

Report of the Parish Council Meeting: 8 November 2012

Present: Cllrs. Mrs S Darling, M Darling, C Spear, G Tamlyn, T Bigge, R May, C Latham

Apologies: Cllrs J Glanville, C Wallis

In Attendance: PCSO Kingdon, Cllr J Tucker (from 20.15), M J Measures

Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting 11 October were agreed and signed as a true record

Police Report: PCSO Kingdon said there had been a theft of seven lambs from a farm in Marwood and also several burglaries reported in Braunton. He urged the public to be vigilant about the security of their property. (He left the meeting at 19.52)

Planning: No applications received

Finance: Balance £11,093.79 (includes half-year precept and grant).

Payments were agreed for Clerks' Salary, Audit Fee and Poppy Appeal.

The Clerk was instructed to invest a further £80,000 for the Community Hall Trust.

Councillors Reports: Cllr Mrs Darling said repair work to footpath 28 cannot take place until the weather permits: the ground is too wet.

Cllr Spear commented that the drains in Milltown on the B3230 have still not been cleared in spite of several requests to DCC. He said this part of the road is subject to flooding due to the blocked drains and will cause serious problems if it freezes. Cllr Latham will contact DCC again.

Cllr May attended a Community Hall Management Committee meeting on 6 November and said there is still a problem regarding the use/ownership of the access lane to the school; it would appear that it is unregistered. He said there is still a lot of work to be done and a request has been made to the CIC for grant.

Rural Alliance: the Council agreed to pay up to £20 for the hire of the church hall for a meeting of the Alliance next year.

TAP Fund: The Clerk explained the proposed joint-project with four other Parishes for the clearing of weeds and gullies along certain roads. The Fund, from DCC/NDC provides £1.10 per elector.

District Councillor Report: Cllr Tucker commented on the continuing investigation into the noise and flooding caused by the wind farm. He said there is a joint Retail & Leisure study with Torrington District Council for future needs for 2032.

The meeting closed at 20.27

M J Measures (Clerk to the Council)