

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SYDENHAM DAMEREL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT "REST HARROW", TOWNLAKE ON 16TH MARCH 2016

Present: Tracy Windemer, Barry Isaacs, James Pattison, Claire Brittan, Denise Head, Cllrs. Debo Sellis and Bob Baldwin.

Apologies: Jane Franklin

1. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

2. Matters Arising:

2.1. The Chairman reiterated Cllrs. Baldwin and Sellis the Council's complaint about the bad communications between the Parish Council and Planning Dept. especially in the application concerning Churchtown Farm discussed at the last meeting. Cllr. Baldwin explained that the Department lacked enough staff at present and again advised that any future problems should be referred to him.

2.2. Further to previous discussions on "Our Plan" it was emphasised that other areas, not only West Devon were included in any revision of local development.

3. Planning:

3.1. "Ostashevo", Portington, Lamerton: Proposed erection of dwelling – Appeal dismissed.

3.2. Churchtown Farm, Sydenham Damerel – Change of use of existing orchard to residential curtilage to include retention of existing garden room. – After discussion, there were no objections from the Parish Council.

4. Transparency Code: The website for Sydenham Damerel is ready but Standing Orders have now to be studied before set-up.

5. Broadband: There is a delay in sending out flyers with information on the current status but it was reported that Airband has confirmed a good signal for Sydenham Damerel and there should be some progress this year.

6. Housing Needs Survey: Although an interesting project, it was agreed thought was to be given as to how relevant this would be to the parish e.g. would it give a useful and direct influence on planning matters. Discussions would continue with Alex Rehaag at WDBC.

7. Rural Survey: The Parish Council has been asked to complete a form from Rural Services Network – a national organization speaking for rural areas.

8. Notice Board: It was agreed that new keys will be purchased for the notice board at Horsebridge which may encourage the public to make more use of it.

9. Parking at Culverhill: Requests for better parking has been passed and there has been some improvement.

10. Litter: This still remains a problem and it was advised that sometimes a photograph to WDBC could be useful. However, the Parish Council would like to thank Nick McLaughan for his regular kind efforts in removing litter in Sydenham Damerel.

11. A.O.B:

11.1. Following a very wet winter, it was unanimously agreed that the Highways Dept. had promptly responded to any requests to fill in potholes and generally served the community very well. A message of thanks to that department would be conveyed.

11.2. WDBC has submitted an on-line Survey on Recycling and parishioners are urged to complete this.

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