

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall)
on **THURSDAY 8th March 2018 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Fastnedge, Evans, Pike, Powell, Cox, Lambert, Shaw (DCC)

As the Chairman Cllr Bass had given his apologies, Cllr Fastnedge, Vice Chairman took the chair with the agreement of all.

NO. OF PUBLIC: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Bass, White, Walford-Howell, Pook (EDDC) and Rob Skinner(NT), Adam Speers (D&C Police)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 15th February 2018, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police:

December was good news –

NO crimes

3 Logs

- (one which was a strange man in a van in the village, who was later stopped near Exeter and was arrested for drink driving). I gave a talk to the children at the school about the incident at Branscombe in December.
- 1 x false alarm activation
- 1 x suspicious males on a farm, who were actually allowed to be there

January was good also:-

NO crimes

5 Logs

- 1 x non-crime domestic
- 1 x (same) false alarm activation
- 3 x other traffic related issues (blockages etc)

February

3 Crimes

- All around the village hall / old bakery on 26/2/18 which were broken into and money taken from the old bakery safe (they didn't get the village hall safe open)

2 Logs

- A car that clipped a parked tractor near Fountain Head and then carried on (no damage to the tractor)
- Traffic lights stuck on red on A3052

So, in general good news, but the break-ins to the village hall area are awaiting Scenes of Crime to find anything as no suspects seen and no other lines of enquiry unfortunately.

National Trust: Rob Skinner e-mailed and asked for us to accept his apologies and he hoped to be able to attend the 19th April 2018 meeting. However, he reported the following:

"The recent snows have created one or two problems across our patch but on the whole we seem to have weathered the icy throws of Storm Emma rather well. Most notable damage has been to the valley path from flooding and a handful of trees have come down in the unusual easterly high winds

Many will have noticed that the top surface of the valley path has been lost in many places, caused once again from flooding at the 'triangle'. As an interim measure we have bought two tons of aggregate and have a schedule of works to get the path fixed up as soon as possible. We are also exploring options to reduce the frequency of these occurrences.

The team have been busy in areas outside the Branscombe valley for the past 6 weeks (since the last report) concentrating mainly of the last of our 2017/18 winter scrub control works. Eyes will now focus on the summer work programme which will bring us increasing into the valley, concentrating on the presentation and vegetation control along our networks of paths."

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Stop Bench – Awaiting delivery of the bench.

Play Equipment – £3k contribution allocated in budget.

Computerised Maps – A meeting will be arranged with Chris Bass.

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. The Clerk also ask other Parishes if they have done something similar and is awaiting responses.

Defibrillator – The Clerk advised that she is still investigating the most appropriate unit and will advise shortly

Gazebos and Marquee – DCC Locality budget – Cllr Pike advised that he would investigate the type of units required and report back at the next meeting with costs having discussed with Abi Fuell.

Parishes Together Fund Air Ambulance Night Landing – A meeting needs to be arranged for DAA to see the location of the power supply, Cllr Cox has keys to the unit and therefore will arrange a meeting with them. The Clerk provided details.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications –

18/0352/FUL - Land West of Lower Deems Branscombe – Construction of single dwelling within garden – after a full discussion, Cllr Powell proposed that we **support** the application. This was seconded by Cllr Lambert with **All In Favour**.

18/0317/VAR - Annex At Higher House Farm Branscombe – Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 07/1411/FUL (as varied by 13/1934/VAR) to allow use of annexe as ancillary accommodation to main house (including as owners accommodation) or as an independent holiday let. - after a full discussion, Cllr Pike proposed that we **support** the application. This was seconded by Cllr Cox with **All In Favour**.

Enforcement – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Shaw (DCC) – Cllr Shaw provided the following report and update:

- Elverway flooding – Cllr Cox chased Stephen Kelly (DCC Highways Officer) and Cllr Shaw and was advised that Stephen Kelly had chased the contractors again.
- Pothole action fund have been allocated to Northley, Offwell and Seaton. There will be another allocation next financial year.
- Seaton Health are promoting a community conversation on 23rd March.
- Future of community hospitals will not be decided until the community conversation is complete.

County Councillor's Report March 2018

Seaton and Area Health Matters - Going Forward Together

I have been involved in organising this event on Friday 23rd March 2018 – Seaton Town Hall, 9.00 for 9.30 am start – 1.00pm. Book here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Z1aMlUjhByt8FDw053> (right click on link to open booking form)

"You are invited to participate in this community led event with key stakeholders around the future health and wellbeing of all the people in our communities, in response to the new landscape affecting Seaton and surrounding area as a result of NHS and Government policies advocating Place-Based Care in health provision and cross-sector collaborative working with community groups

"The aim: to discuss what we know, where there are gaps/challenges and how, as a community we will address these to ensure collaborative approaches to co-design and co-produce local health services/activities that meet the needs of all the people in our communities.

"Invitees: management, senior level employees and volunteers / trustees from community, voluntary and social enterprise sector as well as public and private organisations (includes all parish councils).

Area to include: Seaton, Colyford, Colyton, Beer, Axmouth, Branscombe, Southleigh.

PROGRAMME:

Welcome: Mayor of Seaton – Cllr Jack Rowland

Community Context:

- Dr Mark Welland - Chairman of Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends
- Roger Trapani - Community Representative, Devon Health and Care Forum
- Charlotte Hanson – Chief Officer, Action East Devon

Strategic and Services Overview – Place Based Care:

- Laura Waterford – Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
- Richard Anderson - Health and Social Care Community Services Manager
- Dr Jennie Button - Social Prescribing Lead - Ways 2 Wellbeing project in Seaton

Workshop, Networking and Discussion will form the main part of this event:

- Workshop 1 – What is working well and what are the challenges for Seaton and surrounding area?
- Workshop 2 – Working together to improve health and wellbeing outcomes? What support do we need?

Honiton's Health Matters

The follow-up event will be held in Honiton Community College from 6-8 pm on March 6th. I attended a similar follow-up event in Okehampton, as an observer, on 6th February, to get an idea of how this process can be developed constructively for our own areas.

Pothole Action Fund, 2018-19

I have put forward for repair (1) the road between Northleigh Cross and Offwell Brook, (2) the road to the north of Drummerstone Cross, Offwell, and (3) Beer Road, Seaton. As a result of additional government funding, there will be further money for road repairs in the coming financial year. When I know our allocation, I will ask parishes for their priorities. Work approved for patching in the current financial year should be completed by the end of March.

Stop Line Way cycle route

I am meeting officers from Devon County Council's Public Rights of Way team on 26th February to discuss the way forward for this route.

I questioned the council tax rise to 4.99 per cent

This was approved with the budget for 2018-19 at Council on 15th Feb. I said that while everyone wanted to protect vulnerable old, young and disabled people, it was unfair to council tax payers on low incomes to impose another swingeing increase (bringing the rise in DCC's council tax over the last 3 years to 14 per cent). The ruling Conservatives voted down the Independents' proposal to spend £5 million to save 30 health visitor posts, funding for foster carers and the school counselling service - instead using this money to add to reserves.

I questioned the Accountable Care System (ACS) for Devon's NHS starting on 1st April

The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, Cllr Leadbetter, told me there was no plan to introduce an Accountable Care Organisation (ACO), but I was not satisfied and proposed a motion for the ACS to be put on hold, as there has been no public discussion of these big changes. This was remitted to Cabinet on 14th March. Before this, Cllr Claire Wright and I will meet the CCGs to discuss the ACS on 5th March. It looks as though it will also go to Health Scrutiny on the 22nd. I spoke about the issue at a rally for the NHS in Exeter on 3rd February.

I urged the County to lobby Government for a Brexit deal which protects Devon's exporters, farmers, universities and hospitality trade, by keeping close to the EU

The Cabinet had amended my motion along these lines so that the Council would merely note and monitor the impacts of Brexit. I proposed a new amendment 'that the Council lobbies Government to secure the trade, customs and migration arrangements with the European Union which will do least damage to the economy of Devon', but the Conservative Party voted en bloc against this.

I also challenged the Leader, Cllr John Hart, over his decision to block a Devon for Europe rally being held in County Hall grounds, without discussing with the organisers. I said that whether or not you agreed with this rally, allowing peaceful protest is part of democracy.

Cllr Pook (EDDC) – gave his apologies with the following update via email:

- Council tax for 1819 is set at £136.78 for a band d house that is a £5 increase or 3.79 %
- That of course is the EDDC element; there is, Parish Council precept, Devon County Council and Police to go on top of that. Since Branscombe precept is £22.12 Branscombe will be £158.92 add police etc the Branscombe Band D will be £1762.38.
- Cabinet approved the green waste collection scheme this will be a charged for service at £48 per year for a 240l bin collected every two weeks.
- There has been considerable concern about the new street trading licence scheme. Whilst the scheme is needed to allow and control street trading the fees were thought to be a barrier to community public event's in view of the concern EDDC

has decided to amend the scheme removing fees but maintaining the licence to ensure unauthorised trading can be controlled.

HIGHWAYS:

Members were advised that the Branscombe local roads were gritted and ploughed by the Parish Council. Cllr Powell asked if we could thank the Flay's for the clearance carried out by them on our behalf. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of thanks and also ask them for their costs. Thanks were also given on the Parish Web Site.

FOOTPATHS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCE:

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

Internal Auditor Appointment – All in favour of appointing David Lamb.

Grand Total – All receipts	-	£30,800.95
Total Income for the year 2017/18	-	£7,928.66
Total Expenditure for the year 2017/18	-	£3,868.38
Balance for the year 2017/18	-	£4,040.28
Overall Balance	-	£28,174.72

Cheques –

Chq. No. 981 -	DALC New Councillor Course for Cllr Powell	-	£30.00
Chq. No. 982 -	Citizens Advice East Devon Donation	-	£50.00

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Evans advised that the overgrown hedge at Kings Down Tail had still not been cut back. The Clerk advised that this had been reported twice before and would follow up with a further email to Stephen Kelly (DCC Highways Officer) copied to Cllr Shaw and again report it on line.

The meeting closed at 20.37hrs.

Signed..... Date