

# BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 19.30hrs.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bass, White, Cox, Pike, Evans, Wallford-Howell, Mayes, Lambert, Fastnedge, Knight (DCC), Pook (EDDC)

**APOLOGIES:** PC Richard Jenkins gave his apologies by email and an update below.

**NO. OF PUBLIC:** None

**PRESS:** None

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Gail Llewellyn

**PUBLIC SPEAKING:** None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Parish Council meeting minutes dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Cllr Bass also welcomed Cllr Tony Fastnedge as a new Councillor on the committee.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr White declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.1 c) a. 16/2684/CPE as he has a similar business to the applicant.

## POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

### **Police:**

Crime/Incident figures for Nov 2016 below – as 3 weeks ago, the increase is due to the series of thefts of kayaks (investigation continues)

Crimes Recorded - 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016 - KN3F

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016	Recorded Crime 01/11/2015 to 30/11/2015	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	1	0	-
Violence without Injury	1	0	-
Vehicle Offences	1	0	-
Other Theft	4	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>

Non Notifiable Offences | 1 | 1 | 0.0%

## Incidents Recorded - 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016 - KN3F

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/11/2016 to 30/11/2016	Incidents - 01/11/2015 to 30/11/2015	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	0	1	-100.0%
Public Safety	0	2	-100.0%
Transport	1	2	-50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-80.0%</b>

**National Trust:** Nothing reported

MATTERS ARISING - None

PLANNING

**Planning Update** – The update was noted.

**Appeals** - None

**Planning Applications:**

*Cllr White left the room*

**16/2648/CPE – Caravan Site Coombe View Farm Branscombe, Seaton EX12 3BT** – Certificate of lawfulness for use of land as a year-round camp site for up to 28 caravans (including motorhomes), 2 no. static caravans and up to 64 no. tents – After a full discussion, Cllr Bass proposed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the council **SUPPORT** the application with the following condition: That there be no full-time residency in line with other sites in the area. This was seconded by Cllr Wallford-Howell with **ALL IN FAVOUR**.

*Cllr White returned to the room*

**Enforcement** –

**16/FO651 – Neither barn or polytunnel being built as per approved plans – Alderwood Barn Branscombe Seaton EX12 3BU.** – Cllr Pook reported that there has been some confusion over this issue but they have now come to an agreement with the barn and polytunnel.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

**Cllr Knight** –

- Reported that he had done a tour of the village a week or so ago.
- Sellers Wood is now just about acceptable.

- Locksley Lane by the steps area was blocked now cleared.
- Locksley Lane flood now cleared but drain covered, this is being sorted.
- Village Hall Flooding is on the agenda.
- Locality funding has been approved and the Parish will receive the funds shortly.
- 708 children are in care throughout Devon CC, budgeting for this but there are serious cuts in all areas.

#### **Cllr Pook –**

- Boundary changes – there are 2 proposals, Beer/Branscombe stay the same amalgamating with Southleigh, preference to stay a rural area.
- Cllr Fastnedge asked him to report on if there are any outstanding enforcement issues on the airstrip, Cllr Pook confirmed that there are none.
- Development at the Knowle was refused for the old council buildings on over development grounds.
- One Government – He confirmed that they are looking at different organisations' estates i.e., police, fire, council to see if there could be any savings in joining together.
- Heart of South West is on the back burner presently, Cllr Knight advised that Plymouth, Tourbay and Exeter want to go together with a mayor. DCC will not support any break up of Devon CC.

#### **Cllr Bass -**

- Village Hall Xmas Fair is on 10<sup>th</sup> December between 14.00 and 16.00, the Parish Council will be dishing out mulled wine, each glass roughly £1 to produce therefore £2.50/glass to make a profit for the Village Hall.

#### HIGHWAYS:

- The Fountain Head flooding – DCC are looking to steer the water to the other side of the road to prevent this in the future.
- Village Hall Flooding – Cllr Bass advised that he had met with Cllr Knight and Brian Hoare to assess the problems with the stream needing clearing out. National Trust (NT) are land owners responsible for the stream and the Village Hall as riparian owners will also be involved as well as the Environment Agency (EA). Cllr White can accept the river stone. Cllr Knight advised that Brian Hoare had contacted the NT and EA and awaits response. Cllr Knight advised that this will all need funding. Cllr Bass suggested that the Parish Council could release some funds to help the situation. Cllr Knight advised that we are looking at works to the river bank. It was suggested that the Village Hall could also help with the funding. Cllr Knight advised that the costs would be minimum £1,000 and that DCC will obtain the costs for us. It was proposed by Cllr Bass and seconded by Cllr Mayes with **All In Favour** that the Parish Council match fund the Village Hall to be discussed further when costs are available.

FOOTPATHS: Cllr Bass advised that the path on the cliff where the base of the stile was protruding had still not been done. The Clerk will chase this up.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk advised that a letter of thanks for the Parish Council's donation of £50 to the Citizens Advice had been received.

FINANCE:

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

Total Income for the year	-	£8,644.52
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£4,562.95

**Cheques –**

951	-	British Legion	-	£17.00	-	Wreath
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Cllr Bass thanked the Clerk for laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council  
Cllr Mayes would like to donate £10 towards the wreath cost, Cllr Bass thanked him for this.

PART B MATTER - None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

- Possible Bus Shelter – the Clerk advised that she had started to put together possible proposals for a bus shelter and would circulate the report in due course. Cllr Pook advised that Beer Parish Council had done something similar and suggested contacting them.
- Cllr Lambert advised that he had attended a meeting and demonstration at County Hall Exeter regarding NHS lack of beds. Cllr Lambert wished that it be minuted that we are concerned as a council and support that the number of beds should be secured to support the aging community. Cllr Knight advised that we need to respond to the consultation on the web. The Clerk will complete the on-line consultation keeping open beds. It was also discussed that we should encourage residents to respond to the consultation at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T85TCPT>
- Cllr Knight also advised that funding for schools in Devon are the lowest in the country and advised that the Parish writes to the MP to get fairer funding for education. The Clerk will prepare a letter for Cllr Bass.

The next meeting is due on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.40hrs

Signed..... Date .....