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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill**

**Present:** Mrs C Dawson – Chairman, Mr L Allan, Mr R Birch, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr B Bowshall, Mr S Ford (arrived at 7.15pm), Mr A Hossack, Mrs H Molyneux and the Clerk

**1. To Receive Apologies for Absence**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Mr Blunt, Miss Gregory and Mrs Kirkpatrick

**2. To Receive Declarations of Interest (*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should one become apparent*)**

None

**3. Adoption of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Resolved** to approve and duly signed – *with the amendment that Mr Hossack had queried the state of the roundabout at the Cross Keys again. Clerk replied that GCC Highways had already said that only re-painting might be considered at the present time due to lack of funds. The matter had already been raised at the Planning/Highways Committee*

**4. To Consider Matters Arising from Previous Parish Council Meeting above and not on the Agenda**

None

**5. To Consider Requests for Dispensations**

None

**6. To Allow Public Consultation**

None

**7. To Receive the Clerk's Report**

The planning application for the 110 homes behind Wydean School has been received, a time extension agreed, and this will be examined by the Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> January – the papers are available for examination after this meeting.

The date for a visit of Council to the National Dive & Activity Centre has been cancelled due to the submission of a planning application.

Motorbikes on Shirley's Grove – police informed but no action as there was no indication of the persons involved.

The bus shelter opposite Hanley Farm was demolished by a lorry (driver unknown), it was moved from the layby and footway by GCC and finally removed by D S Cracknell Ltd - the Amenities Committee will consider the next action – suggested that Clerk enquires from bus company about level of usage.

The sale of the land at Wyebank Road is proceeding – the Chairman and the Clerk signed the transfer on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and a final document tonight.

Mr Pears has received a reply from Patrick Molyneux about the buses but as yet no reply about the roads in the Parish.

Revised Standing Orders have been issued by NALC – the Clerk will examine and compare with the existing ones and will report back in February

The Rising Sun public house in Woodcroft is now on the District Council's List of Assets of Community Value – a copy of the letter is in the circulation bag

**8. Policing in the Parish**

PCSO Natalie Lang will attend the February meeting to provide crime statistics. It was reported that PC Assirati has not been seen in the Parish since before Christmas

**9. To Receive the Financial Statement**

**Resolved** to approve the monthly financial statement and approve the payments

**10. To Consider a Revised Contract for the Clerk**

A draft, prepared by Mr Allan and issued with the Agenda was discussed and **Resolved** to adopt with the changes to better reflect the Clerk's employment/salary

**11. Correspondence Received to Date:**

An email of thanks had been received from Mr A Kitto for the donation sent to him for his work on the web site

**12. To Receive Committee Drafts and other Reports:**

- Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee, Mopla Cottages Committee (two alterations to be made) and Amenities Committee

**13. To Receive Councillor's Reports on Local Matters and Matters for the next Agenda**

Mr Hossack: the speed check in Woodcroft appears to have stuck – Clerk to report

Mr Allan: reported a fault on a manhole cover to Severn Trent and was very pleased with the knowledge and helpfulness of the gentleman to whom he spoke

Mr Hossack: on Severn Avenue the gully outside numbers 11 & 13 needs flushing as blocked – Clerk to report

Mr Ford: the hammerhead at Orchard Farm Close had not been swept by the street cleaners – Clerk to report

Mr Birt: the wall on the right of the A48 after turning towards Chepstow has rubbish in the trees – Clerk to report

Mrs Molyneux: pot holes in Bishton Lane – Clerk to report

Miss Gregory, through the Clerk: a parishioner has requested further "no dog foul signs" in Loop Road – whilst this would normally have been passed to Amenities it was stated that there is no budget in 2013/4 or 2014/5 and so no possibility in the immediate future or the new financial year

Mrs Dawson: a high level of paper rubbish outside of Tutshill School – Clerk to report

**14. To Note the Following Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> January Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 full Council Meeting**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44pm**

**Tidenham Parish Council**  
**Monthly Reconciliation/Cheque Approval - Jan 2014 meeting**

|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| <b>Balance at 1st April 2013</b>     |      |           |         |                    |
| Current Account                      |      |           |         | 11,357.92          |
| Business Account                     |      |           |         | 57,125.07          |
| Less unrepresented cheques           |      |           |         | - 3,197.00         |
|                                      |      |           |         | <u>65,285.99</u>   |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
| <b>Income total current year</b>     |      |           |         | <b>99,140.24</b>   |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
| <b>Expenditure current year</b>      |      |           |         | <b>- 64,074.17</b> |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
|                                      |      |           |         | <u>100,352.06</u>  |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
| <b>Cheques for approval Jan 2014</b> |      |           |         |                    |
| Mrs J Cordon salary/expenses         | 1074 | Corp      | 2195.55 |                    |
| HMRC                                 | 1075 | Corp      | 749.36  |                    |
| FES                                  | 1076 | Amenities | 302.40  |                    |
| FES                                  | 1077 | Amenities | 312.00  |                    |
| Monmouthshire Windows                | 1078 | Corp      | 75.00   |                    |
| Tate Tech - new battery/laptop       | 1079 | Corp      | 91.80   |                    |
| FES                                  | 1080 | Amenities | 390.00  |                    |
| FES                                  | 1081 | Amenities | 378.00  |                    |
| D Cracknell (Shirley's Grove)        | 1082 | Amenities | 78.00   |                    |
| Officestar Group                     | 1083 | Corp      | 122.58  |                    |
| D S Cracknell (removal bus shelter)  | 1084 | Amenities | 174.00  |                    |
|                                      |      |           | 4868.69 |                    |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
| <b>Bank Reconciliation</b>           |      |           |         |                    |
| <b>Closing balances Dec 2013</b>     |      |           |         |                    |
| Current Account                      |      |           |         | £ 43,205.62        |
| Business Account                     |      |           |         | 57,146.44          |
| Less unrepresented cheque            |      |           |         | -                  |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
|                                      |      |           |         | <u>100,352.06</u>  |
|                                      |      |           |         |                    |
| Carole Dawson - Chairman             |      |           |         |                    |
| Jan Cordon - RFO                     |      |           |         |                    |
| 15th January 2014                    |      |           |         |                    |