

Germansweek Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 225 held on 15th February 2023

Present: Cllrs A Pullinger, J Theobald, L Moyse, C Walker, S Watkinson – Clerk R Ward, WDBC T Southcott

Public Open Session: Fay Cross for Airband came to explain that Airband were hoping to extend FTTP by the end of June 2023. There was a map showing where the new poles were going and there was some debate as to the locations of poles in Eworthy as one was on a corner by a well-used gate and another may be directly above the water main on the triangle. Ms Cross noted this information. Cllr Pullinger requested far more specific information as the the exact location of poles so opening of gates etc. could be accounted for. The maps provided were small scale and only gave an indication. Councillors asked about Toft, Boldventure and Southweek. Ms Cross will get back to us. Cost of connection was also discussed.

1. Apologies: C Mott (WDBC), None
2. Report from West Devon: Cllr Southcott (WDBC) Emailed round – Council tax is likely to go up by 14p a week for band D Green waste sacks possibly up to £52 pa. Private vans will need a licence to use the tip. Voters will need Photo id to vote in the coming elections in May.
3. Declaration of interests: Cllr Moyse item 5 – Financial and personal interest.
4. Minutes: 25th January 2023 (224) **agreed.**
5. Planning – *Cllr Moyse left the room*
 - 5.1 4378/22/FUL Proposal: Conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling: Site Address: Eworthy Farm, Eworthy, Germansweek, EX21 5AH – It was generally felt that this sympathetic design could only enhance the area **Support.**
Cllr Moyse returned
 - 5.2 the meeting went in to part 2 for 10 mins
6. Finance:
 - 6.1 Bank reconciliation, Budget monitoring (RFO Report): issued by email **Agreed**
 - 6.2 Payroll Services – Invoiced for £170 first increase since starting in 2018 (£150) **Approved**
7. Roads and Ditches: (Cllr Watkinson) a parishioner has offered to unblock the drains outside Park Cottage, Eworthy and that run down towards the Triangle. The Parishioner was thanked, however, it was agreed that, without chapter 8 training, the PC could not sanction this effort. However there is no regulation about parishioners clearing gullies etc. around their properties or around the parish on their own.
8. Hi speed broadband: (Cllr Watkinson – update) See public participation
9. Footpaths P3: (Cllr Pullinger – update) Cllr Pullinger will attempt to contact Ros Davies to sort out P3 for us.

10. Phone box: ideas for use(Clerk) The member of the public did not arrive but it was agreed that the box would be rent free for the first 6 month and any food business must be registered with the environmental health department at WDCC
11. School Bus Shelter: Signs will be put up and tape removed Clerk has check with the insurance and this is fine – Councillors will need to reconsider should the structure become in danger of falling down.
12. Jubilee Wood: (Cllr Pullinger – update) The woods are looking good at the moment.
13. Coronation event: (Clerk) report from work to finish group meeting - Due to the conflict between the Badminton Horse Trails and the Coronation the event will be held on the following Saturday, 13th May 2023. There will be a BBQ and Dance. The next meeting will be in March.
14. Website – (Clerk’s report). <https://germansweekpc.co.uk> - None
15. Correspondence: None
16. Date of next meeting: 15th March 2023 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

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Clerk _____

Date _____