

**Minutes of the March Meeting of Clovelly Parish Council held online
7.30pm on Tuesday 9th March 2021**

Present: Chairman Cllr C West, Vice-Chair Cllr J Davey, D Garnett, J Goulding, C Huxtable, S Perham, N Sanders, P Slee
Devon County Council (DCC) Cllr T Inch
Torrige District Council (TDC) Cllr A Dart & Cllr S Harding
8 members of the public
Mr T Watkins & Mr C Leaworthy, Airband

1. Apologies: Cllr Tucker (online access problem)
2. Open Forum & Airband presentation:
Mr Watkins & Mr Leaworthy gave details of and answered questions about the new government backed broadband provision service now available in the area: details available online and from the Clerk
Clovelly Waste Collection:
Clovelly residents attending the meeting gave initial responses to the letter from TDC, which had been circulated before the meeting (item 5); concerns were expressed about the current collection service provided by Clovelly Estate and the lack of involvement by TDC to try to resolve the issue
3. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Goulding & Perham for item 5, Waste & Recycling
4. Minutes of the February meeting and February extraordinary meeting to be agreed and signed as a correct record of those meetings: proposed Cllr Slee; seconded Cllr Garnett; all those attending that meeting in agreement
5. Matters arising from the February minutes:
Street lighting: response from DCC Street Lighting Team
 - Fuses had been replaced but had failed; some units need replacing
 - Specialist access equipment needed to reach units
 - Agreed with Clovelly Estate that all lanterns will be replaced but still in planning stage as restricted access means this will be major works

Clovelly Waste and Recycling: responses from Torrige District Council:
A letter of response from Sean Kearney, Head of Communities and Place TDC, was discussed
It was decided to hold an Extraordinary meeting on March 16th at 7.30pm to allow more residents a chance to look at the responses made by TDC and then present any comments to the Parish Council.
Representatives from TDC and Clovelly Estate to be invited

Letters to DCC re funding and road repairs:
Acknowledgement from Mr Phil Norrey, DCC to CPC request for funding allocation information; full response to follow
Letter from DCC Highways sent on behalf of Cllr Stuart Hughes in response to CPC request for Highways repair information; full letter circulated to all Councillors and kept on CPC files
6. Parish Clerk vacancy:
Clerk gave notice of intention to resign, last day to be 30th April. Clerk to circulate vacancy details for Councillors to distribute; details to be put on website and social media
7. Highways: no new issues raised
8. Correspondence:
News items from County & District Councils circulated separately via email
9. Accounts
Clerk's salary March: £179.52
Bank transfer approval of two signatories required in addition to Council approval of payment
Proposed to pay the above account: Cllr Garnett; seconded Cllr Goulding; all in agreement
All signatories in agreement

10. Reports from County, District and Parish Councillors

Cllr Inch (DCC):

- Council Tax will be increased by 4.99% (1.99% CT & 3% Adult Care Provision)
- Cllr Inch voted against the increase and thought that some of the DCC reserve funds could be utilised
- DCC is promoting 'Purchase Devon' encouraging people to buy products produced in Devon

Cllr Harding(TDC):

- Council Tax increase equates to a £5 per annum increase at Band D
- Cllr Garnett asked about the level of TDC Financial Reserve and what the purpose of the Reserve is – Cllr Harding to respond at next meeting

Cllr Dart (TDC):

- Voted against the increase in CT; local councils have received extra central government funding recently and TDC has a healthy Financial Reserve

Cllr Davey:

- Clovelly Roundabout Project: DCC Highways mentioned last year that work was to be done to the A39 near the roundabout and that improvements to the area could possibly be done at the same time; agenda item for April

11. Items not already on the agenda, at Chair's discretion: no items raised

12. Date of next meeting: 13th April 2021