

PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Baxter Hall on
Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Cllrs present: I Fisher (Chair), M Busby (Vice Chair), J Jeffs, A Hunkin,
D Kelsey, J Harris, Cllr A Saywell, DCllr R Wiseman, F Lowe (Clerk), 1
member of the public

45. **Apologies of Absence.** Cllr Pink has tendered her resignation due to moving home. PCSO M Baker did not attend.
46. **Declarations of Interest.** None
47. **Public Session.** None
48. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 28th November 2018 and the Planning Meeting of 18th December 2018, having been previously circulated were approved and signed as a correct record.
49. **Cllr Saywell report.** With the permission of the chair, Cllr Saywell gave his report. There is extra funding for highways of £18.75m for capital spending which includes patching, bridges, A roads and possibly minor rural roads but does not include repairing potholes. It is currently Budget setting time at Councils. Children's Services have an overspend of £8-10m but the overall projected overspend for the council is £4.8m. £14m have been put into reserve account, so there is money available to accommodate the overspend and DCC is in a better than some county councils. There will be more money in the budget for Children's Services. DCC have statutory responsibilities for any kind of support and cover those aged up to 25 years of age. Cllr Saywell left to attend another meeting.
50. **Correspondence.** Cllrs agreed that they had received the correspondence as listed from 21st November 2018 to 10th January 2019 inclusive.
51. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**
 - a. The Siebelco signs have not yet been erected, despite assurance that they would be. **Clerk to contact Siebelco** and enquire what the delay is.
 - b. Phone Box. Following a discussion, it was still undecided what use the phone box could have. It was decided to leave it empty.
 - c. Signs at Petrockstowe Station. The signpost at the Tarka Trail is broken and is laying on the ground. Highways have agreed to re-cement into the ground. No further information on the review of safety queries raised. **Clerk to chase.**
 - d. Grit bins. All have been recently checked and are full.
 - e. GDPR. The Clerk advised that work is ongoing to update the Data Protection Policy and provide consent forms covering the website and newsletter.
 - f. No 4 The Square. TDC has not responded to emails. **Cllr Wiseman offered to investigate.**
52. **Current Business.**
 - a. Budget Precept. Cllr Fisher proposed that the Clerk's salary is increased by 75p per hour to £9.75 to bring it closer to the national average. Both Cllr Busby and Jeffs seconded. **Cllr Fisher to advise TDC.** There was a discussion on the various costs to

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the Parish including the possibility that the Parish Council will have to contribute towards Election costs. The defibrillator pads need replacing as out of date. **Cllr Fisher to source.** It was proposed by Cllr Fisher to increase the precept to £4,300. Seconded by Cllrs Kelsey and Busby.

- b. Potholes at Berry Cross and between Eastwood, Huxditch and Rosebank on Sheepwash Road. **Cllr Hunkin is to report these online and advise Clerk.**
- c. Annual Parish Meeting. This will be on 16th April 2019. Following a discussion about speakers; **Cllr Kelsey** will approach Rev. Metz, **Cllr Fisher** will approach Tony Hunt and **Cllr Wiseman** will enquire at TDC.

53. Councillors Reports.

- a. **PSSC.** Cllr Kelsey advised that it is a quiet time of year. With no grazing sheep, the grass is in better condition but mossy. The next meeting is on 31 January when dates for events for the year will be discussed.
- b. **Play Area.** Visual checks have been completed and the ROSPA inspection will be in March.
- c. **Baxter Hall.** The Ladies toilets are in the process of being redecorated, and some 'touch-up' in the kitchen. At an extraordinary meeting, it was decided that a surveyor be bought in to provide a proper report on the roof. Baxter Hall are asking villagers to sign up and village groups to write letters of support to use when applying for grants to repair the roof which could cost £30,000. It is anticipated that the hall will have to close temporarily while the work is done. There is a Big Breakfast this Saturday.
- d. **District Report.** TDC are compiling a list of play/sports areas within TDC to help them plan for the future. There is a dragon's den style project for small traders to provide help and advice with a potential to create further employment. Subsidised loans will be available to Landlords for required new energy efficiency regulations when tenancies are renewed. There is an increase in the cost of parking permits.
- e. **Police Report.** None

54. Financial Items.

Clerks expenses of £48.53 were agreed. Cheque no 381 signed by Cllrs Fisher and Hunkin.

Precept grants for village organisations were discussed. All were in favour to increase amounts slightly. Cllr Hunkin proposed that the Churchyard should have £275, seconded by Cllr Fisher. £250 for Baxter Hall was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllrs Jeffs and Kelsey. £15 for Citizens Advice was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Fisher. The PTFA at Clinton School had been approached but had not responded.

A Planning Meeting will be held on 19th February 2019 if required and the next Parish Council Meeting is on 19th March 2019.

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman Date

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