

Present

Apologies

Absent

Mr A Rickard (Chairman)

Mr P Denard

Mr P Butterworth

Mr P Ley

Mr A Clements

Mr E Staines

Mr F Courtenay

Mr C Webber

Mr D Eastabrook

Mr B Millar

Mrs L Hellyer (County Councillor)

The Chairman noting a Quorum was present declared the meeting open.

The Chairman asked all Councillors to stand to hold a minutes silence in memory of the Late District Councillor Sam Robinson. Chairman gave thanks to Councillor Robinson for all his Hard work as a County Councillor & District Councillor over the years and for the funding He managed to secure for both halls during his time in office.

Item 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Denard, Ley, Staines & Webber.

Item 2 TO CONSIDER & APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

ON 10 January 2018. These were approved as correct at the meeting, but Councillor Easterbrook felt the situation of the toilet being used by Church Goers was still unresolved. He was against parting with a key to the hall as he felt in Winter if the water was turned off and then turned on, there was a risk it would be forgotten and not turned off. It was agreed a meeting would be held to discuss the matter. To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Item 3 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING not covered by following Agenda

Items. Councillor Courtenay pointed out, for the amount of time spent working on roads, far more should have been done, it recently took over a week for a job that could have been done in a day. Drain by Councillor Eastabrooks has been blocked for 2 years, despite it being reported a number of times, the flood by Councillor Ley's has had nothing done to it since the Road was done in the 60's. A lot of unnecessary work has been done on bye roads but nothing done where it is needed on the main roads. Councillor Hellyer informed the Council to report any complaints on the DCC website but it is a bit of a problem pin pointing the area as roads are not marked on the

map, and then, they can only be filled when then reach a certain size. Email any list to Councillor Hellyer and she will attempt to get it looked at. Scansa sounded very good when they gave their original report to TDC but are not living up to what they said. Problems must be kept being reported.

Item 4

REPORT

4.1 Visiting County Councillor

Chairman welcomed Councillor Hellyer to the meeting. Councillor Hellyer started to recap on the bus shelter but was told it was too expensive for the Parish Council to proceed. It was suggested the lane Down to Lashingcott Farm was in line to be tarmacked but Councillor Hellyer was told it would take most of the budget and the money would be better spent elsewhere in the Parish. Torridge Bridge should be completed by the end of April and the other end will be commenced in October. If verges are left uncut the landowner will receive a hedge notice reporting 'overgrown vegetation'. She will receive funding in May and happy for suggestions on how it should be spent. Councillor Clements suggested getting Broadband to Huntshaw. Councillor Hellyer wondered if it was worth considering refurbishing the phone box which now holds books for hire. Devon County Council, Torridge District Council & Bideford Town Council spent in the region of £200,000 between them on resurfacing Mill Street, Bideford recently she said when it has been driven on for some time, white sparkles will show through. Chairman thanked her for attending.

4.2 District Councillor

There was none.

4.3 Parish Clerk

Nothing to report.

Item 5

QUESTIONS

Councillor Clements pointed out during the recent snow he had contacted our Snow Warden Councillor Staines and asked if he could arrange to clear the snow from Alverdiscott down as far as Ratcliffs at Webbery, in no time at all he had sent 2 men with a telly handler and Tractor, borrowed a spreader from Ollie Symons for the salt and had the Road cleared so Mr Ratcliff could get his milk out which he had been unable to do for 3 days. Unfortunately the spreader had got damaged, it was decided to write to Councillor Staines to thank him for all the hard work and ask if the Parish Council could pay something towards the 4 hours of man power and towards the cost of repair to the Spreader. Councillor Hellyer said it cost in the region of £400 to fill one of the salt bins.

Item 6

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT DISCRETION OF CHAIRMAN

Nothing further to report.

- Item 7 FINANCE
- 7.1 Consider and authorise Schedule of Payments
- 1.1 Payment to Parish Clerk
- Travel Expenses to 31.03.2018 £30
- Administration Costs-Ink Cartridge £32
- 1.2 Approval of payment of insurance to Cam & Co £330 (inc
 £50 administration costs)
- All in favour
- Item 8 PLANNING
- 8.1 Examination Committee Report
- Councillor Butterworth said he would contact Torridge District
 Council and see if there was any update on Hyleward.
- All in favour.
- Item 9 FIX THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING to be held in Alverdiscott Hall
 On Wednesday 9th May 2018.

Signed: A Rickard

This 11th Day of May

2018

