

PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Baxter Hall on Tuesday 21st July 2015
at 8pm.

Councillors present: I Fisher (chair), J Harris (vice), J Jeffs, D Kelsey, A Hunkin, B Cameron, M Busby, Devon County Councillor Andy Boyd, Clerk, 2 members public.

1. **Apologies of absence** Apologies received from District Councillor R Wiseman as he has an earlier meeting and may be late arriving, PCSO M Baker.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th May having been previously circulated were approved and signed as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising** Precept payments were agreed for
 - a) Petrockstowe Parochial Church Council & Graveyard £200.00, cheque no 298
 - b) Baxter Hall and play area lease £201.00, cheque no 297
 - c) Friends of Clinton School £15.00, cheque no 301
 - d) Little Otters pre-school £15.00, cheque no 302
 - e) Citizens Advice £10.00, cheque no 300
 - f) Mr S Raine for completing internal audit and consolidating of accounts of play area, recreation ground and council for the audit return. £100.00, cheque no 299.
 - g) Annual payment to Lord Burnett for Rec Ground Lease £1.00, cheque no 303
 - h) Clerks expenses agreed by all £39.69, cheque no 304
 - i) I Fisher expenses for bits needed on defibrillator box £9.21, cheque no 305

4. **Councillors Reports**

1) Recreation Ground. Cllr Kelsey reported that the recent fete was a success and £380.00 was raised for funds. He reported also that a total of £8,750.00 has been awarded from Awards For All. Thanks go to Chris Hansen for applying for this to improve the recreation ground facilities. Nothing now planned at the recreation ground until the firework display. Thank you to all who help in any way with all events.

2) Baxter Hall. Cllr Harris reported that table cloths have been purchased for use on the hall tables at events. The walls in the Car Park have been damaged and it has been agreed that a sign "No ball games in the Car Park area" should be erected ASAP. The Baxter Hall committee will be helping with the big breakfast on 19th September. A Christmas fair to be held on 24th Oct, with B Harris hosting a coffee morning. All funds to go to the Chemo unit in Barnstaple. The Chemo unit will supply collection boxes. The annual Macmillan Coffee morning will be held in the Hall on the 25th September in hall.

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3) District Councillor. Mr R Wiseman reported that Torridge were pleased with the recycling arrangements after South Molton Recycling ceased trading. It will be going out to tender again eventually. At the moment it will be continuing as before on the same days as before. The Crematorium at Barnstaple is to get a much needed revamp.

4) Play Area. Cllr Jeffs reported that the tap fund for this year can be used to help with the updating of the play area. The grand total in account is £15,000.00. It will be decided later in year as to the proposals on updating play area. £400.00 has been received from Merton Monk's, thank you to all that helped at the Vintage rally to get funds. Cllr Jeffs thanked DCC councillor Andy Boyd for the funds received for the play area.

5. **AOB**

a) Cllr Hunkin reported that the sign at Berry Cross has still not been fixed. The assistant Town Clerk from Barnstaple, a local parishioner who was attending meeting, will speak to a person that deals with sign repairs that she knows to see if it can be repaired ASAP.

b) The proposals for new windows at 17 The Village was refused.

c) A complaint has been received on dogs being allowed to run free on the rec ground, and the complainant wanted dogs to be banned. Cllrs that spend quite a bit of time at the Recreation Ground have seen nothing out of the ordinary.

d) Chair asked if she could attend a course for chairmen in near future, all agreed that this should be included in the precept, and also a course for the new clerk.

f) Retiring Clerk H Harris received a glass vase and bouquet on her retirement. Mrs Fiona Lowe has accepted the post as clerk.

No more business, meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman..... *J. Fisher*

Date *15th September 2015*