

LOPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in The School Room, Church Street, Lopen 11 June 2018, 7 pm

Present : S Crane (Chairman), S Frackiewicz (Vice Chairman), N Jones, E Moore, V Canton, J Feeney

In attendance : L Wilson - Parish Clerk Members of the Public : 3

The meeting commenced at 7.05 pm.

Public Forum: reference to The Parish Council's recent Internal Auditor's report which recommended limiting the Public involvement to the Public Forum as per Standing Orders and national guidelines

327/18 Apologies : None

328/18 Declaration of Interests, Grants & Dispersations : None

329/18 Approval of Minutes : It was resolved that the Minutes of 24 May 18 be agreed as correct, save for the amendment of the precept figure to £6036; accordingly signed by the Chairman

330/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 24 May : Confirmation on purchase of policy and premium for the Zurich Insurance annual Parish Council insurance

331/18 SID : Presentation by Roger Gurner of SLoW. Mr Gurner confirmed that he was a third of the way to receiving pledges towards his goal of £3500, but wished the Parish Council to pay upfront for the VAT element of the device purchase, which should be subsequently refunded by HMRC, and the training costs for persons to install/remove device. Mr Gurner is keen for an order to be placed in July with installation in August (order lead-ins are typically 6 weeks). The Council indicated this might be optimistic, and that whilst it has taken time to get to this point, the final stage must be legally correct and a sound decision made on the choice of device. Deposit of funds into a separate Parish Council account may be possible, but the meeting of today's date had been arranged specifically for the signing of the Annual Return only, so would need checking. Councillors and the Clerk stated that funds held by a third party would not be appropriate as transparency is essential and accurate records of donations must be kept. The Council indicated that the cost of the device must be clear first, with three quotation options presented (as legally required by Standing Orders), and fund-raising following thereafter. The County Council also have to approve the device. The Chairman agreed that a letter of general intention to SLoW could follow regarding a timescale, but it could not be tied to a specific date.

332/18 Approval of Annual Governance Statement, Section 1 : The document was read by the Chairman and it was resolved to approve and sign accordingly.

333/18 Approval of Annual Accounting Statements, Section 2 : Reviewed and resolved to approve and sign accordingly.

334/18 **HSBC Letter** : Signature of the HSBC pro-forma letter to change the correspondence address.

335/18 **Future Meeting Dates** : Next meeting agreed as 9 July 2018.

336/18 **Any other matters to note** :

- SALC Planning Workshop 27 June: Cllr Jenny Feeney and possibly the Clerk would be attending.
- Councillors discussed the advice request email from another local Parish Council regarding the HGV issues resulting from SatNav directions; how this compared to Lopen and whether Lopen had any input for them. Also the similar email relating to Dowlish Wake's fundraising enquiry for their village pavilion. As administrative matters, the Clerk would respond as per Councillor suggestions.
- No Councillors will be attending/are available for the Area North meeting.
- Footpath Day - Cllr Moore will be placing a short report in the Lopen Eye about the successful recent day and the continued efforts of some helpful residents to keep footpaths clear.
- Cllr Frackiewicz confirmed that about a third of the households of Lopen responded to the recent survey and he will provide survey feedback at the next meeting.
- Angela Naunton-Davies confirmed that 4th August would be the date for the annual Churchyard Clearance.
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The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm

For the purposes of minute taking the meeting was recorded.