

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SYDENHAM DAMEREL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT REST HARROW, TOWNLAKE ON TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL 2017

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

New Member: The Parish Council welcomed Peter Rogers who was co-opted as a new member.

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

2. Matters Arising: Vacancy – Parish Clerk/Financial Officer - It was reported that only one application was received in spite of strong advertising. Arrangements will be made to interview the applicant as soon as possible.

3. Broadband: Relevant equipment to be installed at Beera Farm has been delayed by Airband because of bulk-buying for other areas.

4. TSB Financial Compensation: Letter from TSB Busines informs the Parish Council that we may not be covered by Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). On advice from the DALC it is likely, that as a small authority, we are. The Council's present accountancy procedure will continue as before.

5. Planning:

5.1 Parklands, Sydenham Damerel – Application for porch and extension. There were no problems with this and the application was supported by the Parish Council.

5.2 Tuzzies Barn, Tuell. – Application for Change from Holiday Let to Residential. This application has been on-going for some time and required much discussion. Cllr. Baldwin offered various points to be considered for such a proposal, e.g. demonstration of the need for agricultural ties, financial viability, tied property etc. A member of the Council will report any comments from neighbours to this property.

<u>6. Authorisation of cheques:</u>	Membership of DALC	- £57.63
	Citizens Advice, Tavistock	- £15.00
	St. Mary's Church	
	Sydenham Damerel	- £50.00
	Clerk's expenses	- £16.90

7. Precept: Applied for on 27.1.17 - £1800 plus £15 Council Tax support grant.

8. Annual Assembly: Suggestions discussed for Speaker at this meeting, which should be held in June. There followed a discussion regarding the correct title and organisation of this annual meeting. It is in fact an Annual Parish Meeting, not necessarily involving the Parish Council. In view of this uncertainty, the Council will contact the Devon Assoc. of Local Councils for advice.

9. Local Plan: It was confirmed that Sydenham Damerel can now be regarded as a Sustainable Village. This means that 10 properties could be added within the parish. Cllr. Baldwin explained that other similar parishes have completed a “Neighbourhood Plan” but this would not necessarily apply to ours as consideration would be given to the fact that Sydenham Damerel is in an AONB, which is always a safeguard in further development issues. Also the task of completing such a Plan may not work because of low population. We can still be involved in completing the Plan but Cllr. Baldwin advised that it wasn’t necessary; the Parish Council could communicate its acceptance of the findings of the Local Plan.

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.