

PETROCKSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Baxter Hall on
Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm.

CLRs present: I Fisher (Chair), A Hunkin, D Kelsey
J Richards, CCLr A Saywell, F Lowe (Clerk),

45. **Apologies of Absence.** Cllr Jeffs - away. Cllr Busby – work commitments. Cllr Harris – unwell. DCllr R Wiseman sent apologies. PCSO 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 19th November 2019, having been previously circulated were approved and signed by Cllr Fisher as a correct record.
49. **Correspondence.** CLRs agreed that they had received the correspondence as listed from 14th November 2019 to 15th January 2020 inclusive and had no comments.
50. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**
 - a. **Torrington 100.** The Clerk confirmed that details had been sent to the Petrockstowe News for inclusion.
 - b. **Air Ambulance Landing Site.** Cllr Fisher has had no response from DAA and as the PC were unsure whether to proceed; this item will be on hold unless contact is made.
 - c. **Phone Box.** As no use has currently been decided; this item is closed.
 - d. **Bus Shelter Repairs.** A quote of £155 was agreed. **Cllr Fisher** to contact Dorian.
 - e. **Recreation Ground signs.** All now fitted.
 - f. **Website Accessibility.** **Cllr Wiseman** was not present - carried forward.
 - g. **Book of Condolence.** The **Clerk** provided 3 quotes and was instructed to purchase a Book of Remembrance (not Condolence).
 - h. **Tarka Trail.** In the recent stormy weather, 2 trees have fallen – 1 totally and 1 hanging in the canopy. **Clerk** to contact Highways to advise.
 - i. **Drains on Aish Hill.** 2 of these are totally blocked – Cllr Saywell was able to advise that a jetting order is out but there is a huge backlog so timescale unknown, possibly March. In the freezing conditions, it is causing the road to become dangerous and like an “ice rink”. Check situation in March.
51. **Current Business.**
 - a. **Budget / precept.** The Clerk has checked which powers are available for the PC to help the hall which still needs £19k to replace the roof. Recent repairs have not solved the problem. It was agreed to keep the precept at £4,300 and to give the Baxter Hall £750, Citizens Advice £50 and Okehampton District Community Transport Group £50. The Church yard accounts are to be forwarded to all CLRs, and a provisional amount of £275 will be discussed in March.
 - b. **Annual Parish Meeting.** It was agreed to follow the same format as last year, with the Clerk inviting local groups and parishioners.
52. **Planning.** None.

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53. **Councillors Reports.**

- a. **PSSC.** Equipment has been stored for the winter. Boundary hedges cut. Date of AGM will be announced soon.
- b. **Baxter Hall.** None
- c. **Footpaths.** Tarka Trail is generally not horse friendly – gates are weight loaded. **Clerk** to email J Baker and cc Cllrs Saywell and Richards.
- d. **County Report.** Work will continue at the Tarka Trail until the end of January for the road crossing and vehicle crossing. County Council are trialling a new parking scheme allowing NHS workers 1 hour on double yellow lines in no other parking available. Fire Service proposals – new pay for on-call retained firefighters which will help stations with flexible crewing. New duty/shift pattern is hoped to free up firefighters to do more preventative work. Still some ongoing negotiations and possible closures. Aim is to make sure the right resources are in the right areas. Budget setting – going up to £541 million with 10% for Adult Social Care, 5% for Children and 5.1% on Highways. Council Tax increase not yet known and probably 2% increase for Adult Social Care. Possible local government reorganisation in pipeline.
- e. **District Report.** None.
- f. **Police Report.** None.

54. **Financial Items.**

- a. **Clerks Expenses.** £35.56 agreed. To be paid by bank transfer.

If required, a Planning Meeting will be held on 18th February 2020 and the Parish Council Meeting is on 17th March 2020 at 7.30pm. Cllr Fisher gave her apologies for March.

The meeting went into Part 2 at 8.55pm.

Chairman Date

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