



Dulverton Town Council

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The Clerk

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Minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 16th July 2019 commencing at 4.00pm, in the Council Office, Lady Street, Dulverton.

Present: Councillors: Mr Keith Coulman; Mrs Christine Dubery; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr Allan Ottey; Mrs Margaret Rawle and Mr Piers Wood.

Apologies: None

Election of Chairman:

Mr Coulman was proposed as Chairman by Mrs Dubery and seconded by Mr Wood. There were no other nominations. Mr Coulman was elected unanimously.

Deferment of business for comment by the public: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Matters Arising:

War Memorial:

The Clerk reported that three further names have been carved onto the memorial, Hayes, Gunney and Lynch.
No further work has been undertaken.

Church Yard Railings:

It was confirmed by Cllr. Coulman that the necessary work is to be carried out this week.

The Paddock adjacent to The Lion Car Park:

The Clerk reported that a further offer had been made for the land as per member's instructions pointing out that it would be unwise for DTC to risk the excess use of public funds in this case, bearing in mind the results of historical planning applications. No response has been received to date.

Correspondence: None

Matters to Report with permission of the Chairman:

Bus Shelter: Cllr. Wood has begun work attempting to remove the graffiti. Various alternative ideas are being considered and costed concerning the prevention of further incidents of this nature.

Historic Signpost Project: The project now encompasses wall mounted signs. Cllr. Wood is undertaking the work required.

Weed Spraying: The first treatment has been undertaken.

Flower Display: The Clerk reported that the Groundsman is to take down the baskets situated at Kings Corner, which are suffering due to lack of water. If recoverable they will hung elsewhere. Alternative arrangements will be made regarding a floral display at Kings Corner for future years.

Drinking Water Fountain – Cllr. Parrish proposed that one be situated outside the public toilets. It would encourage the re-use of plastic bottles.
Clerk to obtain details of cost of water.
Cllr. Parrish to investigate the cost of a water fountain.
Cllr. Ottey to investigate possible funding etc.

Catholic Church: The Residential Centre requires disabled access and needs work to be undertaken on the outside of the building. The constitution of the Charity determines that the facility is used for educational purposes only for those in the Catholic community, but apparently it is not well used. According to the Catholic Church the retention of the facility is not financially viable and propose to close it.

At a recent consultation meeting it was pointed out that the facility is an integral part of the community, bringing young people to the area and impacting on the financial sustainability of the Town.

Members agreed that a representative from the Catholic Church is invited to the next Town Council meeting to enable an exchange of views.

Lorna Doone Event – June 2019: Members reported that the event appears to have been a considerable success, having received some very positive feedback from many who attended.

The accounts are not yet finalised, but it is anticipated that there will exist a surplus which will be ring-fenced to meet future costs of enhancing Exmoor Lawns for public use.

Date of next meeting: To be determined.

Chairman.....

