

## HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm

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

**In Attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr I Hall (DCC & EDDC), nine members of the public and representatives from Network Rail and their contractor and also Cllr Marcus Hartnoll, Deputy Environment Portfolio member, EDDC.

<b>486</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>487</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr D Searle declared an interest in a payment being made to his company
<b>488</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved as a true record.
<b>489</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> Cllr Greenshields informed the meeting that the Liberal Memorial Account had been closed and the proceeds transferred to the Council's general account.  The chairman had met with the Section 106 officers and had discussed the three suggested projects that had been put forward. It was understood that a similar play equipment had been installed in Dorchester, West Bay and Beer. There would be a need to investigate costs with contractors. The parish would need to vote on any suggestions for use of this funding.
<b>490</b>	<b>Network Rail Presentation</b> Hector Kidd, Route Asset Manager introduced himself and the two contractors from Osbornes. New bridges were required for both Broom and Axe to elevate flooding problems between Axminster and Chard Junction. Since 2014 the line had been closed on 6 occasions and speed restrictions imposed on 15 occasions. Because of weight restrictions on the

	<p>approach road bridges from the Weycroft road side of the operation it would be necessary for traffic to be routed through the village. The railway line would be closed for nine days, this being scheduled from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. A very detailed risk assessment had been undertaken and councillors have been circulated with the slides from the presentation which provides further details. A number of questions were asked; which were all dealt with by the three gentleman. The chairman thanked them for their presentation and for attending.</p>
<b>491</b>	<p><b>Recycling Issues</b> Cllr Hartnoll informed the meeting that he was attending the meeting this evening following a number of complaints that the recycling vehicle cage was not being kept closed when on the move, resulting in litter being distributed around the parish. Hr stated that the contractors had been instructed to keep the cage closed whilst the vehicle was moving. They were also instructed to pick up any litter that had come away from the containers. There were penalties if the contractor did not perform the contract to the agreed standard. Cllr Hartnoll was informed that a number of areas had been missed off a recent collection. He informed the meeting that this should not happen as the routes were all pre-programmed into the system. A complaint was also made that often items of re-cycling are left in the containers after the collection. The chairman thanked Cllr Hartnoll for attending the meeting.</p>
<b>492</b>	<p><b>County and District Report</b> The new Highway officer is David Ashfor. Admissions to the sixth form have been suspended at present with students being reassigned to Chard. A judgement is to be made on this in the future. Cllr Hall had met with Neal Parish regarding the proposed additional loop on the Exeter to Waterloo railway. The proposal is that this would be in the Whimple area. In addition to the £10k locality budget he would also have a £10k Invest in Devon budget. This could be used for buildings or the development of footpaths. The Police are holding an open day at the Axminster Guildhall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April.</p>
<b>493</b>	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> Concerns were raised that the recent school signs painted on the highway were already fading.</p>
<b>494</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Accounts for Payment:</b> The following accounts were agreed for payment: G J Searle &amp; Sons £216.00 (932), HMRC £138.00 (933), Mr Over £5.00 (934).</li> <li>b) <b>Financial Update:</b> The Financial update was noted.</li> </ul>
<b>495</b>	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b> The village hall committee had come to an agreement with the insurance company regarding the safety implications of the run-away car incident.</p>
<b>496</b>	<p><b>Control of Playfield</b> The meeting debated once again the various advantages and disadvantages regarding the playfield being a direct committee of the parish council.</p>

	<p>There was a need under the new lease for the council to have more control and to ensure due diligence with health, safety and risk assessments. The clerk offered to assist with this. He also suggested that the council joined the Devon Playing Association who would provide guidance. Resolved that a final decision be made at the May meeting.</p>
497	<p><b>Playfield Lease</b> The chairman informed the meeting that the lease had now been completed and that it would be signed at the end of this meeting and returned to the solicitors. He had been required to pay £ for the swearing of the document.</p>
498	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 18/0623/Var Glebe Cottage, Hawkchurch. Removal of condition 2 of 7/0912/Ful conversion and extension of garage to create holiday accommodation: <b>Recommendation of refusal</b></li> <li>b. Determinations: 17/3055/Ful &amp; 17/3056/LBC Castle House for removal of outbuildings and replacement with single outbuilding including garage and workshop. <b>Approved by Planning Authority</b></li> <li>c. 18/0285 West Scouse Farm Field Shelter: <b>Approved by Planning Authority</b></li> <li>d. 17/3055 &amp; 3056 Castle House: removal and replacement of outbuildings: <b>Approved by Planning Authority</b></li> <li>e. 17/1921/Ful Brley Close Farm. Workshop: <b>Approved by Planning Authority</b></li> </ul>
499	<p><b>Highways and Rights of Way Matters</b> Our parish Lengthsman had completed most of the agreed work. A pipe near to Fairwater Head was blocked. Parishioners and councillors requested to report any problems that could be dealt with by the Lengthsman to him. A gulley has collapsed in Brimley. Cllr Searle gave mention to a problem on a green lane near to his farm. The County Councillor informed him that this would be deemed as a very low priority in today's economic climate.</p>
500	<p><b>Public Relations and Protocols</b> This item deferred to the next meeting.</p>
501	<p><b>Correspondence</b> Nil</p>
502	<p><b>Items of Urgency</b> Nil</p>
503	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> Annual Parish Meeting 7pm !5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Annual Council Meeting -7.45pm or at the end of the APM.</p>