

Roborough Parish Council meeting held on the 10th November 2015

Present

Councillor Rob Brown (Chairman)
Councillor Yvonne Isaac (Vice Chair)
Councillor Michael Folland

Councillor John Bowden
Councillor Martyn Hookway

Item 1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Derrick Challacombe.

Item 2 Minutes and Parish Council Meeting held on 1st September 2015.

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

Item 3 Declaration of Interest.

There were no Interests declared.

Item 4 The Chairman will invite any members of the public present to raise any matters of concern with the Parish Councillors.

There were no members of the public present.

Item 5 Matters arising from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 1st September 2015

a Highways update and feedback from Highways Conference

Councillor John Bowden reported that the pot holes and drain blocked drain at Folly Goyle has been dealt with and the drainage of surface water is much improved. The tree branch resting on the telephone wire at Ten Oaks has been removed.

Feedback from Highway's Conference: -

- Devon County Council have a statutory duty to maintain roads.
- Devon was awarded £9.1m from the Pothole Challenge Fund. (Highest amount in England)
- Devon and Somerset Highway department's may combine from 2017.
- The programme to replace street lights with LED lights saved £1m pounds over the last year.
- There is a 3-year ban on utility work on new roads, excluding emergencies.
- There has been a remodelled Lengthman service.
- Grit bins will be maintained for this year.
- Grass cutting will only be done where visibility is affected.
- Over grown hedge's- the first action will be by the Parish Council, who will serve notice and then if no action is taken a letter from County Council stating that the hedge will be cut by the Highway's Department and the bill sent to the owner.
- There will be more information on the Devon Highway's website on planned work to the roads.

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b, Financial report

Current Account	£ 3,176.03
Reserve Account	£ 378.60
NS&I Account	£ 1,669.08

c, Update on Village name signs.

The Village signs have been cleaned by a young person of the Parish as part of her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and daffodil bulbs have been purchased. 150 will be planted at the east end of the Village and 350 will be planted at the west end of the village. The grass cutting contractor will be asked to include in his quote for next year trimming the hedges around village signs and cutting the grass around the base of the signs after the bulbs have finished flowering.

Signs asking motorists to cut their speed will be ordered by the Parish Clerk.

(AP 2015/1 Clerk)

d, Amendment of assets register.

At the last Parish Council meeting the land at the front of the Village Hall (The car park) was added to the Assets Register. On further inquiry and investigation, it has transpired that the land was registered in the name of the Parish Council as Custodian Trustees and this was gifted to the Village Hall as Management Custodians. The asset register will be amended accordingly by the Parish Clerk. (AP 2015/2 Clerk)

Item 6 Correspondence received since 1st September 2015

- After the local ring and ride service stopped last year, Ilfracombe Community Transport Service took over the service. This is a free service for residents of Roborough. However, a letter requesting a donation from the Parish Council to help run this service has been received. As several Parishioners rely on this service, a donation of £100 was proposed by Councillor Rob Brown and seconded by Councillor Michael Folland. A cheque will be forwarded by the Parish Clerk. (AP 2015/3 Clerk)
- Letter from our Member of Parliament Geoffrey Cox asking for signatures on a petition to improve rural roads.
- A letter from Nat West Bank informing the parish Council that the Financial Service Compensation scheme limit will change from 1st January 2016.
- After an email from a Parishioner stating there was confusion about the use of the Village Playing field for exercising dogs. Councillor Rob Brown purchased, and attached a metal sign to the Village Field gate, stating "No Dog's Allowed".

Item 7 New Business

a, Change of bimonthly Parish Council meetings

District Councillor Rose Lock has requested that the Parish Council meetings be changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This will allow her to attend the Parish Council meeting's. This was agreed unanimously by the Parish Councillors.

b, Planning applications.

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1 Role Cottage, Roborough

Erection of new dwelling

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c. Tap Fund.

The Town and Parish Fund will go towards Kitchen equipment for the Village Hall.

d. Precept consideration for 2016/17

It was proposed by Councillor Yvonne Isaac and agreed unanimously that a 2% increase in the Precept for 2016/17 should be applied for.

e. Cheques for signature.

Glasdon – Grit bin	cheque No 000408	£106.80
Cardiac Science – Defib. pads	cheque No 000409	£ 64.70
R Brown – daffodil bulbs	cheque No 000410	£ 41.94
M Baker - Grass cutting contract	cheque No 000411	£425.00
Ifacombe Community Transport	cheque No 000412	£100.00

f. Playground Inspection

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact “Playsafe” for the bi-annual safety inspection. ([AP 2015/4 Clerk](#))

It was agreed that the Field gates should be inspected for signs of decay. Councillor John Bowden will inspect and give feed back at the next meeting.

([AP 2015/5 J Bowden](#))

Councillor Michael Folland agreed to remove the ivy from the Gate Posts.

([AP 2015/6 M Folland](#))

Item 8 Date of next meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on the 19th January 2016

Chairman’s signature.....

Clerks signature.....

Date.....

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