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For And On Behalf Of
Hill Croome Parish Council
Clerk - Michael Brooks
Vine Cottage Baughton Earls Croome WR8 9DQ

THE MINUTES OF HILL CROOME PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Earls Croome Village Hall at 7.30PM on Tuesday 16th April 2019

Present: Councillors Smith, Brooks, Coole and Jarvis and Eaton.

In attendance: One member of the parish and our County Councillor

1. Apologies: Councillor Owenson (MHDC)

2. Declarations of Interest – Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Declarations of Interest.

Meeting was adjourned for Public question time, the Chairman deciding to open the floor at the end of the meeting.

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2019 were approved and signed.

4. Vehicle Damage to the Village Green – a discussion was held regarding the recent vandalism to the village green when a vehicle appears to have deliberately driven around in a circle leaving tyre ruts. After consultation with the Highways Department it was considered that it is hopefully an isolated incident and no further action is proposed at this time. Clerk to advise Highways regarding the damaged reflector posts for replacement.

5. Spending proposals

1. *Purchase of a second speed sign for the village.* Following the investigation and costing by the Clerk the Chairman put forward the proposal to buy a second sign from Westcotec Limited, to match our original item. The cost for the sign is £2625.00 + VAT. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Jarvis and passed by all Councillors. The funding is to be assisted by a grant from C/Cllr Middlebrough in the sum of £1300. Three small padlocks are also required to secure the new box when it arrives. (Clerk to action)

2. *Toad crossing signs.* Cllr Brooks reported that he had been advised by a resident of the 'toad migration' that takes place along Stanks Lane and the significant mortality rate caused by passing traffic. Whilst it is not possible to protect all the toads a request had been made to provide for signs to highlight the matter to motorists. The signs are available at a cost of £12.99 each. The purchase of two signs was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Coole and passed by all Councillors. (Clerk to action)

3. *Camera for Litter Bin area.* In the light of recent dumping of waste material near to the litter bin on the A4104 the Chairman proposed the purchase of a 'dummy' camera at a cost of about £15.00 to be sited in the tree overlooking the bin in the hope that it may discourage fly-tipping. Seconded by Cllr Eaton and agreed by all Councillors. (Clerk to action)

6. Progress reports

1. Village gates – Cllr Middlebrough to chase up the gates on our behalf.
2. Village litter pick - Clerk reported that four residents had helped with the collection. Seven bags of waste material were filled.
3. PCC funding for Speed Repeater Signs – no response yet regarding our application to the Police Commissioner's Road Safety Fund.

7. Lengthsman – Clerk confirmed that Tim Hodges has now signed the contract for the next twelve month period .

8. Planning - No current applications for discussion.

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9. Finance:

- a. Council provided with full disclosure of payments and receipts since last meeting.
- b. Full bank reconciliation provided for Councillors.
- c. Chairman and clerk signed off Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2018/19 Part 2.
- d. Chairman and clerk signed off Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019
- e. Clerk and Chairman signed off Annual Accounting Statement 2018/2019
- f. Council agreed the payment of Annual Insurance, ICO fee, NALC/CALC memberships when due.

Reconciliation as at 16th April 2019 C/A £1559.99 D/A £3911.55 Cash in Hand £ 23.10

10. Training for Councillors

Councillors reminded of the training opportunities. Clerk to advise when dates are available.

11. County / District Councillor Report

No reports submitted.

12. Elections – May 2019 – Confirmation that all four councillors seeking re-election have been returned unopposed. We have one vacancy.

13. Correspondence – Clerk informed council of the opportunity to obtain fibre internet through a Government scheme. Clerk to canvas the residents to see who might be interested before a costing can be established.

14. Councillors reports and items for future agenda No further matters referred.

15. Date of next meetings: **Tuesday 14th May 2019** at 6.45pm at Earls Croome Village Hall
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Signed: (Chairman)

Date

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