

Minutes of Crowcombe Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 10th January 2013 at Gratton House, Crowcombe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs J Chipp, J Hughes, B Druitt, T Motture, D Lock, T Brooks, R Harbour and J Loader (clerk). Also in attendance was PCSO Peter Bolton, Mr Chipp and 1 member of the public.

01/13 Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02/13 Apologies: A Trollope-Bellew (WSC Cllr & SCC Cllr)

03/13 Primary School Governor – Mr Chipp informed the councillors three main reasons for addressing the council. How to raise the profile of the School, encourage more families to attend the school and safety for the children in and around the school. He asked the PC to think about how if any future housing development plans could be viewed to encourage families, and to reflect on the speed of traffic through the village. After discussion it was agreed to take on board a) thoughts regarding future housing. b) arrange a meeting with SCC Highways/Cllr Druitt to report/repair speed limit signs and find the best positions for the SID's in the village close to the school to slow traffic. c) suggestions on how to raise the profile of the school with various events/history on previous activities. Mr Chipp was thanked for his time and left the meeting.

04/13 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations: None

05/13 Public Participation: None

06/13 Police Report – PCSO Peter Bolton reported there had been 12 calls reported via 101 or 99 since the last meeting. These ranged from road traffic accidents, domestic issue, person missing, drink driver and other minor reports. Main concerns are to be aware of any 'opportunists' around non-dwelling buildings and to report anything suspicious.

07/13 County Councillor's Report: Cllr Trollope-Bellew had sent his apologies and report stating SCC were still waiting for clarity on the settlement from Central Government. This would take some time to work through at county level

08/13 District Councillor's Report: Cllr Trollope-Bellew reported that the situation at WSC was not as bad as it had been reported in the media. There was enough money for two years. WSC were currently working with TDBC to find ways of saving money. Referendum on council tax increase was looking unlikely this year. Settlement from Central Government seemed to be quite good but needed to be clarified.

09/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 8th November 2012 – It was proposed, seconded and agreed the November minutes be adopted as correct. The Chairman signed each page of the minutes.

10/13 Matters arising: a) Road Accidents – none reported other than those in the police report.

11/13 Finances: a) **Payments:** It was proposed, seconded and agreed to pay the following invoices: Clerks salary £353.53, Clerks expenses £40.51 b) **Finances** – there were no queries regarding the financial situation to date. Current a/c £6,869.31, Deposit a/c £3,218.10, Amenities a/c £2,604.20 unrepresented cheques £28.80 Total funds £12,662.81 (Nov statements). c) **Precept for 2013/14** – a revised draft precept had been circulated together with a letter from WSC stating the final council tax bands and the position of the council tax support grant had not been finalised. An update from the Community Matters Newsletter dated 10 January 2013 stated the final decision would be made at full

council on 23rd January 2013 and all Town and Parish Councils would be written to confirming the current position in more detail. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council could not make an informed decision regarding next year's Precept until after 23rd January. It was agreed an Extra Ordinary Meeting would have to take place to discuss the Precept 2013/14 before the end of January. Clerk would contact councillors and book Church House once all information had been received.

12/13 Web Site – Cllr Hughes demonstrated the Word Press website of Crowcombe.org.uk to the Councillors. The site looked very impressive and suitable and was easy to load information onto at a cost of £25.00 per year hosting. It was essentially a blog. After discussion it was agreed to contact the various groups listed in CAW to find out if they would be interested in adding their websites to the Crowcombe website. Once interest had been noted and details added, the site would be finalized and then go live. Businesses would be asked to advertise on this site too at a small cost.

13/13 Play Area – a) Grant Funding – Cllr Harbour had received £2,000 from The Co-Operative Group for the play area. This had been the only successful grant funding received. It was agreed that FOCPA now had £12,000 to spend on the final project. Clerk to write to FOCPA with amount before their meeting on Monday 14th January. Clerk had written a thank you letter to Co-Op. b) Maintenance Contract – the clerk had not yet received an invoice for the grass cutting to date. Clerk to contact Mr King again and request an invoice before the year end.

14/13 Minutes of the Planning Site Meeting - The minutes of the site planning meeting held on 30th December 2012 were approved as correct. The Chairman signed the minutes. The PC had no objections to applications 3/07/12/027 and 3/07/12/028.

15/13 Queens Diamond Jubilee - Commemorative suggestions – no other suggestions had been sent to the clerk. After discussion it was agreed to spend the remaining QDJ fund on a mile stone, with the wording Minehead/Taunton. Cllr Lock agreed to obtain a quote in the first instance.

16/13 Civil Contingencies Unit Meeting Update – Cllr Chipp agreed to contact Crowcombe Hall for final details on how they would manage an emergency. Once all details had been received the council would contact the CCU to move this project forward.

17/13 Clerk's Report – a) Annual Parish Assembly – the date agreed was 14th April 2013 at 11.30am following the service of thanksgiving for all the groups and volunteers around Crowcombe. Clerk to put an article in CAW explaining what this meeting was all about to resolve any confusion. b) **Parish Council Meeting Dates:** 21st March, 14th April (APA), 9th May (APCM), 4th July, 5th September, 7th November, 9th January (2014).

18/13 Matters with Permission from Chairman – a) it was agreed to contact Angela Lamplough to obtain the £1,000 from the S106 funding towards the bus shelter project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 21st March 2013 at Church House.