North Perrott Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 7th March 2017, 7.30pm at
The Hoskyns Memorial Hall, North Perrott

Present: Cllr’s J. Hoskyns (Chairman), T. Winder (Vice Chairman), E. Hawes, A. Burton, N Pike, L. Gibbons (Parish Clerk).
Members of the Public: 10

1. **Public Open Forum:** We were notified that Oliver Coate will be carrying out some maintenance work in the Churchyard as the Community element of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

   Q - Would the Parish Council consider funding the cost of buying 8 new trestle tables for use at the Village Fete, Apple Weekend and various fundraising events? The cost would be around £208. The old makeshift tables were destroyed last year, as they were unsafe.

   A - We will add this to the May agenda for consideration.

   Q - Will the Parish Council be buying a stone marker for the Haselbury end of the village?

   A - The current budget constraints mean that this is currently not feasible.

   Q - Who is responsible for clearing the drains?

   A - Highways are responsible, but only carry out routine clearance every 2/4 years. We can request and pay for this to be done in between this time, at a cost of £12 per drain. JH has just cleared the drains himself. He reported that he needs to buy a tool which will allow him to empty the pit, and believed that this would be better value than paying Highways to clear individual drains. A member of the public present said he had this tool, and was happy for the Parish Council to borrow it, whenever they needed to.

2. **Apologies for Absence:** C Cllr M. Fysh

3. **Minutes of last Meeting 03/01/17:** Approved and signed as a true and proper record

4. **Matters Arising:** - None

5. **Declaration of Interest:** None
6. **C Cllr’s M Fysh Report** – As previously circulated  
   **D Cllr Pallisters Report** – None received

7. **Planning:**  
   a) No applications received  
   b) No applications were received after publication of the Agenda  
   c) No Planning Decisions received

Mr Sanderson of Wood Dairy, NP, brought in plans that he has submitted for the Parish Council to view. The proposal is to build an extension to the current annexe, in order to make it a two family home. The PC cannot formally consider the plans until we receive them officially from SSDC, however there were no concerns with the plan or design at this time.

8. **Finance:**  
   a) Payments approved;  
      L Gibbons Clerk salary-£273 and expenses-£12.40, SSDC £301.26 Purchase and installation of Bin.  
   b) Bank Reconciliation – Agreed and signed

9. **The Standards and Policies:** The Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment have been reviewed and were formally adopted. These will be updated on our web-site.

10. **Downclose Lane update:** SSDC have carried out work to curbing in this area. The residents are happy with the work, although issues may arise with the width of the road when silage making takes place. JH wishes to explore the possibility of continuing the curbing as far as the pump. We are still waiting for a list of acceptable contractors from SSDC. LG to chase RP.

11. **Bridge at Pipplepen Lane:** Residents will be aware that this area has flooded again. The Landowner eventually responded to our request. He wants confirmation from Network Rail that they will cover the cost of an Agent, who will assess the level of compensation for access to his land in order for works to take place. JH will write to Network Rail to request this confirmation.

12. **Litter Bin for edge of village:** This has been installed and is on the collection route.

13. **Public Phone Box adoption:** BT is currently inundated with requests; hence there are delays in them issuing the confirmation that we are able to proceed with the adoption of the Box. LG to keep chasing.

14. **Defibrillator:** We were given some idea of the costs involved and a discussion was had as to the need and desire for a defibrillator in the village. Likely ongoing costs
are a possible concern, which will also need to be considered. It was decided that this was probably desirable and that EH would obtain definite costs and put forward a proposal for installation at either the Village Hall or in the phone box. The Rotary club has offered to contribute 50% of the cost and NPPC set aside £800 in our 2017/18 budget. This will be presented at the Annual Parish meeting in May for a final decision on how to proceed.

15. **Highways Update:** Potholes were reported on Willis Lane and Church Lane. NP to contact highways. There are 2 areas of road where water settles. When vehicles drive through the puddle, dirty water is slashed up the front of the neighbouring houses. The coach House, attached to Peel House in East Street and Pit Farm, North Perrott Rd A3066. LG to contact highways to ask for action.

16. **Neighbourhood Watch:** No report received.

17. **Speed Watch:** No report received. There are currently 8 members of the speed watch team. They would be extremely grateful if anyone else could spare a small amount of time to join the team.

18. **Matters to report / Correspondence:**
   South Somerset has been specially selected as part of a large-scale test of the census, run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This is an exciting opportunity for local residents to help shape the census that will happen in 2021. Test day is 9 April 2017. Randomly selected households will be sent a letter beforehand with a unique access code to enable them to answer their test questionnaire online quickly and easily – it should take about 10 minutes. There will be census officers working in the area in April and May, and online and telephone help will also be available. Your participation is hugely valued by ONS. It will help develop an online census for 2021 that asks the right questions and gets the maximum response. The more successful the census test is in South Somerset, the more we benefit in future.
   For more information on the 2017 Test: [www.ons.gov.uk/census](http://www.ons.gov.uk/census)

**The Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting and Bi-monthly Parish Council meeting will take place on:** Tuesday 2nd May 2017, 7.30pm at the Hoskyns memorial Hall, North Perrott.

Meeting closed 20:45