



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 12th July 2018 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Fastnedge (Chair), Bass (Vice Chair), Walford-Howell, Cox, Pike, White, Powell and Evans

NO. OF PUBLIC: 0

APOLOGIES: Cllr Pook (EDDC) and Cllr Lambert

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting for both the Parish Council AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 31st May 2018 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 Speers advised by email the following:

4 CRIMES –

2 x Theft from cars (Weston and Branscombe village hall) – I'm not so sure on the veracity of these, as there was no forced entry to either car, no-one seen, and expensive items left in the cars taken, which most people wouldn't leave in their cars? (you wouldn't leave £1,000 in cash on display would you!) Tis the season for this to start again tho!

1 x Public Order - Neighbour parking issue

1 x Crim Dam – from November 2017 but the offender has been summonsed to court this month, so for some reason comes up on these figures!?

1 LOG –

A concern for welfare

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/06/2018 to 30/06/2018	Recorded Crime 01/06/2017 to 30/06/2017	Recorded Crime % Difference
Vehicle Offences	2	1	100.0%
Other Theft	0	2	-100.0%
Criminal Damage	1	0	-
Public Order Offences	1	1	0.0%
Total	4	4	0.0%

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/06/2018 to 30/06/2018	Incidents - 01/06/2017 to 30/06/2017	Incidents % Difference
Crime Recorded	0	1	-100.0%
Public Safety	1	0	-
Total	1	1	0.0%

National Trust: Not reported

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Stop Bench – The bench has now been ordered and we await a delivery date.

Play Equipment – Cllr Pike advised the Village Hall are planning for the work to start in October for the play equipment and followed by the tennis courts. When Cllr Pike has a definitive list of play equipment he will advise us so that we can choose what we would like to order with the limit of £3,000.

Telephone Kiosk – The Clerk has been unsuccessful in obtaining information on public WIFI suppliers from other local parish councils. The Clerk is continuing to investigate.

Defibrillator – The Clerk is putting together options.

Gazebos and Marquee – Cllr Pike advised that he has sourced a new supplier and would pass this on to the Clerk to order it. The cost had gone up slightly to £715.00 inc VAT for a 4m x 6m Heavy Duty Gazebo in white.

Air Ambulance Night Landing – Toby Russell from the DAA will be attending future meetings and is currently testing the signal strength for the remote switches for the lights.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications –

18/0539/VAR – Three Horse Shoes Inn Branscombe – Variation of Planning condition 2 of the Planning Consent 15/1609/FUL to facilitate omission of Plot 6 and amended design of Plots 5 and 7. This was discussed in full and it was agreed that we would reiterate what we said last time regarding the sight lines referring to condition 10. This was proposed by Cllr Bass and seconded by Cllr Cox with **All In Favour**.

18/1384/AGR – Ashton Farm Linhay Weston Sidmouth EX10 0PF – Construction of agricultural storage building. This application was not discussed as it had already been determined by EDDC.

Enforcement – These were noted.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Shaw (DCC) – Cllr Shaw provided the following report for May:

County Councillor's report, July 2018

The County Council's Cabinet backs Wilmington

I spoke at Devon's Cabinet on 13th June in support of my request that the County Council support Wilmington's campaign for crossings and traffic calming measures on the A35 through the village. The Cabinet agreed 'that the County Council engages as a consultee with Highways England on their proposals for the A35 route corridor, and requests that the proposals are brought forward and implemented as soon as practicable.' This will now go back to the full Council on 19th July. The Leader, Cllr John Hart, was very supportive and said that the Council had already written to HE, but not received a reply, and they would now write again.

Cabinet agrees a comprehensive policy on single-use plastics

Following a resolution introduced by my fellow Independent, Cllr Frank Biederman, some months ago, the Council's officers have now drawn up a comprehensive policy to eliminate single-use plastics from the Council by 2020. I spoke at Cabinet in support of this policy.

I have a number of 'Refill' stickers for shops and offices to put in their windows if they are willing to allow people to fill their water bottles, so contributing to reducing plastic pollution. Please email me if you know somewhere that could join this scheme.

Libraries: Scrutiny committee will look at performance, mobile libraries threatened

The Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, of which I am a member, will be looking in detail at Libraries in September following a verbal presentation at the June meeting.

Meanwhile the Council is reviewing the future of rural library services, including the option of ending the mobile library service. Offwell currently receives visits from the mobile library, and I would welcome feedback from local people and the Parish Council on this option.

Safety on the road between Colyford and Seaton

A pedestrian was knocked over on 21st June by a car travelling from Seaton. Traffic on this winding country road has grown rapidly and I shall propose reducing the speed limit between Seaton and Colyford from the national limit to 40 mph.

I already have had agreement from Highways for a new sign pointing cyclists and pedestrians from Colyford into the Stop Line Way multi-user trail, and I have pressed again for this to be erected quickly.

As I reported last month, I am also pressing the County Council for action to ensure the missing link in Stop Line Way through the Wetlands is completed. I have had helpful new assurances from officers on the way forward.

Jurassic Coast Trust presentation at Seaton Jurassic

I attended a presentation by Chief Executive, Dr Simon Ross, on 22nd June about the work of the Trust, which is playing an invaluable role in promoting our World Heritage Site. Dr Harry Barton of the Devon Wildlife Trust, which runs Seaton Jurassic, also provided an encouraging briefing on the progress of the centre.

Beer sign to divert Beer Head traffic from the village

I have finally signed off on this sign, which I am paying for from the Locality Fund.

40 mph speed limit at the junction of the A3052 and Seaton Down Hill

Funding from Seaton Town Council and my Invest in Devon fund is now in place to enable a change which would extend the 40 mph zone on the A3052 west of the junction, avoiding the problem of drivers coming over the brow of Harepath Hill speeding up as they approach the junction.

This proposal will also have the effect of reducing the limit on Seaton Down Hill to 40, as pressed for by the Community Speedwatch Team and the Town Council. The proposal will have to go to the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee and I am trying to ensure this happens as soon as practicable, before being publicly advertised.

Seaton & Area Health Matters

I attended a committee meeting and a meeting with the existing Seaton Health Forum. A way forward has been agreed with the Forum merging with the new Health Matters group. Individuals will now be able to join the new group as well as organisations, and all existing participants in the Forum are invited to attend the next meeting which will be on Thursday 12th July at 2pm in Marshlands.

The Project in Seaton

One good result of the Health Matters process has been that I have had a meeting with Emma Curtis of The Project, which provides a service for young people in Axminster and is now expanding to other East Devon towns. The Health Matters chair Cllr Jack Rowland, of Seaton Town Council, is making a proposal to help bring The Project to Seaton at the next meeting of the Town Council.

Local Hospitals were under capacity, now they have shut them people of East Devon are at a big disadvantage. Both Cllr Bass and Walford Howell asked if we are lobbying the local MP. Cllr Pook advised that if we don't lobby now it will be a done deal with them selling off redundant buildings. Cllr Walford Howell expressed that we need to lobby Neil Parish MP before it's a closed deal. Cllr Pass proposed that we ask the MP what his views are including the fact that Seaton was half paid for by the public.

Cllr Pook (EDDC) – Cllr Pook gave his apologies and advised in his email that “*there's not much for me to report from EDDC I have been chasing the bin issue and it seems no one knows who empties it. EDDC say it's not on their round and Suez have various lists. I have been promised response and will forward asap*”

HIGHWAYS:

Cllr Bass advised that Hazelwood road edging collapse has now had 3 vehicles go over it when needing to be pulled out since the beginning of the year. The hedge here has also not been cut back. The Clerk will chase these issues up.

Cllr White asked if we should write to Highways again asking for an officer to come out to Branscombe. This was agreed. Cllr Walford Howell suggested that we point out that these issue have been reported at least 3 times and not dealt with. Cllr Fastnedge advised that something needs to be done before someone is seriously injured. Cllr Shaw suggested that we meet with Stephen Kelley urgently. Cllr Shaw advised that Cllr Stuart Hughes is lead member for Highways.

FOOTPATHS: Nothing reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

TRIP letter – agreed to put this in Parish Magazine and Cllr Fastnedge would investigate if any of our residents use them before we decide on a donation.

Thanks from Gary Rivers re Branscombe Project – noted

Chapel Row Scaffolding – it was generally agreed that the road closure was best for 8th October to 17th December for 10 weeks.

Litter Bins – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cllr Pook and EDDC regarding the bins at the Masons Arms and outside the church not being emptied.

FINANCE:

Finance Update 2018/19:

the Clerk advised the following:

Grand Total	-	£29,933.53
Total Income for the year	-	£3,781.40
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£956.28
Balance for the year	-	£2,825.12

Cheques –

Chq. No. 991 – T Flay & Son – Snow clearance - £285.60

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Evans – asked if there was any news of the NatWest closure on the branch in Sidmouth as it has now closed. The Clerk had not had any communications from them.

Cllr Evans – asked about Data Protection - this on the Agenda and will be updated next meeting.

Cllr Cox – advised that Elverway flooding happened again, and he was advised by DCC that this has not been given over to the jetting and piping contractor yet.

Cllr Fastnedge – asked if he could have a copy of the Branscombe Parish Council web site guide and access information for the future. The Clerk will provide him with a copy along with Cllr Bass.

Cllr Fastnedge – asked if there was any news on the Airfield. Cllr Pook had advised that an email to enforcement advised him that it is not a planning issue. The Airfield is unregistered, and he along with Cllr Fastnedge is awaiting a response on who to contract i.e. who is the manager.

The next meeting is due on 2nd August 2018 @ 18:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.45hrs

Signed..... Date