

Minutes of a meeting of Debenham Parish Council held on Monday, January 11th 2010 at Dove Cottage.

Present: Cllrs L Cockerton (Chair), G Baxter, R Blackwell, J Farthing, J Parnell, K Voller, F Winrow-Giffin, and in attendance: RFO Mrs D Bedwell and temporary clerk Mrs C Williamson

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs I Baldwin, L Stock and V Payne
2. **Declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda and additions to register:** none
3. **Suspension of standing orders:** *Meeting open for 5 minutes to allow members of the public to speak:* no public present
4. **RFO's report:** Mrs Bedwell produced copies of her report for consideration.
 - 4.1 **Homestart Cheque:** sent and cashed but reported as never received by Homestart. The temporary clerk to make enquiries.
 - 4.2 **A E White, disputed invoice:** renegotiated by the temporary clerk, to be paid at January 18th meeting.
 - 4.3 **Payment for previous clerk Mrs G Griffin: *Temporary exclusion of press and public:*** *That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning legal issues; potentially sensitive personnel content. A discussion regarding terms of employment took place.*
5. **To receive any further recommendations relating to precept for 2010 – 2011 including:**
 - a) **£5000 for improvements to skatepark/DLC donation:** agreed to be included under S133. £5000 added to the precept request/plus any additional from general reserves
 - b) **£300 for community children's Christmas event:** would be paid from S145 allowance to organisers of the event
 - c) **Provision of grit bins:** agreed to order three (£131.67 each plus VAT) from Glasdon plc after Cllr Alcock's offer of a donation from his allowance had been discussed with him, to be paid out of earmarked reserves (Street Furniture)
 - d) **Other: Memorial Garden (URC Ground)** to be covered by Village Enhancement funds
6. **To finalise precept 2010 – 2011:** agreed that Mrs Bedwell would revise the figures according to the discussion just held, a decision to be reached at the 18 January meeting.
7. **Christmas tree vandalism:** cost implications: agreed to discuss when Cllr Baldwin was present
8. **Parish surgery held on January 9th:** any financial matters arising – none
9. **Planning matters:**
 - 10.1 **Approvals:** none received
 - 10.3 **Refusals:** none received
 - 10.4 **Applications:** notification of the following applications had just been received but in the absence of any papers, it was agreed that discussion should be postponed to the January 18th meeting:

3256/09: 15 Gracechurch Street
3575/09: 15 Gracechurch Street
3573/09: Suffolk County Council re Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School

9.5 Planning Correspondence: none received

10. Chair's urgent business: any items not on this agenda but of such urgency as to merit, in the Chair's opinion, immediate action.

10.1: Cllr Blackwell had received a suggestion from a member of the public that a 20 mph speed limit be imposed on the High Street. He understood that the law was changing, to be giving parish councils the power to impose speed restrictions - the temporary clerk to find out more.

11.2: agreed to ask Mrs Griffin to send on all parish council post as soon as possible.

11. Suspension of standing orders: *Meeting open for 5 minutes to allow members of the public to speak:* none present

12. Any other business: information exchange only

13. Date of next meeting: January 18th (ordinary)

14. Temporary exclusion of press and public: *That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning legal issues; potentially sensitive personnel content.*

15. There being no further business to be transacted after the confidential items were discussed, the meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

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