

# PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday  
18<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm 2007.

Councillors Present: P Vogel (chairman), I Fisher (vice chairman),  
C Hanson, A Hunkin, W Luxton, D Kelsey,  
District Councillor P Collins H Harris clerk public 2.

- 28 **Apologies.** Apologies received from Cllr J Harris Devon County  
Councillor  
J Rawlinson, PCSO 30335 Melissa Baker,
- 29 **Minutes** The minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007 having been previously circulated  
were  
approved and signed as a correct record.

## 30 **Matters Arising**

- 1) **Devon Wildlife** The representative Mr S White could not attend  
owing to illness, to make another appointment with him in the new  
year, to speak at a meeting
- 2) **Parish Plans.** Are waiting for the funding from The Community  
Council of  
Devon, all the forms have been passed to Mr Greg Davies, we  
should  
receive the grant in the near future according to him
- 3) **Acer Tree** Mr D Kelsey has sent photos to a friend in Kent who is a  
tree  
expert, He suggested that the tree ought to be felled, but as the tree  
has a  
TPO placed on it this cannot be done without permission from TDC,  
Mr Mrs Fisher are going to mark the branches that need to be pruned  
before  
all leaves are gone.
- 4) **Street Lighting.** Mr M Brown has read an article on street lighting,  
going to  
let clerk have the information, Clerk will contact Cllr J Rawlinson  
when she  
has received the information from Mr Brown
- 5) **Bird Scarer** Clerk contacted Torridge on the complaint of bird scarer  
going of early mornings, I had to send them the name of person that

complained, so that they could send them a complaints form, they would then look into the complaint . Cllr Hansen had looked on the internet re -bird scarers use, the hours that bird scarers are to be used are 6am-6pm.

31 **Councillors Reports.**

- a) **Baxter Hall** - Cllr W Luxton at the Baxter Hall A G M all officers were re-elected. Committee are applying to the lottery for funding to re-surface the car park, and to extend the store room, the recent anniversary supper was a success, the hall floor is going to be stripped and polished week beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> for 1 week. A film Miss Potter was shown on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Shrek 3 will be shown in the October half term
- b) **Recreation Ground**-Cllr Vogel The summer fete on the Recreation field and the Party in the park were a great success making over £500. for funds. Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

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- c) **Torrington Advisory Committee.** Cllr Vogel could not attend the last meetings. has not had details of the next one yet.
- d) **Play Area** Cllr Harris wrote a report as she could not attend, A Circus day was held on the recreation field in the summer holidays 38 children attended Are holding a Halloween Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Baxter Hall. Next meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007.
- e) **District Councillor.** P Collins spoke about committees that he is now on at Torrridge District Council. The staff at Torrridge are going through an

assessment on there jobs. Still looking for more improvements, in some areas the improvements that have been made, are now beginning to show. The Exeter Unitary status is a great worry. Affordable housing discussed, A real need for a housing survey, as affordable housing is a necessity in rural areas. Transport is an issue.

32 **Codes of Conduct.** Chairman and clerk had attended Codes of conduct meeting before our meeting in Torrington You now have to advertise the Codes of conduct in the press our newsletter is not enough, we have joined with Torridge to do this, we have to pay a small fee. towards the advert. We should look at our standing orders, to make sure that they agree with new codes

33 **Public Session**  
(a) Police report read  
(b) It raised that the Bus shelter and notice boards could do with a coat of Varnish and preservative, the insides a coat of undercoat. It was proposed by Chairman that we ask Mr Ian Fisher if he would do the jobs for us?, Seconded by Cllr Luxton all in favour.  
© It was agreed that we should object to not collecting mail at the weekends.  
(d) It was raised that when the Devon County Council were trimming the hedges at Brandise Hill, they damaged the mile stone, that had been recently cleared and cleaned, Mr G Fox is going to try and repair.it  
(e) The Otter seat that was erected on the Tarka trail has been damaged. To contact J Rawlinson to find out who is responsible for this.  
(f) Readers file circulated. Containing LDF information. from TDC.

No more business the meeting closed at 9-20pm

Next meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 8pm

Chairman.....Date.....  
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