckland Filliegh and Peters Marland.
- 2) **Elections:** Five councillors are standing for re election, forms were completed for the clerk to forward to Torridge District Council
- 3) **Royal Wedding.** Dishes have been ordered from S Juniper Bideford Pottery, for all children under 16yrs, in the village. A few extra have been ordered for any one to purchase at a cost of £6 each.
- 4) **Internal Auditor:** Mr T James was asked if he would be able to complete audit for council this year, owing to his continuing eye problems he has declined, it was suggested that Mr S Raine Town Farm Barn be asked, he has said that he will complete the internal audit for the Council.
- 5) **Rospa :** inspection to be completed during March 2011.
- 6) **Public Session:** no Reports.
- 7) **Councillors Reports:**

- a) P Vogel thanked Councillors for the letter clerk wrote on there behalf, but has decided that he is going to retire. He will attend a meeting in Exeter on Monday at DCC.
- b) Recreation ground: Events for year 2011 Easter egg hunt 23rd , Rec Clean up May 1st, Fun Run May 20th, Car Treasure Hunt June 19th Village Fete ,dog show July 30th Golf Ball after a Cricket match. Firework Nov 5th.All at Recreation Ground. Skittles Evening Nov19th in Baxter Hall. At AGM Mr S Packer resigned as vice chair, Mr K Heaman has taken position, Mr S Cottle also resigned, Mr D Philips has joined the Committee, Moormill Woods down by Rec are going to be felled in near future. The sheds that have been purchased for use on Recreation ground are now being erected, hope to be completed before beginning of cricket season.
- c) A meeting has been held concerning the purchase of a mini bus for the village, this has been put on hold until the autumn.
- d) Baxter Hall Quotes are being looked into for a new lighting system. Atlantics band on the 26th March. Flower show on the 16th April.
- e) Councillor Collins. All Parish meetings must be held before the Elections on May 6th. He also raised about a letter that has come from on Clerks payments to HMRC
- f) Torridge are prepared to pay clerks in the future. Clerk to contact Mr M Norton at Torridge on the matter Councillor Vogel offered to help with processing payments at no cost to Parish council. He suggested that we contact the the A O Nb at Bideford Station with views to put a Toilet on the Tarka Trail. It was also raised with him on the clay lorries at the Tarka trail, as a number of cars have been close to getting hit as lorries do not slow down at the Junction by Tarka Trail. Needs more clearer signs to give way.

8 **Financial Matters:**

- 1) Approved the payment for deposit on dishes for distributing on the 29th April 2011 to children less than 16yrs for the Royal Wedding £275-00 Paid to S Juniper Bideford. Remainder will be paid on collection. Cheque No 182 signed by clerk and P Vogel.
- 2) To approve payment for the hire of the hall from 1-4-2010 to 31-3-2011 of £40 cheque no 183 signed by W Luxton and clerk. All agreed
- 3) Approve payment of the clerk's salary and expenses totalling £378-28. Cheque no 184 signed by A Hunkin and W Luxton. All Agreed
- 4) New auditor will complete external audit Mrs Jackie Ballard.

9 **Any other business**

- 1) Councillor raised That a number of parishioner have had near accidents down by the give way sign at the Tarka trail
- 2) Councillor Harris could the old telephone sign be removed, at Crossroads as there is no Telephone box now. Clerk has already dealt with.

- 3) Still a number of potholes around at Tanyard. Crossroads Also Oaklands entrance which has just been repaired. Clerk to contact Highways.
 - 4) Councillor Kelsey suggested putting a defibulator in the Kiosk. Cllrs thought it would be very expensive and would need people to operate.
 - 5) Cllr Hunkin would like to say a special thank you to all the ladies that keep the litter collected around the village
- No more business the meeting finished at 9-10pm

Chairman.....