

PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 21st
April 2015 at 8pm.

Councillors present: I Fisher (Vice Chair), J Jeffs, J Harris, D Kelsey, B Cameron,
A Hunkin. 10 members of public.

1. **Apologies of absence** Apologies received from Cllrs M Busby and W Luxton.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes of 15th April were approved as a correct record.

3. **Matters Arising**

- a) Defibrillator. The defibrillator is now ready for use. Cllrs Cameron and Kelsey would like to have some training. It was decided to contact Mrs Neave again who came before, to see if she can arrange some training sessions. These will be put in the newsletter to see if anyone else is interested in training. The box is now open for anyone to use.
- b) Website. Pip Mahoney spoke of his time on the Petrockstowe website as he will soon be giving it up. He will be going on further with his education and was looking for a volunteer to take it on. Mrs Irene Fisher proposed her husband, Ian Fisher, and this was seconded by Cllrs Hunkin, Kelsey, Cameron and members of the public. He was willing to take on the role and he will meet with Pip to discuss the financial costs etc. There is an annual payment of £15.00 plus some others. All Cllrs and members of the public thanked Pip for the excellent job he has done with the website and wished him all the best with his studies and in the future.
- c) The faster broadband has now been installed to most of the village.
- d) The couple that have purchased No 2 Church Gate are going to apply for planning for a Micro Brewery in the barn belonging to the cottage and will give a presentation to the PC at a later date.

4. **Financial Payments.** Payments that were approved for payment.

- a) Devon Association of Local Councils membership fee of £94.55, cheque no. 289.
- b) Torridge Council for wages payroll fees of £48.00, cheque no. 288.
- c) New laptop purchased from PC World for the councils use on the new planning applications for £369.98, cheque no. 290. Signed by Cllr Hunkin and clerk.

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5. Public Session.

- a) It was raised in the session that the planning application for Mr Banks building which has been refused once, has gone to appeal. As the clerk had no objections from councillors, she replied to Torridge with no objections. Mr & Mrs Tomlinson felt the PC should have objected. Chairman explained that under new rulings, there were no grounds for the PC to object. The Chairman had contacted a District Councillor who informed her that it was likely to be refused due to sustainability. The PC are not informed regarding appeals.
- b) The field that was part of Syncocks Farm is now being used as a site with tents and caravans, with people living there. This has been reported to the Enforcement Officers at Torridge Council, and they have requested the ordnance survey map number for the field which is SS 515098, before they can look into this.
- c) Could it be put in the Newsletter that farm gates are being left open and that could anyone using the footpaths make sure gates are closed behind them.

6. Any other business.

- a) The resignation letter received from Mr W Luxton was read as he has had to resign due to ill health. The clerk to write to Mr Luxton thanking him for all his work and time he has put into the Council over the years from all the councillors. He will be missed by us all.
- b) The newsletter team would like more help with delivering the newsletter.
- c) The next meeting which is the annual General Meeting has to be brought forward a week to the 11th May 2015 as the present Vice Chair will not be available.

No more business and the meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman *I. Fisher* Date *15th September 2015*