**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF**

**DRYBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2021**

**AT THE BAND ROOM, DRYBROOK ROAD at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr R Bardo (in the Chair), Cllrs G Meek, P Weaver, M Jones, R Moore, C Blake and M Garland. Also present County Councillor Terry Hale and 2 members of the public. The minutes were taken by the Clerk Mrs D Smith.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Print who is unwell.

Cllr Fraser who has COVID.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Meek and agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Bardo attended the Remembrance Service on behalf of the parish council and laid the wreath. There was concern over the future of these services with the closure of the Drybrook branch of the British Legion.

**5.** **REPORTS, including CHAIR**

Cllr Bardo is collating data from the flashing signs for the Police and will adjust the signage and timing.

Cllr Blake was unable to attend the recent meeting regarding the Northern Quarter but is registered for the Community Forum. She and Cllr Print would like a remit and more information on the settlement boundary so they can lead the Planning Committee. She also requested an up to date councillor contact list and the Clerk will prepare this for the next meeting. She also requested more information on the Road Safety Workshop and was referred to Cllr Hale

Cllr Moore has carried out more gutter repairs and ivy removal on some bus shelters.

Cllr Garland advised that all is prepared for any snow. The Clerk has prepared a notice for the noticeboard to advise of additional grit available and contact details. She will also add the information on flood sacks. Cllr Garland enquired if Highways need to authorise the sending out of the snow plough. Cllr Hale advised he can authorise this and can be contacted. Cllr Garland attended a meeting at the Memorial Hall and advised that the issue of the covenant for the doctors’ surgery has been put on hold until a further request is made by the Doctors.

Cllr Hale advised of the increase in COVID cases locally. He also had attended a meeting regarding the shortage of doctors locally and the struggle to obtain appointments. He also advised that the hedging issue in Hillside Road is ongoing. He commented on the District Council looking at the options of a Biosphere or AONB status for the area. He is also still monitoring the Mannings Farm development and has managed to get the road straightened but is still awaiting the reinstatement of the post for the flashing sign. He will meet with Cllr Garland about the Drybrook Village sign. The new hospital site was also discussed. Finally, he advised that the issues at the recycling area at Ruardean Hill have been sorted.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Concern was raised that the development in Quabbs Road may include a further property above the planning for 1 dwelling. The parish council will monitor this.

**7. PLANNING MATTERS**

**i) Allowed - None**

**ii) Disallowed –** None

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**iii) New** - P1605/21/PIP Land to the South of Forest Road, Ruardean Hill – erection of dwelling

There are concerns over the access via a narrow track

**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

It was agreed to make the following payment

i) Payment of accounts: D Smith (November salary) - £308.67, Postage & stationery & expenses (November/December), £34.50, Complete Landscape Gardeners (grass cutting October) – £856, Review (Advert) - £48, Medicare (bins in toilets) - £78.48, HMRC (PAYE) - £465.70, British Legion (wreath) - £30, Waterplus (toilets) - £58.11, E Kenworthy (plaque) - £25

ii) Agree Bus Shelter payments – it was agreed to make the usual £100 payments (to be reviewed next year)

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

It was decided to locate the plaque under the noticeboard to be unveiled at the Christmas light switch on.

There may be a choir attending and the Clerk will confirm if the band are still attending. Cllr Garland has organised the free chips. Posters will be posted around the village. The event has already been advertised on Facebook. The Clerk has booked the cherry picker but is not sure yet if the Co-op will be able to supply mince pies this year.

There has been an application for the street cleaner position and it was agreed to offer the job to the applicant and to supply the necessary equipment.

It was agreed to make donations of £50 to the Band and Choir if they attend the switch on.

Next meeting: Budget and Precept to be agreed. It was also suggested that there should be a light in the top of the car park.

**11. CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed once the Clerk has checked availability of the Band Room

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chair

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