

f) Mrs.Leahy	toilets	£ 252.40
g) Mrs.R.Lock	wages	£ 154.60
h) Mrs.R.Lock	expenses	£ 16.20
i) P. Edwards	strimming etc.	£ 346.00
j) G.Alford	reimbursement xmas buffet	£ 102.00
k) N.Laing-Trengove	xmas eve expenses	£ 36.48

Proposed Cllr.Winser seconded Cllr.Stevens that the above accounts be paid. Cllrs.Jones & Bush signed the cheques.

274. Moneys received:-

a) M.Middleton	old skate ramp	£1,100.00
b) Xmas collections	xmas eve/shop boxes	£ 123.40
c) Sport England	Grant skatepark	£35,000.00

275. Precept confirmation – after further consideration and confirmation from WDBC that Council tax support grant would be reduced by £358 to £2,262 it was unanimously resolved to increase the precept to £23,000 made up as to £20,738 council expenses and £2,262 council tax support grant.

276. Any other financial matters:-

- a) Resolved that Mr.P.Edwards be asked to furnish Council with a breakdown of hours and actual sites that he actually strimmed. This was in view of future financial constraints being put on all town and parish councils.
- b) Cllr.Trenaman requested upto date figures for the xmas light funds to be available at the next meeting.
- c) AON Insurance – clerk had informed the company that the old skatepark equipment had been removed from the site. Premium rebate of £40.36 will be sent.

ISLAND PARK SKATEPARK

277. Cllr.Tyson and Trenaman reported as follows:-

- a) old ramp had been removed
- b) opening ceremony had gone well, with attendance of approx. 100
- c) all grant moneys had now been received
- d) landscaping – suggested that Council have a site meeting with the skatepark group to ascertain the exact requirements of the council
- e) facebook page set up “Friends of Island Park”
- f) Health & Safety file received.
- g) Clerk confirmed that for insurance purposes the equipment was covered only for public liability
- h) Invoice payments to Wheelscape. Confirmation received that £35,000 had been paid into the bank account by Sport England. Some confusion had arisen from the fact that the last invoice for £16,800 stated that it should be made payable to Key Factors Ltd with whom we had no contract and no vat number. It was therefore resolved that cheque for £45,000 made payable to Wheelscape be sent to them. Clerk to speak to Wheelscape concerning the final invoice and statement but no cheque would be issued until the snagging had been completed.
- i) Letter of thanks from the Town Council to be sent to the Skatepark Group.

288, Island Park play area. Cllr.Tyson reported as follows:-

- a) 2 litter bin lids had been broken. Resolved that Cllr.Tyson order replacements.
- b) loose bark under the climbing frame would need replacing in the spring
- c) Graffiti – any graffiti should be removed as soon as possible. Cllr.Gilbert will ascertain price of a suitable spray.

MAINTENANCE/TRAFFIC ISSUES

289. Mrs.R.Davies 2 High Street – concerned that during possible house repairs, the millennium plaque on the wall could be damaged – if so who would be responsible? Clerk to reply that the builders/scaffolders would be responsible as it was not the council’s property.

290. Sandbags – resolved that Clerk order 100 empty sand bags from WDBC to be delivered to the Community Centre.

291. Dog fouling still a problem on the Jubilee footpath. Resolved that once again an article be put in The Pump. Cllr.Hall to enquire from WDBC how often such bins were emptied and at what cost.

292. Moor View drain/ditch – during the recent flooding this was dealt with by DCC Highways. Dist.Cllr.Hall again stressed that nobody was claiming ownership of this land.

293. New noticeboard Millennium Squire – Cllr.Jones would report the defects already appearing.

294. Parking Issues Market St. – DCC Highways had reported to the Police difficulties they had in accessing Market Street with a gritter due to cars parked on the pavement/road. Resolved that Cllr.Bush reply to police stating that the Council are aware of several parking issues/traffic movement in Market Street.

295. Cllr.Trenaman reported on Passaford Lane – all the recently replaced stone had been washed away in the recent flooding, because the ditches had not been cleared out. Clerk to report to Highways.

296. The stonewall by the Co-op loading bay has been damaged.

297. Xmas lights – Clerk to contact Devon Street Lighting regarding lights on street light poles

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

298. Cllr.Hall reported as follows:-

- a) Mr.Dumpleton had approached her with regard to Tap funds for a Ruby Country information centre for Hatherleigh Market. Town Council did not think this was a feasible proposition
- b) parking problems – she would put an article in the Parish Pump
- c) reported there was a slate missing from the bus shelter.

MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

299. None

CORRESPONDENCE

300. DCC reviewing accommodation for older people in Devon. Information in reading file.

301. Devon Senior Voice magazine in reading file.

302. Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th February 2014

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- a) World War One celebrations
- b) Awards Evening

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed.....chairman.....
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