Minutes of North Perrott Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2014 at the Hoskyns Memorial Hall

Present
Jonathan Hoskyns (Chairman), Joanne Cox (Vice-Chair) Enid Hawes, Arthur Burton

In Attendance
Sarah Murphy (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence.
   There was an apology from Cllr. Nigel Pike and Cllr. Ric Pallister, both of which were accepted.

2. Minutes of Meeting Held on
   The minutes from the January meeting were approved and signed.

3. Declarations of Interest
   There were no declarations of interest.

4. Matters of report arising from the previous minutes.
   There were no matters arising.

5. District and County Councillors’ reports (by invitation)
   The Chairman related a report from Cllr. Pallister in which he gave a comprehensive report on all activities relating to the flood relief effort, and confirmed that there is a £100,000 flood relief fund.

   The report also confirmed the main heads of budget, with a total budget of £17.5 million, and that the Council appear to have spending under control.

6. Planning Applications

   6.1 there were two new applications.

      14/00469/FUL: Perrott Hill School have applied to extend their sports hall.

      14/00618/FUL: 15 Middle Street - application to render the south-facing elevation.

   6.2 there were no recent decisions to report

7. Affordable Housing

   The Chairman explained the conclusion of the Affordable Housing survey. There was a 44% response rate, and 43% of those who responded said they would support a small development. There was a small housing need for older residents, and a smaller need for older children. Following assessment of the survey results, the recommendation was that there was no viable need for a Community Land Trust at this time so no referendum is required. It has been decided that the information gathered should be kept on record for future reference.
8. **Highways & Maintenance**

8.1 Cllr. Pike had sent a report through the Clerk. The school drive is being re-surfaced, and Cllr. Pike confirmed that the Council have been notified about the pot holes in Willis Lane and on the pavement.

8.2 Discussion on the village signage was deferred.

9. **Neighbourhood Watch**

There has been poaching activity in the area and quad bikes have been spotted, especially around the farms. There was an incident around Downclose Way.

10. **Speed watch**

There was no further update at this meeting.

11. **Finance**

11.1 **Bank Reconciliation**
The bank reconciliation was presented by the Chairman and was approved by Cllrs.

11.2 **Web hosting**
The Chairman will invoice the Council for the cost of the web hosting.

11.3 **Hire of Village Hall**
A payment of £72 (comprising 6 meetings at a rate of £12 per meeting) was APPROVED for payment to the Village Hall Committee.

11.4 **Approve permission for Clerk to transfer funds between accounts**
The Clerk asked for signatories on the bank accounts to sign a letter to the bank to allow her to transfer funds between accounts without the need for a second signature. Councillors agreed and the letter was duly signed. APPROVED.

Payment APPROVED

11.5 **Clerks Salary & Expenses**
The Clerks salary for January and February was approved.

12. **Correspondence**

**Donation to CAB**
A donation of £50 to support the work of the CAB in the local area was APPROVED. It is considered that the CAB provides a service and facility which is potentially of benefit to anyone and everyone on the community and as such appropriate for a donation from the Council. RESOLVED £50.00 to be paid to CAB.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Shopmobility in Yeovil to thank them for their letter and politely decline to give a donation.

**Village Hall Committee Representative**
Vice-Chair Jo Cox agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

**Meeting Closed 8.04pm. Next Parish meeting Monday 5th May 2014 at 7.30pm.**