

HAWKCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Hawkchurch Village Hall on Tuesday 20th February 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

454	Apologies There were no apologies for absence.
455	Declarations of Interest No declarations under the Code of Conduct were made
456	Minutes The minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 th January 2018 were approved as a true record.
457	Matters Arising from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A draft letter to associations and societies was approved and would be distributed to councillorsb) The Devon Air Ambulance had approved the Playing Field site for night use. A visit would now be made to check the electricsc) The position of the Playing Field in respect of whether it should be a committee of the council or not would be an agenda item for the next meeting.
458	County and District Report Cllr Hall thanked Cllr Churchill for dealing with a road traffic incident at Blackpool corner. The Government had approved funding of £10million for the north/south bypass for Axminster. The balance of funds would come from Section 106 payments from the construction of 650 new dwellings. There would also be provision for employment land. Cllr Hall was due to meet with Neil Parish MP regarding the provision of an additional passing loop on the Exeter to Salisbury railway line. This would be located at Whimple and would provide additional capacity for trains. The garden waste facility will be introduced from May; however there will be a charge of about £50 per household. He was continuing to push for Superfast Broadband in the areas that had not received this. The County

	council will be introducing a 4.99% increase on domestic rates from April. Some work was being carried out regarding problems with the recycling vehicle spreading litter. Additional funds had been obtained to deal with pothole problems
459	Democratic Period There were no items brought forward
460	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Accounts for Payment: The following accounts were agreed for payment: Beviss & Beckingsale £1320.00 (926), Darren Strawbridge £1704.00 (927). b) Financial Update and Bank Reconciliation: The documents were circulated and approved.
461	Councillors' Reports Village Hall: Concerns had been raised that following some damage done by a vehicle last year there was a need to undertake a full risk assessment regarding the installation of any crash barrier structure introduced.
462	Playfield and Rope Walk Whilst the solicitor continues to explore the possible registration of the Ropeway the gateway to the field was found to be in the ownership of the Diocese. Within the lease it is stipulated that access has to be available to the playfield from the south at all times, although no gate or entrance exists. It was agreed that the Council would not ask for a 5 year mutual break to be included within the lease. The lease is subject to a revaluation of charges every 5 years. It was hoped that the legal side of the lease would be sorted out fairly soon, and therefore it was agreed that power to act be given to the Clerk and the chairman.
463	Planning There were no planning applications to deal with or determinations to note
464	Highways and Rights of Way Matters The entrance to the Solar Farm at Wadbrook has not been restored as per the planning conditions imposed. The chairman will speak with Brian Hoare on this matter. There had been some flooding at Pound Lane near to the substation. A parishioner had been understood to have experienced flooding problems under her front door, which had been attributed to surface water runoff from the field of solar panels located immediately to the south of the sub-station in Pound Lane. The Devon County Rights of Way team were meeting with Cllr's Over and Fox tomorrow (21 st February).
465	Section 106 Funding Applications There had been four proposals put forward, although only one of these, the Tennis Club, was a fully worked up proposal. There was a suggestion that the PTFA and the Playing Field Committee considers relocating the play area away from the village hall to the Playfield. It is hoped that there would be a meeting with Jamie Buckley and Sulina Tallack from East Devon District Council on the 22 nd March

466	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A public exhibition is being organised by Network Rail regarding planned flood prevention works to be carried out towards the end of the Summer between Axminster and Chard Junction. Details of the agreed date not yet available. Concerns were expressed that the preferred route to access Axe Crossing is via the village from the B3165 as the small hump back bridge at Axe Farm prevents access from the A358.</p>
467	<p>Items of Urgency</p> <p>Concerns regarding dog mess in the village. This would be an item on the next agenda.</p>
468	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30pm</p>