
Petrockstowe Parish Council Minutes

Petrockstowe Annual Parish Meeting 2005

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Baxter Hall

Tuesday 19th April 2005 at 8pm.

Present: P Vogel Chairman G Thatcher Vice Chairman
W Luxton A Hunkin R Watts District Cllr P Collins. Clerk
Members of the public present 18.
Apologies From County Cllr J Rawlinson, Cllrs S Johnston S Cottle
Mrs A Luxton Mrs J Harris.

4 Mr R Heath Chief Executive Torrridge District Council

4a He spoke on his life at Torrridge He was asked to come to Torrridge to help with the recovery, For 3mths of 2 days a week. Which he said he would do, while at Torrridge, the present Chief executive left, He took over the post until a new executive could be appointed, his three month stay looks to be at least 15mths, as adverts for a new Chief Executive have now gone to the press and are in progress. He spoke on how Torrridge are well on there well to recovery. pulling there self around after a very bad time. A spell of bullying did not help the 3 people concerned have left the council and bullying has ceased.
The housing services had fallen behind schedule, he said that then he came to Torrridge, the planning department was in a terrible state 2 very over worked planning officers, now back on schedule after employing more staff, still short because of resources.

We will be hearing soon about a corporal plan

He his hoping that when he leaves Torrridge District Council it will be a better place than when he came. He stressed that we have some excellent Cllrs working for the Torrridge District Council.

4b Questions were put to Mr Heath he answered to the best of his ability.

Plannings taking a long time to process was one of the main points put. Cllr Collins pointed out that Cllrs should inspect any plans well, and make sure to state all points, especially on affordable housing. The council tax was questioned as we are one

of the highest taxed, Mr Heath said that Torrridge finances were in such a bad state because of bad investments over the past years. When asked what had happened to the bullies, he said that as far as he new, 2 had retired and other left.
Hopefully it is all back on track.

No more Questions the Chairman thanked Mr Heath for coming.

5) Minutes The minutes for 2004 were circulated having been approved at the May 2004 meeting. The 2005 minutes will be approved at the 2006 meeting. Mrs A Johnston wanted one amendment to the minutes, item 8 Mrs A Johnston wished for

her name to be removed as seconder to this motion as she did not second any motion that Cllr Johnston had proposed.

- 6) Matters arising
To place another ad in the Newsletter regarding any people who have not received their green boxes for recycling.
- 7) Financial Matters A summary of the Parish council accounts for parishioners inspection.
- 8) Baxter Hall Appointed Parish representatives Mrs A Luxton Mrs A Vallance Mrs J Skinner Mr B Aldridge re-elected.
Proposed by Mrs Aldridge seconded by Mr Buchanan.
Baxter Hall wine & Wisdom 23rd April.
No other organisation reports.
- 9) No information on road repairs clerk was asked to write again to express to highways on the state of the road between the village and Aish cross. The lorries to Millwood Homes are still using the Brandise Hill after repeated requests not to do so.
- 10) Parish Plan After discussing whether we should have a parish plan Many good points on the advantages of a parish plan were put forward by Cllr P Collins. It was decided to put on hold for the time being.
- 11) Parish Outing Cllr Hunkin asked for this item to be put on agenda but confessed he had not had time to look into the future of the outing, will do this before the next meeting.
- 12) a) Mrs Johnston proposed that this meeting is advertised more especially in the local newsletter, Mrs Woods said that it was, Perhaps next year in bigger print.
b) Mr B Aldridge pointed out that with only £201 in the play area Fund unless more funding from the Parish council is made Available to pay the insurance, the play area will have to close, The chairman expressed that the usual £80 had been precepted For. Mr Aldridge said that it is not enough. And the play area will not be insured.

Next parish council meeting the annual general on 17th May

No more business the meeting closed at 9-25pm
There was a short planning meeting after.

Copies to all Cllrs County Cllr District Councillor P Collins.
Mr M Wright Web-site

Mrs HR Harris clerk