

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PLYMTREE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VESTRY ROOM, PLYMTREE ON TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2010,
7.30PM**

Present: Mr A Clarke (Chairman), Mrs F Batten, Mrs L Gallagher, Mrs K Rosser, Mr G Harris, Mr C Fayers

PC C Vickery (part)

PC C Vickery addressed the meeting to advise that no crimes had been recorded in the village since the date of the last meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr P Roberts, Mr P Diviani (County Councillor)
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2009 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Mrs Rosser and seconded by Mrs Gallagher that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record of that meeting
3. **Matters Arising:** Sand for sand bags had been ordered and delivered to village hall.

Mr Clarke had assessed the damaged bench on Clyst Hydon Rd. It was still usable but probably un-repairable although this would be investigated. The bench was not listed as an asset of the Parish Council but it was recognised by those Councillors present as an asset in the village and that it should be repaired if possible.

4. Correspondence

EDF – Clerk had received notice of increase in electricity charges for unmetered supply to BT payphone. Original estimates for unmetered electricity supply on adoption of BT phone box had been given as £30- 40. The new charges were likely to be around £200. Clerk had been in contact with EDF who were reviewing these charges for BT phone box's but were at this stage applying these new charges. Clerk had also contacted Western Power to obtain an estimate for disconnection of electricity supply which would be in the region of £200. Clerk was advised to contact BT in the first instance as were aware of problem and were investigating a solution.

Action: Clerk to contact BT to see if they could offer any advice and try to contact other villages in a similar predicament.

St John the Baptist Church PCC – Fund raising Committee – Contacted Clerk for parish information with a view to obtaining grants and finance for essential refurbishment works.

Website – Clerk had received pro-forma invoice for renewal of web hosting address of £59.88 + VAT. Mr Harris had sourced a cheaper provider, One.Com, but service levels possibly not as good. The cost of this service would be in the region of £20 + VAT. It was proposed by Mr Harris and seconded by Mr Fayers that the Council use this provider. If service issues became a problem then this situation would be reviewed.

On discussing the website Councillors expressed an interest in applying a small charge to advertisers on website. When the Parish Magazine invites advertisers to re-new their adverts it was suggested that they could be charged an extra nominal

amount for inclusion on village website, with monies returning to Parish Magazine funds. Councillors wished to enquire of the PCC whether they might invite advertisers to take up an advert on website as well.

Action: Clerk to contact PCC Secretary to enquire whether the PCC considered this a possible course of action.

DAPC Spring training programme for Councillors and Clerks – a series of short courses had been sent to the clerk, any councillors who wished to attend should contact the Clerk in the first instance.

5. Planning

- Garage/outbuilding – Fairlawns – 8 Sandersfield –Granted by EDDC
- 8 Tyes Orchard – Single storey rear extension to bungalow
- Plymtree Parish Hall – Construction of single storey side extension, porch canopy, ramped access and the re-slating of roof

6. Accounts for payment

Clerk's salary	£ 218.75	Oct-Dec	Cheque no. 281
Plymtree Charities	£ 42.00	Room hire 09	Cheque no. 282

7. Annual Review of Clerk's Salary

Councillors considered Clerk's Salary which was last reviewed January 2008. The clerk left the meeting briefly so that councillors could discuss this item freely. Councillors agreed to raise the salary from £875 per annum to £925 per annum.

8. Precept 2010/2011

The clerk had prepared a budget for 2010/2011 which was circulated at the meeting. A positive balance of approximately £250 would be brought forward from 2009/2010. To service all existing commitments in 2010/11 would require a budget of approximately £1550. It was recognised that the Parish Council noticeboard would also require replacement this year and an amount needed to be set aside accordingly. It was therefore proposed by Mr Fayers and seconded by Mrs Rosser and unanimously agreed by all councillors present that a precept of £1800 be put forward to East Devon District Council as the budget for Plymtree.

9. Any Other Business

Litter Pick – Sunday 14th February 10.00am – Plymtree Primary School was supporting the litter pick morning through a poster competition which had been organised by the Sustainable Plymtree Group. Clerk had also received request that any future litter picks could be organised on an alternate day or later in the day so residents who attend church at this time could also participate.

BT Phone Box – Councillors considered alternative uses for BT Phone Box e.g. showcase for school artwork, lending library etc.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Would need to be held in May as this was when Parish Council were obliged to hold Annual Parish Meeting and also the Annual Meeting of Plymtree Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to circulate dates nearer to this time.