

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held online via ZOOM platform on **MONDAY 19th October 2020 at 19.00hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair), Cox, Evans, Pegler, Pike and Powell, and Cllr Shaw (DCC).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Lambert and Pook (EDDC), and Mr Skinner (NT).

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: One.

PRESS: None.

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 7th September 2020, as previously circulated, was approved by Council and will be signed by the Chair as a true record at the next face-to-face meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

ORGANISATIONS' REPORTS:

a) Police: Report received.

b) National Trust: NT gave their apologies for the meeting, but provided a verbal update stating that the valley path resurfacing had commenced and the culvert clearance should begin at the end of the week.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) DCC: The previously received report had been circulated. Cllr Shaw mentioned that there have been more than 3 cases of COVID-19 reported in the area of Sidbury, Offwell and Beer.

b) EDDC: Cllr Pook provided a written report on activities within the District Council post-meeting.

c) Village Hall: David Lamb is the new chairman and Sara Bedford is managing bookings. BPC were asked if there was any paperwork from the Devon Air Ambulance work; the Clerk will provide copies of the quotes & invoices detailing the work to David Lamb.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Parish Emergency Plan: Cllr Cox had provided updated contact details to Cllr Pegler, who will update the plan.

b) EV Charging Point: The Village Hall expressed an interest in pursuing the charging point but have now missed the 9th October deadline. Cllr Pegler will approach DCC to see if the deadline can be extended.

c) Website Accessibility: The current provider cannot produce accessible web pages. A local designer can test the site and write accessibility statement for £300 / produce accessible

document templates for £60 each, but cannot rewrite the website. Clerk will work on locating a website designer and will ask Cllr Shaw for assistance.

d) Damage to retaining wall by bus stop: Work has been completed.

e) Clerk attended DALC GDPR course: Clerk remains confident that BPC are in compliance with the regulations.

PLANNING:

a) Update: 20/1418/CPE - Certificate of Lawfulness for Land South of The Bulstone. Change of use of agricultural land for siting of caravan (on site in excess of 10 years) - refused. Cllr Cox has been asked to upload some information on the length of time a caravan has been in place; Clerk will assist.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

i) 20/1945/VAR 1 Stoneleigh Country Holidays, Weston EX10 0PJ - Removal of condition 3 of application 7/41/ 87/P0468/00039 to allow the unrestricted residential occupation of 1 Stoneleigh as staff accommodation. The accommodation is required for fulltime staff and it is understood that there is already a precedent set for such fulltime occupation. This property is well-placed at the back of the park and can be approved although further applications would likely not be viewed positively. Application supported by Chair, seconded by Cllr Evans, AIF.

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS:

a) Culvert by Village Hall: See National Trust report.

b) DCC Doing What Matters: The results of the survey between Councillors will be communicated to DCC, and Steve Kelly will be asked for an onsite meeting. Cllr Cox has approached Steve Kelly to confirm if areas already in a scheme are still to be addressed.

c) Road Wardens: DCC grant for £678.30 gratefully received. Potholes on Sellers Wood have been filled. All the Viafix in stock has been exhausted and will not be replenished until the spring.

d) Road Signs: Clerk will approach DCC for cost of replacement "Welcome to Branscombe" signs and new "Welcome to Weston" signs. Clerk will also price up signs to place on private land. Clerk will ask DCC for possibility of signs stating restricted head height at beach carpark.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Comments on East Devon District Council - Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026; noted.

b) Complaint regarding Masons Arms/St. Austell Breweries provided accommodation; Chair will write to St Austell's seeking their policy on upkeep and appearance of staff properties.

c) Remembrance Day 11 November – Cllr Cox to purchase wreath, AIF. There will be a gathering at the War Memorial.

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2019/20:

Total receipts for the year	£ 8,634.59
Total payments for the year	£ 5,182.93
Difference	£ 3,451.66
Current balance	£ 27,252.99

b) Investigations on switching banks showed that BPC has been grandfathered by NatWest; we cannot switch from NatWest to Co-Op or Metro Bank for free banking as we are not a Club, Society or Charity. We can switch to Coop and obtain cashback, but banking costs £7/mon. after the first 30 months. As bank charges might rise in the future, BPC will therefore not take this further at this time. Clerk will attempt to get online banking with NatWest.

c) Approval of the Clerk's request to attend DALC Introduction to VAT course on 23rd October was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Cox, AIF.

d) Cheques to Sign:

None.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

None.

The next meeting will be called as business dictates and notice will be placed on the website, BPC Facebook page and with EDDC.

Meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.

Signed..... Date