

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD ON

Thursday 13th February from 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs: Henk Boeijink (Chairman), Peter Doyle, William Knapman, Angus Howie,
Peter Cobbledick.

Also present: Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing, WDBCllr. Patrick Kimber.

1) Election of meeting chairman and signing of oath of office.

Cllr. Boeijink was elected to the chair. Cllr. Boeijink signed the oath of office of chairman.

2) Receive apologies of absence. Duncan Smart, WDBCllr. Clare Kemp.

3) Declarations of Interest and dispensations:

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any). None.

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. None.

4) Draft minutes of 14 November 2019

were resolved as an accurate record, and signed by the chairman.

5) Other items for discussion:

a) Neighbourhood plan : current status

Cllr. Knapman reported that a writer for the final phase of the plan is in readiness, the remaining issue being to raise finance of approximately £2500. Groundworks have been approached for a grant and a reply is awaited.

b) Village Footpath proposal : current footpath maps from DCC

Cllr. Cobbledick reported that no progress has been made since the last meeting due to personal work commitments. Councillors will continue to investigate possible routes with landowners.

c) Annual donations for Churchyard maintenance and Village Hall.

Donations of £150 each to the PCC and Village Hall:

Proposed: Cllr. Howie, seconded Cllr. Doyle. Vote: Unanimous.

6) Planning: Any applications received since agenda produced. None.

7) Finance:

a) Transfer payment of £10 for hall hire was agreed and transfer authority was signed by the chairman.

b) Transfer payments authority for any donations in 5 (c) were signed by the chairman.

c) Third quarter accounts review: October 2019 to January 2020 and bank reconciliation for year to 31 January 2020.

That the third quarter accounts be reviewed and accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr. Doyle, seconded: Cllr. Cobbledick. Vote: Unanimous.

The chairman and clerk signed the bank reconciliation.

8) Any other items appropriate to the parish or matters arising at the discretion of the chairman.

Councillors discussed the poor state of the ditches and highway drains in the parish. A recent e-mail from Highways stated that ditches were not their responsibility but that of the landowners. Councillors will report any deficient drainage issues to the clerk, who will then report them to Devon CC and to Highways. The provision of a road-grit bin near the bus shelter will also be investigated.

Date of next meeting: 14 May 2020 Close of meeting 9.05pm

Chairman's signature..... Date