

HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's N Over (Chairman), D Searle, S Bartlett, J Baker, T Greenshields, S Matthews, R Fox and R Churchill

In Attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr I Hall and five members of the public

439	Apologies There were no apologies for absence.
440	Declarations of Interest
441	Minutes The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 th December 2017 were adopted as a true record. The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on the 19 th December 2017 were adopted as a true record
442	Matters Arising from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A letter would be prepared for the next meeting inviting organisations and individuals to contribute towards the Memorial Bench.b) Three gritbins had now been replaced by Devon County Council.c) The chairman confirmed that the Rope Walk was not registered with the Land Registry office. He would now ask our solicitors to try and get this registered in the name of the parish council.
443	County and District Report Cllr Hall reported that the roll out of phase two of Broadband, to the areas not covered by the original programme would not be affected by the announcement of the demise of Carillion Construction Plc. He continues to work with Neil Parish, our MP, regarding the retention of the 6 th Form facility at the Axe Valley School. The County Council is at present going through its budget setting process. There is a need to save £22 million. Cllr Hall asked to be informed if there were icing problems in the village. He would try and resolve them if possible. The East Devon recycling scheme and move to landfill collections every three weeks seems to be going well.

444	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A member of the public complained that the temporary repairs to potholes was, in his opinion, false economy because the repair did not last long. He also complained that sometimes the gang would repair a pothole and leave another pothole in the same area. Cllr Hall explained the policy of the County Council and the fact that the gang would only repair the designated pothole that had been commissioned to be repaired. Highway road defects are dealt with under contract by a company called Skanska who replaced South West Highways.</p> <p>A parishioner felt that we should all ask the question about what we could do to help others in the community</p>
445	<p>Playfield</p> <p>It was agreed that Mark Carlisle from Beviis & Beckingsale would deal with both the Playfield Lease and the proposed registration of the Rope Walk.. It was noted that the total cost of dealing with the lease could be in the region of £2,500. The chairman had arranged a meeting with users of the playfield in the hope that they would agree to contribute towards the councils high costs relating to the playfield, however he reported that he was saddened that they seemed unwilling to assist. He therefore felt that we either had to increase our precept to take into account the additional costs, take funds from our reserves, decline the lease or possibly hand over the playfield to the playfield committee.</p> <p>The clerk queried why the playfield was not a committee of the council, in which case it would have needed to provide their minutes to the council, and get them agreed. Cllr D Searle agreed with the chairman that the users of the playfield should contribute towards the running costs.</p>
446	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Accounts for Payment The following accounts were agreed for payment: HMRC PAYE £138.20 (922), Society Local Clerks £30.00 (923), Hawkchurch PCC £200.00 (924) and Axminster Printing £33.48 (925).</p> <p>b) Financial Update The financial updated had been circulated and was agreed. The chairman of the Finance Committee confirmed that she had checked the bank reconciliation report and had found it in order.</p> <p>c) Budget and Precept 2018/19 The Finance & General Purposes Committee recommended a budget of £12,056 with a precept demand of £10,000. Since that meeting there had been discussions regarding the Rope Walk, the chairman therefore produced a spreadsheet with a budget of £14,973, with a precept of £11,617. After some discussions it was agreed that to ease the burden of the precept £2,400 would be used from the Wadbrook Solar Farm Fund. It was therefore resolved that the budget would be £15,820 with a precept demand of £10,000. This would produce a D rate of £37.87; an increase of £7.22.</p>

447	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>The chairman had met with Toby Russel from Devon Air Ambulance regarding the possible use of the Playfield for night landing. An assessment needs to be undertaken and there may be a need for planning permission. It was understood that the cost could be in the region of £2,750. Cllr Hall stated that he might be able to assist from his Locality Fund. Agreed to await the assessment report.</p>
448	<p>Planning</p> <p>There were no planning applications to be dealt with, however the meeting noted that the planning applications for both Wadbrook Farm and Sedgicroft had been approved by the planning authority.</p>
449	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>Highways had requested funds to undertake works on the Westhay, Blackwater Lane in the next financial year. We now have a gully location plan which was provided by Brian Hoare. Most of the P3 surveys had now been completed and a meeting has been arranged with the officers from ROW to look at future funding. A new bridge is to be installed on footpath 16.</p>
450	<p>Solar Farm Fund</p> <p>It was agreed that no grants would be paid out from this fund during the next financial year and that this would be reviewed for the 2019/20 financial year</p>
451	<p>Items of Urgency</p> <p>Nil</p>
452	<p>Correspondence</p>
453	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.30pm</p>