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**Draft Minutes of East and West Beckham Parish Council**

**Held on Thursday 14th May 2015**

**Present:** Mr.R. Wilson, Mrs. J. Dovey,

Mr. R. Moreton, Mr .G. Place. Mrs .B. Powell, Mrs .A. Sweeney J. Stibbons (clerk)

**Apologies** County Cllr. M. Baker. PCSO G. Bridges

Mr. Wilson opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

**1. To sign Declarations of Acceptance of Office.**

This being the first meeting after an election, the six members present signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. To elect a chairman and vice-chairman.**

Mrs. B. Powell proposed that Mr. R. Wilson be elected chairman, this was seconded by

Mrs. Julia Dovey and carried.

Mr. Wilson took the chair.

Mr. Wilson proposed that Mr. Place be elected vice-chairman, this was seconded by

Mrs. Sweeney and approved.

**3. Comments and questions on the agenda from members of the public.**

It was asked if there was any information on the application for a wind turbine. Mrs. Powell stated she has a file on the Applications which is available if anyone is interested.

**4. Declarations of interest.** The Chairman declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda

**5. To approve the minutes of 12th March 2015.**

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved by the councillors and signed by the chairman

**6. Matters arising.** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**7. Reports** It was noted that Mr. Mark Wright was the new District Councillor.

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**8. Parish Plan.**

The chairman explained the idea of a “drop-in day” to get as many people involved as possible. It is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to implement any plan but will be carried out by a committee. There is discussion needed on a parish plan generally and the likely uses of the money. It was decided to have the first Parish Plan meeting on Thursday 11th June 2015 at 7.30pm in Bodham Village Hall.

**9. Planning.**

It was noted that there had been a withdrawal of the appeal re-the Wind Turbine at Bodham

Application ref. PF/15/0423 Conversion of barns to five holiday accommodation units, swimming pool building/office and installation of tennis court at Rookery Farm The Street Bodham.

Mr. Wilson (chairman), having declared an interest in this item, withdrew from the discussions.

Mr. Place (vice-chairman) took the chair. After detailed examination of the application the committee decided, by a written vote, to support the proposed plans.

Mr. Wilson resumed as chairman.

**10. Finances.**

The Accounting Statement prepared for the auditors was discussed by the members and the Annual governance statement was agreed. Both parts were then signed by the chairman and clerk.

Cheques approved and signed:-

* No 100410 Bodham Village Hall £30.00
* No 100411 J. Stibbons (Salary and expenses) £460.90
* No 100412 NALC (Subscription) £95.35
* No 100413 HMRC (clerk paye) £92.00

**11. Correspondence.** None

**12. Matters for information or the next agenda.**

The chairman thanked Mr. Place for representing the Parish Council at the planning meeting

held at the NNDC offices to discuss the proposed plans for a Wind Turbine at Pond Farm, Bodham. E&W Beckham Parish Council strongly opposes this application.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm