

## **PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 8pm in the Baxter Hall at 8pm

Councillors Present: P Vogel (chairman) I Fisher (vice) J Harris C Hansen A Hunkin W LUxton

D Kelsey, Clerk Mrs H Harris, No member's public present.

35 **Apologies:** Apologies received from District Councillor P Collins.

36 PCSO Melissa Baker attended with Beat officer Constable D Rowlands, He asked if the meeting had any questions. He told the meeting that he was very pleased with very little crime in our area. The neighbour hood co-ordinator for Petrockstowe Mrs C Pink has received an award; Constable Rowlands said that he would like to see more neighbourhoods watch in villages.

37 **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were approved and agreed as a correct record . All agreed.

38 **Matters arising:**

- a) Acer Tree: It was proposed that the tree should be felled and replaced, with something smaller. Cllr D Kelsey proposed, to contact the gardening club for any suggestions on what to replace it with. Cllr Hunkin to contact Mr F Deimert, to remove the tree and clear area for replanting. All Councillors agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.
- b) War Memorial it was proposed by Cllr Kelsey that a thank you letter be sent to Mr Barry Jeffs has he had cleaned the War Memorial. All agreed.
- c) Telephone Box: Letter from Mr Mrs Buchanan on concerns, on the adoption of the Kiosk It was agreed unanimously to keep the box in the same position as it has been for years. The competition organised by Cllr Kelsey, as to what the Kiosk could be used for, was won by Master Pip Mahoney, he suggested it be used for showing art works. BT has agreed to provide a new door, but we have to fit it. Mr G Fox has agreed to do this when it arrives.

39 **Councillors reports:**

- a) **DAPC :** Cllr Vogel attended the Annual General meeting in Exeter in September The DAPC subscription was discussed and agreed to increase by 2% for next year. Cllr Vogel will not be claiming expenses for attending the meeting.  
No advisory meeting.
- b) **Play area:** the chairman has resigned one committee member will be leaving the area soon, another has new job, and it was proposed the Parish council should put any money held in their reserve account. Cllr Hansen has agreed to keep an eye on the play area. There is around £2100 in the play area account; this will cover Rospa report, and any repairs. Cllr Hansen is going to order some more ground cover to use some of the grant that is left. It was suggested that a bench be placed in the play area. Any responsibility will fall on the Parish Council.

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- c) **Recreation Ground.** Cllr Kelsey Doors on the shed have been completed thanks to Mr G Fox. Some drainage has also been completed before the winter. The Car park area is almost complete, thank you to Patrick Lake for all his help, with the tarmac from the Baxter hall. Cllr Kelsey thanked the Old Petrockstowe Football club for the donation, of £3000 + which has been held in an investment account. Firework evening was once again a success. Mouse racing to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November profits to be shared between Recreation Ground and the poppy appeal.
- d) **Baxter Hall.** Cllr Luxton. Car park and store is complete, waiting for walls to dry out before decorating store. Quiz night a success. Annual Village party to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November in Hall. Dancing classes are well supported.  
Clerk to write to history group to congratulate them, on the success with the Past and Present book. It was suggested to Cllr Luxton could there be a sensor light put outside the Hall to light the car park.
- e) Cllr Harris has had a number of complaints about the road at Little Marland Farm, and the animals being allowed to roam the roads, drivers are concerned that they are going to hit and kill something soon, if nothing is done. Cllrs proposed that the clerk should contact the farmer and highways if nothing done to should contact police. Also mention the roads in general.( Quarry Hill Aish Cross and South hill).  
Forward pictures of Lorries stuck on Brandise Hill taken by Mr Neaves to the transport department of the Highways.

40 **Financial Matters**

- a) Precept after a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Luxton seconded by Cllr Fisher that the precept for the financial year 2010 to 2011 should be kept at £3000. All agreed.
- b) The precept payments Proposed by Chairman of £250 to the Churchyard fund £200 to Hall, £15 to the Pre-school & Clinton School, £20 to Ring Ride £10 to Citizen Advice, and £50 to the Youth club. Clerks salary to be increased by 2% All agreed.
- c) £834-33 was collected by the poppy appeal, of which £288 was collected at the church service.

41. No more business the meeting close at 9-10pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 in the Baxter Hall at 8pm.

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