

SYDENHAM DAMEREL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019 at
7pm in St Mary's Church, Sydenham Damerel.

Present: - Cllr B Isaacs, Cllr M Hurdwell, Cllr J Pattison, Cllr S Reddicliffe, Cllr C Brittan

In Attendance: - Cllr Neil Jory (WDBC) M Forster Clerk

		Action
1	Apologies for absence No apologies	
2	Declarations of interest relating to matters on the Agenda Cllr Isaacs declared an interest in respect of item 6. ii	
3	Members of the Public Open Forum - Questions No members of the public present.	
4	Approval of Minutes of the previous Meeting Minutes of the previous meetings, held on 19 th September 2019, were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.	
5	WDBC Update Cllr Jory updated the meeting on the following issues; The Council Tax Support Grant will be withdrawn at the next budget – for SDPC this a relatively minor sum of £13 in 2020/21. The Council tax increase is to be limited to 2% or £5, WDBC will probably be opting for the £5 increase. WDBC now has a 4-year strategy. The overall aim is to be more outward looking whilst continuing to deliver cost effective and efficient services in the following areas; Environment – better recycling, carbon reduction, climate emergency etc Housing – new developments at Lamerton and Brentor Economy – inward investment, carbon-free farming with NFU involvement Health & Wellbeing – e.g. Rural Fuel Poverty Grants etc Communities- tailoring services to local need e.g. Tavistock Parking Charges	
6	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting i) Village Notice Board (Previous minute 6.i refers) The Clerk confirmed that the replacement Notice Board is almost complete and will probably be installed after the Dec election notices expire. An update will be given at the next meeting. ii) Accessibility requirements for Public Sector websites & apps (previous minute 6.ii refers) On the basis that opposing views between Cllrs remain on this issue it was agreed that a vote be taken to reach a resolution. The motion to accept the Westernweb Ltd quotation and have the necessary work carried out prior to the compliance deadline was carried by 3 to 1 and the Clerk was instructed to confirm with Westernweb Ltd. iii) Public Access Defibrillator(s) for the Parish (previous minute 7.iv refers) After some discussion on the potential adoption of Telephone Boxes to house AEDs it was decided that it would be prudent to first investigate funding sources. Cllr Issacs suggested that Locality funding might be available and Cllr Jory agreed to look into the current funding situation and advise the Clerk accordingly.	Clerk Clerk Cllr Jory

	<p>iv) Maintenance of Parish Assets (previous minute 7.v refers)</p> <p>The Clerk has contacted Mr Windemer re the bench at the crossroads. After inspection the bench has been found to be structurally sound and, given it's heavy construction, is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>With regard to the Horsebridge Notice Board it was agreed that it would benefit from re-varnishing and Cllr Pattison volunteered to contact local tradesmen for quotes.</p> <p>With regard to the Telephone Boxes in Sydenham Damerel and Horsebridge, the Clerk was asked to contact BT to request maintenance to be carried out and to obtain usage information if possible.</p>	<p>Cllr Pattison</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7	<p>New Business</p> <p>i) Draft Budget 2020/21</p> <p>After a short discussion on potential expenditure in 2020/21 it was agreed that the Precept amount can be maintained at £1800 and that the Clerk should produce a balanced draft budget for circulation to Cllrs prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
8	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that there are no current planning applications requiring PC consideration.</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that a thank you letter has been received from Citizens Advice (TNMWD) in respect of SDPC donation.</p>	
10	<p>Income & Expenditure</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed income and expenditure since the last meeting as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Expenditure £731.14 ii) Income £0 iii) Current Liabilities £0 iv) Balance c/f - £4611.86 	
11	<p>Dates of next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th January 2020</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Accepted as a correct record _____ Date

Signed _____ Chairman