**Monday 20th Jan 2025. Parish Council Meeting**

Apologies Celia Miners CM Sam Wakeman (SM) Dave Kent (DK) Patrick Kimber (PK)

Present: Mark Rundle (MR) Bryan Dufty (BD) Shaun Millership (SM)

Johannah Shaw (JS) Siobhan Williams (SWi) Rob Woolley (RW)

Pat Hutton (PH) Andrew Alger (AA)

**Outstanding Actions**

* Playground grass cutting – JS has contacted companies to invite them to tender JS

for the maintenance of the playing field contract.

* Cut the grass every 2 weeks plus clearing paths and general tidying from April to October

**Finance**

* JS to look into the service provided by Vision ICT JS
* Precept 4% increase Proposed by RW seconded by AA
* JS to check how much money we should we hold in the bank JS

**Planning**

* No new planning applications

**Correspondence**

* Message from a parishioner re the playground fence:
1. Quotes have been received to re-fence the entire field with V-mesh fencing. The cost is very high and some fund raising or funding would be required
2. A suggestion to just fence by the houses for now.
3. JS will contact both companies to re-quote JS
4. JS will look for possible funding JS
5. JS will contact the parishioner to keep them up-to-date. JS
* Newsletter production flip book will cost to produce without adverts- an annual fee of approx. £75 has been approved by the council – proposed by SM Seconded by PH

**Tasks for councillors**

* SM to repair the damaged dog Poo bin SM
* The crow scarer that has been heard in the village now seems to have stopped– ALL the council will monitor.
* The Landmark Tree will be delivered later this month Oak tree – a suggestion to use JS it to replace the one situated by the pump.
* SWi raised concerns about the speed of some drivers through the village and asked

 if it is possible to have a 20 MPH limit. Changing speed limits is lengthy and SWi

expensive. SWi will contact Black Torrington parish council as they recently had a JS 20 MPH zone set up in their village. JS to ask SW if the “20 is plenty” signs are still available.

* The drain by the playing field is blocked again opposite the graveyard causing JS flooding in the playing field. JS to report to Highways.

**AOB**

Next meeting Monday 17th Feb at 7.30pm.