

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 20th April 2017 at 19.00hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, Evans, Mayes, Cox, Pike, Fastnedge, Lambert, Walford-Howell

NO. OF PUBLIC: 4

APOLOGIES: Cllrs White, Pook (EDDC) and PC Richard Jenkins (D&C Police)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Both speakers were speaking on Planning Application No. 16/2964/FUL – Amended documents - Drainage – Alderwood Barn – Retention of temporary agricultural worker’s dwelling, temporary farm office and storage container.

Mr Crowe – Advised he was not revisiting the application however with regard to the subject of drainage, the point of abstraction is 50 metres away and is all subject to building regulations. He wishes to continue with their business to support locals and disliked any defamatory information. Any potential effects on water supplies are within the regulations.

Dr Cymerman – Regarding the drainage, the EA are aware of concerns and they are not privy to the recent application by EDDC. The EA are re-assessing their view of the application, as the new information is now with them. This is only one of many issues Dr Cymerman has with this application.

Mr Theo – Wished to advise the meeting that he supports the application in general and had asked to speak. Cllr Bass after consideration allowed Mr. Theo 2 minutes. Mr Theo reminded Councillors of the PPS sustainable development regulations and small scale farming contributing to this. The application is nowhere near the scale of nearby farming. He asked if Branscombe was just for rich retirees to live.

Dr Cymerman asked to speak again, Cllr Bass advised that if what he had to say would change anything then he should not be permitted to speak. He was not permitted to speak again.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meetings minutes dated 30th March 2017, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the addition of apologies from Cllr. Walford-Howell.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

Cllr Bass wished to raise that Margaret Rogers, who was a loyal District and Devon County Councillor for many years, has sadly passed away. Cllr. Mayes advised that there will be a memorial service.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police: PC Richard Jenkins gave his apologies to the meeting in an email dated 20th April 2017 and advised of the following update:

Below is a link to the Police and Crime Plan which you and your colleagues may find interesting reading bearing in mind the reduction in PCSO numbers.

[https://devonandcornwall.s3.amazonaws.com/Documents/Our%20information/Key%20document/PCC_A3_doc_edit%20\(final%2020February\)%20v.2.pdf](https://devonandcornwall.s3.amazonaws.com/Documents/Our%20information/Key%20document/PCC_A3_doc_edit%20(final%2020February)%20v.2.pdf)

They carried out a bit of undercover work on the car crime in the car parks. “Have Your Say” proving very popular now.

Incidents Recorded - 01/04/2017 to 17/04/2017 - KN3F

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/04/2017 to 17/04/2017	Incidents - 01/04/2016 to 17/04/2016	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	0	1	-100.0%
Crime Recorded	1	0	-
Public Safety	1	0	-
Transport	1	3	-66.7%
Total	3	4	-25.0%

Crimes Recorded - 01/04/2017 to 17/04/2017 - KN3F

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/04/2017 to 17/04/2017	Recorded Crime 01/04/2016 to 17/04/2016	Recorded Crime % Difference
Burglary Non-Dwelling	0	1	-100.0%
Total	0	1	-100.0%

National Trust: Not in attendance, however, the Clerk had been informed via an “out of office” email that Peter Blyth has now left the National Trust and to send all our correspondence to Sue Beegan - sue.beegan@nationaltrust.org.uk. We await to be informed of a replacement.

MATTERS ARISING

Fountain Head Gardens – Graham William memorial plaque for the bench. The Landlady of the Fountain Head was pleased that this was suggested. It was agreed that Cllr. Cox would provide the Clerk with an appropriate supplier. The Clerk asked if anyone had any suggestions for the wording apart from dates and an appropriate quotation.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications:

16/2964/FUL – Amended documents - Drainage – Alderwood Barn – Retention of temporary agricultural worker’s dwelling, temporary farm office and storage container.

Cllr Bass advised the meeting that he felt the information provided by the applicant was not clear on how they are going to deal with the sewerage from the new site. Foul Water sewerage has not been addressed in the new information. Cllr Bass proposed that we refer EDDC back to our original decision including the above information, this was seconded by Cllr Cox with **All In Favour of not supporting the application subject to the drainage issue being resolved.**

Enforcement – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

East Devon Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document Consultation – email 05/04/17 - Noted

REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS:

Village Hall – Cllr Pike asked if there were any further information on the stream, Cllr Bass said not until the National Trust do their bit.

HIGHWAYS:

The Clerk informed the meeting that Brian Hoare, the current Neighbourhood Highways Officer for Branscombe had moved on and has been replaced by Stephen Kelly. It was agreed to invite him to a meeting in Branscombe along with Cllr Knight and Bass and to thank Brian Hoare for his work and assistance over the years.

Curio Tree Wardens – Anyone interested in contributing to this should put their names forward by contacting Penny Thompson – Pthompson@eastdevon.gov.uk 01395 571706.

FOOTPATHS:

The Clerk advised that FP1 sign had been done and Cllr Bass advised that the steps have now been done.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Vicki-Jo Eva from Westbank Friends emailed the Clerk on 18th April 2017, to advise that they had received lottery funding. They advised that Branscombe may be an area where they could support older people who might feel socially isolated or people with long term health conditions. They have offered to come to one of our meetings which was agreed by all. The Clerk will invite her along with Rev. Hilary Dawson who may also be interested in what they can offer.

Tony and Jill Johnson wrote to the Clerk asking for a letter regarding the planned closure of Seaton Hospital Beds to be considered at the meeting. They believe that:

- *“The public were misled or lied to by the CCG when the beds at Axminster were closed when the CCG claimed that the beds at Seaton to cover Axminster were safe.*
- *The decision to close Seaton was based only on the elderly age and population of Seaton town and not on the wider Axe valley area that it covers.*
- *The views of all the local G.P.s, NHS staff and the public were totally ignored”*

Cllr Bass said that he could not understand the reasoning behind the proposals as bed blocking in large hospitals is helped by the smaller ones taking on the patients. He advised the meeting that we should write to Seaton Town Council saying we support them and if they need anything for funds we will look favourably towards contributing, also asking them to keep us informed of any issues including the petition. Cllr Walford-Howell asked if we should copy Neil Parish MP in and write back to Tony and Jill Johnson, this was agreed. Cllr Fastnedge also advised that it may be that locals would also be interested in contributing as he for one would be. It was agreed to publish the petition in the magazine as well.

James Stuart email 19th April 2017 – Mr Stuart copied Branscombe Parish Council in on an email sent to East Devon District Council regarding the nuisance, namely air and possible ground-water pollution at Higher Coxes Farm, Branscombe. His main concerns were as follows:

- *Concerning the odour and its causes, I understand that, under the Policy Paper of the “2010 to 2015 Government Policy: environmental quality” (Appendix 8), “statutory nuisances” include “fumes from other premises”, “smells from other premises”, “accumulations or deposits”, “animals which are badly kept” and “insects”, all of which may be argued to be occurring in this case. I also understand that the Environmental Protection Act of 1990, “places a duty on a local authority to take reasonable steps to investigate complaints from people living in its area about alleged statutory nuisance.”*
- *Regarding the possibility of ground water pollution, I would strongly suggest that the local authority also investigates the facility’s compliance with the legislation referring to agricultural slurry storage and management systems as described in the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs’ guidance for “storing slurry”.*

Cllr Fastnedge reported that he had received a call from EDDC Environmental Health Officer who advised him that the drainage on the site was totally unacceptable and they

will be visiting Higher Coxes Farm tomorrow. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to EDDC asking them to keep Branscombe Parish Council informed on this issue.

FINANCE:

Finance Update 2016/17 – the Clerk advised the following:

Total Income for the year	-	£9,305.14
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£7,551.39
Balance for the year	-	£1,753.75

Cheques –

Internal Auditor of account 2015/16

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Notes
963	National Trust	£40.00	Allotments
962	SLCC	£157.00	Membership Fees

Grounds Maintenance Quotations

Two quotations had been received for grass cutting at the War Memorial and general maintenance of the Fountain Head Garden as follows:

Chris Fuell - Grass cutting including taking away arisings - £95.00 per year
Fountain Head Garden maintenance - £90.00 per year
Both for as and when required on a regular basis

EDDC - Grass cutting and Fountain Head Garden maintenance,
not including arising being taken away on both on a 3-weekly
round (depending on weather) £103.51 per occasion resulting in
approximately £1,785.00 per year.

It was **unanimously agreed** to employ Chris Fuell at £185.00 for the year.

St. Winifred's Church Newsletter – Its was agreed to donate £100.00 to the Newsletter.

Parishes Together Fund - The Clerk asked for ideas to put forward for this fund, joining up with one of our neighbouring Parishes is usual. It was suggested that the Hospital Beds issue could be something that we could put forward.

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN: None

Cllr Lambert – Advised that Sandi and Mike Mayes are retiring and will be relinquishing their responsibilities from the Allotment Committee and will be replaced. The usage of the allotments is down this year. The cattle bridge to Hole House is damaged and will be repaired.

Cllr Cox – Asked if we were doing the hanging baskets again this year as Jean and Norman are not doing them now. It was agreed that we would be doing them and Cllr Cox agreed to obtain prices to be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is due on 11th May 2017 @ 19:00 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall) for the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.40hrs

Signed..... Date