

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall)
on **THURSDAY 25th January 2018 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, Lambert, Evans, Pike, Powell, Walford-Howell, Cox
Fastnedge, White, Pook (EDDC), Rob Skinner (NT)

NO. OF PUBLIC: Gary Pinnock (Part)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Shaw (DCC)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Gary Pinnock

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 4th
January 2018, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the
Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

17/3060/FUL – Higher Coxes Farm – Cllrs Fastnedge and White – non-pecuniary
interest as they are both neighbours and Cllrs Bass, he is a friend with a non-
pecuniary interests.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police: Not in attendance but emailed the following:

**Crime Report for Branscombe: Period covered 1st December 2017 to 20th January
2018: No Crime reported.**

Also, worth noting on Saturday 10th February 10am - 2pm there will be a Crime and
Safety Roadshow at The Marshlands Centre Harbour Road Seaton.

The theme will be on Internet Safety, Crime Prevention, Scam Awareness, Drug
Awareness, Fire Safety, Trading Standards, EDDC AND Office of the Police and Crime
Commissioner.

National Trust: Rob Skinner was welcomed to the meeting

MATTERS ARISING

Bulb Planting – Cllr Powell advised that all the bulbs that can be planted have
now been planted.

Bus Stop Bench – Awaiting delivery of the bench.

Play Equipment – Helen Fielden has now resigned from her post at the Village

Hall. It was agreed that we would set aside £3,000 to go towards an item of play equipment. With the exact piece of equipment to be decided at a future meeting. Cllr Bass proposed this and it was seconded by Cllr Cox with all in favour.

Computerised Maps – A meeting will be arranged with Chris Bass on his return after 26th February.

Telephone Kiosk – The Clerk had tried to obtain information on public wifi networks to install in the kiosk but without any luck, we will investigate further. Cllr Bass said he would see if he can assist with help from other local sources.

Defibrillator – The Clerk advised that she is still investigating the most appropriate unit and will advise shortly and has been approached by EDDC as other councils are also interested in obtaining funding for this as part of the Parishes Together Fund. The Clerk will investigate further and complete the forms as necessary.

Gazebos and Marquee – DCC Locality budget – The Clerk reported that she had chased this up again and copied in Helen Fielden as it was thought that it may be better if the Village Hall took control of this so that they can store them and book them out. Cllr Pike will raise this at their next Village Hall meeting.

Parishes Together Fund Air Ambulance Night Landing – Gary Pinnock attended the meeting on behalf of the Cricket Club and advised that they had no problems with being able to manage the field to accommodate the helicopter. A meeting needs to be arranged for DAA to see the location of the power supply, Cllr Bass will arrange this.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications –

17/2892/LBC – The Forge Branscombe – amended plans associated with re thatching regarding the timber lean-to roof structure. After discussion this application was supported and proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Lambert with **All In Favour**.

17/3060/FUL – Higher Coxes Farm, Weston – Agricultural workers dwelling. Proposed single storey and two storey extensions and associated external works. Cllr Powell asked why it was needed and was advised that this was in the agricultural statement. Cllr Fastnedge feels that the statement covered this. Cllr Bass read out paragraph 5.1 of the policy statement. Cllr Walford-Howell asked if the proposal could not be sold on independently. Cllr Powell asked if it could have an agricultural condition and landscaping plus proving agricultural need. Cllr Fastnedge proposed to Support the application with the following conditions:

1. Proof of agricultural need
2. Landscaping

Cllr Walford Howell seconded the proposal with **All In Favour**.

17/2859/FUL – Bay Tree Cottage Branscombe – After discussion the application was proposed to support by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Pike with **All In Favour**.

17/1273/FUL – Land to the North of Northern Lane Branscombe – Erection of steel framed barn to store machinery and hay, Amended Plans. The Clerk reported that this application was received on 24th January 2018 with a request that responses are received by 31st January 2018. It was agreed that this was an unreasonable timescale and to inform EDDC Planning that this could not be discussed until our next meeting on 15th February 2018.

Enforcement – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

East Devon Villages Plan Modifications – The changes/modifications were noted.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Shaw (DCC) – Cllr Shaw provided a report via email below:

County Councillor's Report, February 2018

Community 'conversation' about health in Honiton

I attended a half-day gathering on 'Honiton's Health Matters' at the Beehive. This was a constructive gathering of about 60 people, with representatives of many community groups, which heard speakers from the RD&E, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), local doctors and others. Round-table workshop discussions had a big emphasis on improving coordination among voluntary organisations and their connections with NHS services.

Proposed Seaton and district health event

The Honiton event, and a similar in Okehampton, are the first in a series of 'conversations' proposed by the CCG and RD&E to enable communities centred on 'market towns' to say what they want from 'place-based' delivery of health care. I am helping to plan a similar gathering for the Seaton area in March: it will not be a public meeting but will be open to all community organisations concerned with health and wellbeing in a broad sense. This will be our opportunity to say which services we want delivered locally, including in Seaton hospital.

Report by the CCG and NHS Property Services on future of hospital buildings

After I raised this at the September and November meetings of Health Scrutiny, the Committee received a report at its meeting on 25th January. While NHS Property Services now owns the hospitals and communities have no legal rights as a result of their contributions, NHS PS acknowledged that they are 'always happy to work with local communities to consider local services'. Scrutiny's resolution requested that NHS PS 'uphold this undertaking' and keeps the Committee informed on the timeline for changes in the status of the hospitals.

Crucially, there will be no precipitate decisions on the future of the buildings, but the CCG will decide what space they need after the community conversations on 'place-based' care. Hopeful signs that the CCG include the RD&E's publicity for increased use of the Minor Injury Unit at Honiton; the introduction of FORCE Chemotherapy into Okehampton Hospital; and NHS PS's emphasis on the Budleigh hub. While there are no guarantees that these will be replicated in Seaton, they emphasise the importance of the conversations now beginning.

Performance of the NHS in Devon and the winter crisis

Also at Health Scrutiny, it was reported that bed-blocking has been halved since the 'new model of care' was introduced. However I referred to figures which show that performance of the RD&E and the other 3 Devon trusts on key waiting time targets for A&E, cancer care and planned operations has all got worse in the last 12 months. Unfortunately the NHS organisations, including the ambulance services, failed to provide proper reports on the winter crisis, but Claire Wright insisted on information being made available quickly to the committee.

Devon Accountable Care System (ACS) and Accountable Care Organisations (ACOs)

The ACS is a new framework for the NHS in Devon from 1st April, which could lead to the development of ACOs later in 2018/19. ACOs could involve 10- to 15-year contracts being agreed for all services in Devon, which Jeremy Hunt has confirmed will be open to private providers. These contracts could lead to permanent rationing of care, since patients will only be entitled to what is contracted, built-in differences in standards across the country, and loss of scrutiny as private providers can claim commercial confidentiality. The contracts are being challenged in the courts, the Health Select Committee is urgently looking at them, and NHS England has been forced to agree to a 12-week consultation. Deplorably, the Devon Accountable Care System was not brought to Health Scrutiny until I exercised my right to put it on the agenda. As a result, the Committee will examine it at a special meeting (unless the ACS is postponed, in which case this will be on March 22nd). I told Health Scrutiny that there is no public consensus for private contractors running Devon's NHS.

Council Tax

I expect that DCC, which has lost £15m of central government funding and faces increased pressures from social care, will agree another above-inflation increase. Highways will face reductions: the only funding for local roads in 2018-19 may be the £47k Pothole Action Fund.

Colyford

CROSSING: A likely location was reported at a meeting which I chaired including Neil Parish MP. Highways will discuss issues with the Grammar School in order to progress this.
VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS: a location for a 2nd sign has been agreed, but must await a replacement lamppost later in 2018. I hope that funding for both signs will be finalised soon.
NEW 52 BUS SERVICE: I pressed for this to include Colyford but it will not for the time being.

Colyton & Southleigh

PATCHING will begin soon (Records X to Blackbury Camp, Downhayne & Ridgeway Lanes).

Seaton

TOURIST SIGNAGE SCHEME: I helped broker an agreement, including a donation from my Locality budget, and this has now been signed off.
SEATON DOWN HILL: work on a new pedestrian refuge is about to begin and I am awaiting advice on the funding of the 40 mph limit, which is agreed in principle.
HARBOUR ROAD CROSSING: Highways are unlikely to have the funding for this in 2018-19. I propose that the Town Council and residents join me in approaching Tesco, who had to remove the crossing they originally installed.

Cllr Pook (EDDC) - reported the following:

- EDDC are working toward having a Green Waste System
- 339 band D properties are in Branscombe
- Knowle Council Offices have now got approval so that the move to Honiton can now progress further.

Village Hall – Cllr Pike advised that Helen Fielden is standing down as Chair.

HIGHWAYS: Cllr White reported that some of the potholes in Berry Hill were done but the work was carried out in the rain and the tarmac has all come out. Cllr Walford Howell reported that the pothole outside Church Living has now been done. Cllr Bass reported that the Elverway drainage works are not working as it is now flooding again. Cllr Cox has reported this to DCC.

FOOTPATHS: Cllr White advised that the stile at Coxes corner the bottom please is missing on FP10 northern end.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. DALC Courses – The Clerk handed the information on New Councillor courses to Cllr Powell.
2. CPRE documents – the Clerk advised that she had received the membership pack from CPRE if anyone would like to read it.
3. SLCC Compliance Seminar - Noted

FINANCE:

Finance Update 2017/18 – the Clerk advised the following:

Grand Total – All receipts	-	£30,800.49
Total Income for the year 2017/18	-	£7,928.20
Total Expenditure for the year 2017/18	-	£3,090.43
Balance for the year 2017/18	-	£4,837.77
Overall Balance	-	£27,710.06

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for grass cutting at the War Memorial

Cheques –

Chq. No. 976 -	SALC membership	£165.00
Chq. No. 977 -	Village Hall bookings for 2018	£158.40
Chq. No. 978 -	Chris Fuell Gardening (War Memorial and Fountain Head Gardens)	£185.00

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Evans noted that the Clerk had not been paid for October, the Clerk advised

that she would look into this.

Cllr Lambert – advised that the Dinosaur statue is now kept in Dorchester.

The next meeting is due on 15th February 2017 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall). Meeting closed at 20.30hrs

Signed..... Date