

## **Minutes of the Parish Council held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm**

Councillors Present: Cllr P Vogel (chairman), Cllr W Luxton (vice Chair), Cllr J Harris,

Cllr I Fisher, Cllr D Kelsey, District Councillor P Collins, Clerk Mrs H Harris 2 members public.

30. **Apologies:** Apologies received From Cllr Hansen, Cllr Hunkin and Melissa Baker PSCO.
31. **Minutes:** To approve the minutes having been previously circulated of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010. All agreed as correct record.
32. The Principle Mr Keith Bennett of Peters Marland school gave a very interesting talk on and the working of the school, It is now owned by DCC with only Devon boys attending, which are all 11yrs to 16yrs, Hoping in September 2011 to be able to take 10yr olds. It is completely residential 39 wks of the year. They have to deal with some very challenging youngsters, Classes are mainly 5 to a class. Week end trips are arranged. Chairman thanked Mr Bennett for the interesting talk.
33. **Matters arising** : Affordable housing was raised, no contacts have been received Cllr P Collins thought something should have been heard by now.
34. **Public Session** : Mr D Brush raised the mess that tractors are making of the Cott lane Past his house. Also that the bird scarer, In the crop field has been switched on again. Chairman reported that the council can't interfere, as the lane is not an adopted road Bird scarer's are not to be switched on before 6-30am. The enforcement officer was contacted when this was raised before, on the rules for bird scarer's.
35. **Financial matter:** Approve the clerks salary and expenses of £378-10 from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Cheque number 181 signed by Cllr Vogel & Cllr W Luxton all agreed.

Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> January continued.

### 36 Councillors Reports

- 1) Cllr Kelsey the new sheds have started to be erected at the Recreation Ground hope to be finished before start of cricket season. The councils insurance is sufficient to cover any future fun runs at the recreation Ground. Hope to bring the annual fete earlier in the year depending on cricket fixtures
- 2) The Newsletter accounts have been audited for the first time could do with some more adverts, suggested to ask if one of the quizzes at pub could be held for newsletter funds A rota has been filled for the whole year, on completing of newsletter.
- 3) Baxter Hall Cllr Luxton New light has been fitted outside hall a meeting to be held in Hall kitchen 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss applying for a mini bus, Lottery Funding?
- 4) Councillors raised number of complaints on the road at Aish cross And Smiths Hill also the dangerous hole outside Oaklands Council estate. Clerk to write to Highways, Water board, Copy to Andy Board. Let PSCO Melissa Baker about hole to see if Police can help. Mr Mrs Morgan have told Cllr Luxton that they have done all they can to get the floods at Aish Cross sorted, awaiting Highways to sort out drain across there field. Minor accidents occurred on the ice. Drivers are ruining tyres in the hole at the Oaklands estate.
- 5) Cllr P Collins reported, that talk of reproofing swimming pool in Torrington. Hoping that the District council tax will not rise?
- 6) Meeting of Torrington Advisory Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> January Cllrs invited.

### 37 Any other Business

- A) Letter received :Poppy Party in June Mrs Chitty the British Legion co-ordinator took the information
- B) Big Sheep would like to advertise in newsletter
- C) Best kept village readers file
- D) Queen Elizabeth Field Challenge passed to Recreation Ground secretary.
- E) As it is the Royal wedding on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The chairman suggested that the clerk make a list of children under 16yrs to see if mugs could be purchased for the children. No more business meeting finished at 9-50pm.

Next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> March in the Baxter hall at 8pm

Chairman.....15<sup>th</sup> March.2011.....