

## MERTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Clinton Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Apologies were received from Councillor Scantlebury

Present were Councillors Horner (chair), Collins, Papworth, Down Malcolm and Nancekivell, the clerk Mrs Wendy Askew and Mr Peter Halstead chair of Meeth Parish Council

Councillor Horner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

84. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were signed as a true record having been previously circulated. Proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Down and agreed by all councillors present.

85. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

a) TAP fund. The clerk has received confirmation from TDC re money due from previous application which amounts to £905. The application is being sent to TDC for this year. This should be at least £659 but there is a possibility of using Huish allowance.

b) Update on the planning application for the property development behind the Malt Scoop. Councillor Horner reported that everything was moving forward.

c) Councillor Horner reported on buying a laptop for use by the clerk, to include Office package and backup. This had been discussed at a previous meeting as it will be needed when planning applications are sent by e mail only. This would be approximately £500 - £600 this was proposed by Councillor Horner seconded by Councillor Malcolm and agreed by all councillors present. Councillor Horner will purchase the equipment and Councillor Papworth has agreed to set it up with the new e mail address etc.

86. Public Speaking Time; Peter Halstead declined to speak.

87. District Councillor speaking time; Councillor Collins spoke about the new legislation on more leniency to converting farm buildings to housing.

88. Rights of Way; there is no update on the footpaths. Awaiting correspondence from CDE.

89. Website Hosting; the invoice has been received from Colin Jones re hosting of the website. Councillor Papworth was asked to negotiate a better deal and find out more details as to what the fee is for. He will report back and then if in agreement payment can be made to Mr Jones for this service.

90. Council election papers were passed out to the councillors present. It was reiterated that papers must include electoral roll numbers which can be obtained from the clerk and all papers must be hand delivered to TDC in Bideford. The two councillors absent will be given their election papers.

91 Correspondence;

a).A letter was received from CAB asking for a donation towards their work. It was reported that 29 people had used the service from the Clinton Ward area which is approximately 1200 residents. It was decided not to donate at this time.

b) Winkleigh Morris Dancers have asked for permission to use the square for parking cars overnight during their weekend 15/16<sup>th</sup> May 2015. There will be no caravans or sleeping in the vehicles. It was decided after discussion to allow them to buy permits at £1 per permit for this event. Councillor Horner and the clerk will assess the square to see how many cars could be accommodated an estimate of 25 was suggested. It is important that residents are not inconvenienced at all. It was decided to review the parking permits at the next meeting.

92. The next meeting date will be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 8.00pm which will be the AGM followed by an ordinary council meeting unless anything arises which needs earlier more urgent attention. This will be the first meeting after the elections.

93 It was decided to hold the Annual Parish meeting in June this year because of the parish elections. It was suggested asking a representative from the CDE to talk on footpaths, woodlands etc.

94. Items for the next meeting to include parking permits, Churchyard fund, date for Annual Parish meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20pm