

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FILLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT FILLEIGH
VILLAGE HALL ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

Present were: Mr Watts, Mr Hewitt, Mr Rowe, Mr Smalley, Mrs Roberts, Mr Edgell (DCC) and Mr White (NDC) also three parishioners.

Apologies: Mr Cook, Mrs Norden and Mrs Cook (Clerk)

16. Problems in the Village: Parishioners were concerned that development in Hill Village was given the go ahead without Filleigh Parish Council being aware of the plans. The Chairman said the Parish Council will object to any development unless the road is widened and a pavement provided. Mr Smalley suggested a unified approach to all the businesses along the road and the Chairman agreed to contact all. It was hoped to get a reduction in the speed limit. Parishioners living along the road were concerned about speeding lorries, with debris falling off them. Mr White said to contact him if there are any concerns re planning in the future. Jean Watkins was to be contacted to make sure Filleigh Parish Council was informed of any plans for development for Hill Village in the future.

17. Fly Tipping in the Village: There had been an incident of fly tipping in the village. The culprits name was to be passed to the environment agency and the Chairman would also see the culprit. Environment agency to clean it up.

18. Minutes of the meeting held on 19/05/15 signed as correct similarly minutes of the special meeting held on 01/06/15 signed as correct.

19. Matters Arising: Broadband Connection. Mr Skinner and Mr Smalley thanked for co-ordinating a petition for faster broadband for the village. The petition was to go to the local MP. Mr Edgell asked to be kept informed.

20. Tap Fund (with Goodleigh) had been settled.

21. Accounts for Last Year had been approved and signed. Chairman asked for this to be noted (as advised by Grant Thornton) High Level of Reserves “we note the council holds a high level of reserves. Approx four times the annual precept for 2014/15. The council should consider the level of general reserves required to reduce the level of reserves in future years if necessary”

22. War Memorial: had been cleaned but lettering still to be done. Parish Community Fund had contributed £224.07 towards costs.

23. Village Hall. Defibrillator: This was still being discussed by the hall committee. Mr Edgell said there could be a grant from DCC.

24. Village Hall Extension: the Chairman had been asked for support for an extension to the hall by Tanya Hussell. The Chairman agreed to write a letter to help obtain grants.

25. Mrs Roberts gave her report as village hall rep.

26. Affordable Housing. Mr Smalley said that plans were still being considered.

27. Father Christmas Outfit: This had been ordered at a cost of £37.77 to be paid out of community fund and to be worn by Norman Richards.

28. Tourist Information Centre South Molton had asked for a grant. All in favour, Mr Hewitt proposed a £50 donation and this was seconded by Mr Smalley.

29. Community News. A donation of £20 was proposed by Mr Smalley and seconded by Mrs Roberts.

30. Cheques: St Pauls Church grant £400.00, Filleigh Village Hall £40 balance of grant, Mrs V Cook (half year salary) £175.00, Community News £20.00, Tourist Information Centre £50.00 Proposed by Mr Hewitt, seconded by Mr Smalley.

31. Somersault Festival: Due to the wet weather, mud was still on the road. Mr Smalley was to see it was cleaned up. Also, there is a lot of water on the road between the Saw Mills and the cricket pitch. The Chairman was to investigate.

32. Mr Edgell gave his report. Improvements to the link road at last being looked at.

33. Mr White gave his report. There is a vacancy on the Ethics Committee for two PC members if anyone from Filleigh is interested. Hospital beds in the local area were being looked at again after a consultation by North Devon Healthcare Trust had ended.

The chairman thanked all for coming and the date for the next meeting 14/12/15.

