

Thelbridge Parish Council
Annual Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2019

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Charlton, Cowell, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC)

Apologies: Cllr Gibson

I. Election of Chairman

Cllr Boundy was nominated by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Gillbard. Unanimously agreed.

II. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Charlton was nominated by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Grant. Unanimously agreed.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes for 10th April 2019 were signed as a correct record. Further to the publication of the draft minutes, an email from a director of Nomansland Biogas Limited disagreed with the statements made regarding traffic. The email has been copied to councillors for information; it is accepted that some of the statements may have been the result of a misinterpretation regarding the destination of traffic. Cllr Charlton is of the opinion that claims made by residents contained a number of factual inaccuracies.

IV. Declarations of interest

There were none.

V. Clerk's report

Year End Accounts

The accounts were published on the website after the last meeting and the exemption certificate sent to the external auditors.

Councillor Resignation

Cllr Gibson has resigned; the elections office has been notified. If a co-opted councillor is selected within 35 days of the election, then there is no need to advertise the vacancy; the decision on a co-opted councillor to be made by the full council.

VI. Annual Chairman's report

During the year we lost our longest standing councillor, Gordon Webber who resigned for personal reasons after 45 years and at the election Terry Ford decided not to stand for election again after serving on the Council for 18 years. The Parish Council is grateful for their contribution and thanked them for their long service. We now have two new councillors in Bob Charlton and John Cowell.

VII. Defibrillators

The Parish Council was approached by a company called Bluebox Medical Ltd, distributors for a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the UK, which is called the AED 3100.

By way of introduction, the company said, "Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) accounts for around 100,000 deaths in the UK each year (figures from British Heart Foundation and DoH) of which 60,000 occur in the home, at work or when out-and-about. Having numerous public access defibrillators (AEDs) across the parish means there will always be one nearby in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

An AED can mean the difference between saving a life, and sadly losing one. AEDs are easy to use and come with step-by-step instructions."

The AED-3100 is compact, weighing only 2.3kg, which includes the battery and pads. It can operate in a wide range of temperatures, from -5 to +50°C. It is described as having intuitive design and voice instruction to simplify and accelerate the delivery of defibrillation, anyone can save a life. The main innovative point is the speed to shock, if one is required. As soon as the pads go on the analysis begins.

Price for the AED is £695 + vat, this includes Battery, (4yr life) + pads, and 8 year warranty.

There was some discussion about the need, location and funding.

Cllr Gillbard will enquire about the cost of the defibrillator at Blackdog.

VIII. Finance

- a) The most recent bank statement and budget monitoring report were presented. The bank statement was signed, confirming the budget report was accurate.
- b) John Gibson is to be removed from the list of authorised signatories and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Charlton should be added to the list, mandate change form to be signed at the next meeting.
- c) Approval of payments
New councillor training, yet to be booked, but expenditure of £55 was approved.
Devon Association of Local Councils subscription £81.61 approved.

IX. Future meeting dates for the forthcoming year were agreed

June 12th

September 11th

December 11th (budget setting)

April 22nd 2020 (year-end accounts)

May 27th 2020 (annual meeting)

X. Items for the future agenda

State of the roads regarding access to patients by medical staff at the Witheridge Medical Practice

The meeting closed at 21:00

Signed *W. R. Bundy* (Chairman) Date *12th June 2019*