

# BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair), Evans, Pegler, Pike and Powell.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Bass (Vice Chair), Cox, Lambert, White, Cllrs Shaw (DCC) and Pook (EDDC), R Skinner (NT) and PC Speers (NBM Seaton).

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019, as previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT:

**a) Police:** Apologies received.

**b) National Trust:** Apologies received.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

**a) DCC:** Monthly report received and previously circulated. Apologies received.

**b) EDDC:** Apologies received.

**c) Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

MATTERS ARISING:

**a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing:** the application was accepted by EDDC (see PLANNING). On approval, Clerk will seek grants / request donations in Parish Magazine.

**b) Allotments:** Clerk received signed copy of Deed of Surrender. Issue closed.

**c) Council Road Wardens:** SWQR training identified in Tiverton in August, which complies with DCC requirements. Training costs to be borne by DCC. Clerk to book training.

**d) Amend signatories on NatWest bank account:** paperwork handed over in person to bank.

**e) Update on Weston Carpark Ownership:** Cllr Evans provided a detailed update; the carpark is owned by the local farmer.

**f) Proposed changes to Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service:** The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Chief Fire Officer were invited but not able to present at a BPC Meeting. Chair reviewed the salient points from the consultation document and after discussion it was agreed that the Council was not qualified to comment on the economics of the changes proposed. It was noted that Cllr Shaw reported that he opposed the Colyton Fire Station closure.

**g) Fly the Red Ensign:** Chair to check if the Lyme Regis Sailing Club has a flag that may be borrowed for the event.

#### PLANNING:

**a) Planning Update:** Noted.

#### **b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:**

- i 19/1423/FUL Village Hall Branscombe EX12 3DB – Installation of a single 10m column with two LED lights that will be used to illuminate an area for Devon Air Ambulance to aid at night; Chair proposed and Cllr Powell seconded to be supported by Council with no comments, all in favour. (Note this application was made by BPC on behalf of the Village Hall.)

**c) Correspondence:** None.

#### HIGHWAYS:

Cllr Shaw had written to the Council and suggested that the Coly Valley Traffic Group merge with the Seaton, Beer & Branscombe Traffic Group. This would mean meetings held every 2 months rather than 4 monthly intervals. Chair proposed this motion, seconded by Cllr Powell, AIF.

Cllr White had previously corresponded regarding the road flooding at the end of Locksey's Lane at Elverway Farm and the turning by A3052, and a dislodged drain cover over a holding tank. This information had previously been passed to DCC, but Clerk will write again and ask for an immediate response.

#### FOOTPATHS:

Overgrown hedges and paths, as previously reported, have been cleared.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

**a)** Notices on EDDC funding available to homeowners and landlords for home improvements; to be placed in Parish Magazine and on noticeboards.

**b)** Regarding the grant request by TRIP Community Transport; Clerk will check any previous support provided.

**c)** Complaint regarding the private car park (assumed Sea Shanty); the presentation by Cllr Pegler was reviewed and the Council agreed that nothing had changed from the previous complaint – it is a private matter and the complainant should receive a similar response. However, Cllr Pike will invite Antony Silleck to the next BPC meeting.

**d)** EDDC Polling Place review was noted; no further action.

**e)** Invitation to Devon Community Resilience Forum and Neighbourhood Planning Courses; noted.

**f)** BT Public Payphone Removal Consultation; to remove 01297 680220 from EX12 3DB (outside Village Hall); Council objects based on BT criteria for coastal location and infrequent mobile signal (refer to DAA planning application).

**FINANCE:**

**a) Finance Update 2018/19:**

Total receipts for the year	£ 4,022.54
Total payments for the year	£ 4,340.91
Difference	£ (318.37)
Current balance	£ 23,275.54

Cllr Evans suggested that we should ensure to budget for 2019/2020 by the end of the year.

**b) Cheques Signed:**

- i. Chq. No. 1025 – £71.20 – Hanging baskets for Village Hall
- ii. Chq. No. 1026 – £66.00 – DALC New Cllr training
- iii. Chq. No. 1027 – £123.42 – Assistant Clerk Wages & Expenses (NAL up to 11 April)
- iv. Chq. No. 1028 – £994.71 – Clerk Wages & Expenses (NAL after 11 April)

Only two signatures were obtained at the meeting, but Clerk will obtain a third prior to the next meeting.

**MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**

**a)** Cllr Evans noted that the road between Ashton and Higher Weston has been marked out for repairs (with approximately 20 areas for attention).

The next meeting is planned on 26th September 2019 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.

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