

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SYDENHAM DAMEREL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT REST HARROW, TOWNLAKE ON 19TH OCTOBER 2016

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

Apologies: Jane Franklin and Stephen Reddicliffe

The Chairman welcomed Peter Rogers who is interested in becoming a new member of the Parish Council.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
2. Matters Arising:
 - 2.1. Kissing Gate at Bartons – This is still in disrepair and DCC Footpaths will be contacted.
 - 2.2. Broadband – It was noted that though there was some way to go before the parish could claim to have better service, there has been some progress and a Newsletter will be distributed throughout the parish urging everyone to apply for appropriate vouchers for planned improved connections.
3. Standing Orders and Policies: These have to be decided and confirmed in view of the Transparency Code procedures, then placed on the parish website. As Sydenham Damerel is a very small parish it was agreed that these need not be lengthy and too involved.
4. Planning: Enforcement Notice – Tuzzies Barn, Moors View, Milton Abbot PL19 OPU – Unauthorised building (garage/store).
5. Audit: The Statement of Account has been approved by the Auditor.
6. Preparation for Winter: The stock of salt/grit acquired for last winter remains safely stored and it was deemed unnecessary to order any extra bags.
7. Future of the Parish Council:

Tracy Windemer reaffirmed her wish to step down as Chairman, in view of her plans to travel and thus be absent from the parish for long periods during the year. Vice Chairman Barry Isaacs is unable to take the position but helpfully offered to step in when necessary. No other members wished to be considered. Denise Head also gave notice that she wished to resign as Parish Clerk. Again, no other members felt able to be considered. It was suggested that the Clerk for Lamerton/Gulworthy might be approached with a view to taking over this position, failing which the post of Clerk would have to be advertised. It was also agreed that it could no longer be considered as a voluntary post and a new Clerk would be paid.

During this discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council needs more Councillors, which may also help in finding a new Chairman.

8. A.O.B:

8.1 Cheque in the sum of £602 was paid to Western Web regarding the supply and installation of a laptop and case, and a printer.

8.2 Townlake sign: The Council is informed this will cost £350 for two signs. Cllr. Baldwin will contact Cllr. Sellis to advise re possible funding.