

**MINUTES OF THE EAST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 12th MAY 2008 AT EAST DEAN VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Max Davies (Chairman), Kate Shaw (Vice Chairman), Tim Calloway, Rob Chalmers, Peter West, Tim Weeks

In Attendance: Parish Clerk: Karen Barrett
3 parishioners

1. **Apologies:** Mike Hall (County Councillor), Henry Potter (District Councillor) Jason Lemm (PCSO)

2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held on 11th February 2008 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**

Camping

Although there have been some recent complaints these have mostly been about the volume of traffic. However it seems that the camping is now restricted to the permitted 28 days which is more acceptable. The burnt out vehicle next to Postle's Barn is still there. The clerk will contact Bill Matthews at CDC to get it removed.

Cold calling stickers

These are now on the window sill in the village hall for anyone to pick up if they would like one to stick in their window to deter cold callers.

4. **Accounts**

4.i **Current financial statement**

At 12.05.08 the bank account stood at £1413.47. The first tranche of the annual precept (£350.00) had been received.

4.ii **Invoices**

Two invoices were approved: £30.00 annual contribution to the Valley Diary
£47.00 for petrol for mowing Pond Green

4.iii **VAT**

Approximately £800 VAT refund had been received. Some of this was to be used for the village hall.

4.iv **Annual Return**

The annual governance statement for the year ended 31st March 2008 was approved by the parish council and signed by the chairman and parish clerk. The annual accounts were approved by the council and signed by the chairman.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Bus shelter

After a discussion as to the type of shelter to replace the one damaged in the storm on 10th March, it was agreed that the chairman should go ahead to get estimates. A parishioner has offered to pay for the cost of a new one, and this would be discussed further once the cost is known. Otherwise a grant towards the cost may be available from the County Council.

5. Any Other Business

Fouling by dogs

This is becoming a serious nuisance in open spaces in the village, particularly on the football pitch. It was agreed that signs were not suitable, although one would be put up at the football pavilion and one at the village hall. The clerk would also ensure that the problem is highlighted in the Valley Diary.

Traffic speeding next to Singleton School

A parishioner expressed concern about this problem, and it was agreed that the chairman would contact Singleton Parish Council to record our concerns, copied to the Highways Authority and to the headteacher. The question of a lollipop person was raised.

Traffic speeding in East Dean

This was again discussed and it is difficult to know what to do about it, especially as the culprits are often locals.

Star and Garter

It had been noted that the pub has been advertised for sale on the internet, but this has been the case for some time and is not a parish council matter. Were there to be a future application for change of use, this would be strenuously resisted by the parish council, but is not an issue at present.

6. Date of Next Meeting Monday 14th July 2008 East Dean Village Hall