

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 26th November 2015 at 19.30.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bass, Cox, Evans, Pike, Willmington, Knight (DCC), Pook (EDDC), PC Richard Jenkins (Devon and Cornwall Police)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Hall, Lambert, Mayes, Peter Blythe (NT)

NO. OF PUBLIC: None

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Kenyon

PUBLIC SPEAKING – None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting minutes dated 5th November 2015, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police

PC Richard Jenkins was welcomed to the meeting and he reported on the last 2 months crime figures for Branscombe as follows:

01/10/2015 to 31/10/2015			
Offence	Recorded Crime Current Period	Recorded Crime Previous Period	Recorded Crime % Change
Burglary Non-Dwelling	2	0	%
Other Theft	1	0	%
Vehicle Offences	1	0	%
	4	0	%

The 2 recorded burglaries were outbuildings, a shed and a garage.

The current November results showed zero crimes.

Richard reported that the Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall advocated that operating cohesively with the communities has never been more important, and that the budget for Devon and Cornwall will be looked at in the New Year. This sounds more positive regarding maintaining the post of Neighbourhood Beat Managers, but not a certainty.

With respect to Seaton Police Station, Richard reported that the programme for closure is over the next 2 years and there was a possibility for the police to “hot desk” with Seaton Town Council as one option being looked into, which will maintain cover.

Richard passed a number of posters for the Clerk to put up in the Parish Council notice boards regarding the Xmas period.

Richard advised that he has 2 PCSO's Sam and Mike who cover our area along with other parishes.

Cllr. Hall had asked that in her absence an issue was raised regarding the 101 number, in that she had rang 101 regarding a break in but no-one turned up. Richard advised that he would investigate why this had happened and let us know.

Cllr White believed that the Cider House was also broken into but he had not reported this in.

National Trust

Peter Blythe advised in his email giving his apologies that he had not received a key to the Lane bollards as he need to do this work before the end of February otherwise it will have to wait until the following September due to the habitat regulations. Cllr. Knight advised that he had discussed providing another key with his colleagues and unfortunately they are going to have to change the locks and has requested a new key for the National Trust.

MATTERS ARISING

Donation request to Harvest Festival Event – Cllr Mayes – We discussed a contribution towards the Branscombe Harvest Festival Event at our last meeting. After some further discussion, it was decided that as we are custodians of public money we need to be careful on what we spend money on and that this should be on enhancing the village as a whole. Therefore on this occasion we declined to donate to the event. The Parish Council however wished to thank and congratulate the Branscombe Festival Event organisers for the superb event held in 2015.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted

15/2630/FUL – Cott Hayes Branscombe – Two storey rear extension – After discussion, although there were concerns regarding over-development, Cllr White proposed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the council **SUPPORTS** the application. This was seconded by Cllr Willmington with **five IN FAVOUR AND one AGAINST**.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Branscombe Airfield – Two emails of concern were received from residents of Branscombe regarding the apparent breach of conditions regarding flying at night. Cllr Bass witnessed one plane landing. Cllrs Bass and White and a member of the public also witnessed aircraft taking off in the dark and the plane was flying very low. Cllr White also advised that he had witnessed planes taking off and landing over his caravan site and farmhouse.

Cllr White asked if we could get copies of the flight logs, Cllr Pook advised he would discuss with his Planning Officer and get back to the Clerk.

Cllr White advised that he believed there had been 2 accidents at the Airfield in the past few years, one 3 to 4 years ago, one ended up in the hedges, one landed in the field.

Cllr Pook agreed to follow this up and advised that the Council needs to put the concerns in writing the Clerk will follow this up.

Cllr White advised that he had been told that Dunkeswell had had problems with the same owners, the Clerk will investigate with Dunkeswell Parish Council. He also advised that we are getting gliders and planes flying below the cliffs, but he was not aware where they were coming from.

Cllr Pook advised that once the planes were airborne, the enforcement responsibilities are with the Aviation Authority, not the Planning Authority.

ALL AGREED for the Clerk to write to EDDC with the above concerns.

Housing Needs Survey – The housing needs survey closed on 20th November 2015 and Janice Alexander has only received 4 forms from households who believe they are in housing need. One of these has had to be excluded as they have not given their financial information which leaves three (she has contacted the fourth for clarification so they may provide this later).

Janice wondered if there was anything the parish council can do to ensure that people who are in need have completed and returned the survey? She can keep the survey open for a couple of weeks longer. She asked if the Parish Councillors are aware of anyone that they think may need affordable housing they could contact them to ensure that they have completed the survey. If they have mislaid their form, further forms can always be provided. We need to ensure that as many people as possible with a housing need have completed the survey to give an accurate picture.

Councillors agreed to check that those they know of have completed their forms.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Knight – Advised that with respect to the DCC Highways Neighbourhood Officers, currently there are 7 covering the whole of Devon, this has now been cut to 6 and they are now not allowed to take the company vehicles home which may cause delays in getting to sites.

Cllr Pook – Advised that EDDC are checking records regarding their assets and there are 2 pilot areas where they will be comparing what the database has recorded against what is known. Branscombe is one of the pilot areas. He advised that there were two assets recorded for Branscombe, the Toilets at the Beach and a water pipe. Councillors were not aware of any other assets belonging to EDDC. He also advised that the Planning Department are going paperless which will mean that we will not receive hard copies of planning applications, everything will be on line and therefore the Parish Council will need to ensure that we are able to view everything on line at the meetings. Cllr Bass was against this. The Clerk will work with the Village Hall Committee to ensure that the TV is accessible for use and provision of a short cable to assist in the process.

HIGHWAYS:

Signs – The Clerk advised that the signs have been ordered on 12th November 2015 and they will take 3 weeks to be on site to put up.

FOOTPATHS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Karen Wakeling email 9/11/15 “Bench on the Beer Head path” – an email was received by the Clerk regarding a request to place a bench on the Beer Head path in memory of her Mother-in-law. The location was discussed and it was decided that it was National Trust Land and adjacent to the South West Coastal Path. The Clerk will advise Karen Wakeling and copy in Peter Blythe from the National Trust and the South West Coastal Path.

Citizens Advice Bureau – The Clerk has received a letter from CAB providing information on flooding and also requesting a donation. Councillors advised that a donation had been provided in the past. The Clerk will research and discuss at the next meeting.

National Trust – Allotment Lease – The Clerk had received a draft lease and asked who normally signs the lease, it was agreed that it should be 3 Councillors. The Clerk will advise the NT and a final copy of the lease should be available for signature at the next meeting.

EDDC Meeting on 1st December 2015 – No volunteers to attend however Cllr Pook advised that if there were any PowerPoint presentation he would copy them to the Clerk for distribution.

FINANCE:

The following checks were signed:

Cheque No.	Description	Amount
920	British Legion – for the Wreath	£17.00
921	National Association of Local Councils Subscription	£17.00

PART B MATTER - None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Pike – raised the issue regarding who was responsible for the village defibrillators as he was aware that Tony and Jill Johnson had both resigned from managing them. There are 3, at the Sea Shanty, The Masons and Oakdown Caravan Park. He was aware that Abie Fuell was one of the people who may be responsible but was not sure. The Clerk will investigate and report back.

Cllr Cox – Advised that there will be a Xmas Fare at the Village Hall which will take place between 14:00 and 16:00.

Cllr Willmington – Asked why the potholes around the village have all been marked up but nothing is happening. Cllr Knight advised that it is work in progress.

Cllr White – Advised that the National Trust have published in November 2015 a new policy for Environmental and coastal protection. The Clerk advised that this had come through today and will circulate to all Councillors.

Cllr Bass – Advised that the next meeting is on 17th December 2015 which will be cancelled unless there is anything urgent that needs discussing. He also wished on behalf of the Council to pass on good luck to the Clerk for her forthcoming wedding.

The meeting due on 17th December 2015 is cancelled unless there is anything urgent that need discussing with the next meeting Thursday 7th January 2016 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall) Social Room.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed..... Date