

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **THURSDAY 24th October 2019 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair) and Bass (Vice Chair), Cox, Evans, Pegler, Pike and White, Cllrs Shaw (DCC) and Pook (EDDC), R Skinner (NT).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Lambert and Powell, Assistant Clerk Gail Llewellyn.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Two.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Mike Pellatt spoke of the potential for Jurassic Fibre to move into East Devon and particularly Branscombe Village in 2020. Interested parties should register on *Jurassic-fibre.com*. Chair suggested a separate session could be arranged to discuss the project.

Ian Barlow commented on the appeal in the Parish Magazine for donations towards the installation of the DAA night landing site, on the grounds that holiday makers will benefit as much as parishioners but will not contribute. Chair emphasised that BPC can cover the whole cost, but wanted to give an opportunity for donations towards the charitable organisation as it is well supported in the Village.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 26th September 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: No report received.

b) National Trust: Report commenced with NT representation to be formalised in an annual program. NT reported on success of Manor Mill (and sought more volunteers), advised that Valley Path is planned to be resurfaced this quarter and that the NT offices are now energy neutral following solar panel / GSHP installation. The Bakery is doing well and winter work on tree safety management due to commence. The culvert under the road by the Village Hall was discussed at length; NT is working with Environment Agency for a long-term solution. Council emphasised the importance of short-term preventative work, particularly digging out stone on the downstream side. NT advised that quick fixes were not supported by management and he didn't have approved contractors to undertake such work; NT Management were invited to a future meeting. Chair requested NT keep the Council updated in a monthly report whether NT attends or not.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) DCC: Report received and previously circulated. Cllr Shaw kindly contributed £1,000 to the DAA installation from his budget and was given a vote of thanks. Other discussions noted under Highways.

b) EDDC: Cllr Pook was made aware of the complaint regarding rubbish at Hillside, which is being dealt with by EDDC Housing Officer. He advised that Crowdfunding options are available to raise future funds. Car Parking charges are being reviewed, particularly free and cheaper options; will consider effect of changes on local businesses. Winter deals are returning; rates not changed since 2010. Glover Report reviewing National Parks & AONB has a recommendation to merge Dorset and East Devon into a new National Park, which would move planning decisions to Dorset; Cllr recommended this report is reviewed and commented upon.

c) Village Hall: Christmas Fair date is 7th December.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing: After requesting donations in Parish Magazine, £250 has been pledged. Cllr Evans expressed concern that it had not been made clear that BPC was going to maintain the equipment, and recommended the contract should have been signed and this agreed at the outset. BPC assume the equipment would be regularly tested by DAA and any problems reported to the BPC; DAA to confirm. Also, DAA to be advised that the extra light at the corner of the tennis court is not yet wired (the cables have been left dangling).

b) Community Road Warden Scheme: Signed agreement returned – noted.

c) Grant request by TRIP: Last donation was £35 on 25/02/2010; Chair proposed and Cllr Bass Seconded a further donation of £50, all in favour.

d) Activities at Branscombe Airfield; awaiting requested EDDC report. Cllr Pook wrote an email in support of our request at the meeting.

PLANNING:

a) Planning Update: Noted.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

- i 19/2252/FUL Wootans Branscombe EX12 3DN – Proposed two storey side/rear extension and pitched roof over existing dormer – similar to 16/0122/FUL, which has expired. Council previously opposed 16/0122/FUL and since plans have not substantially changed, the Council's opinion also has not; proposed by Cllr Bass, Cllr Cox seconded, all in favour.

c) Correspondence: None.

HIGHWAYS:

a) Coly Valley Traffic Group and Seaton, Beer & Branscombe Traffic Group inaugural meeting held, but local issues were not discussed due to no Branscombe Representative being present. Cllrs White and Bass discussed the recent pot holes filled near Coxes Farm with Cllr Shaw, which was reportedly a poor job with holes filled ineffectually and / or missed completely. Cllr Evans highlighted the pothole repair markings towards Weston are practically obliterated, Cllr Lambert made similar comments by email regarding Northern Lane and road to Culverwell. Cllr Shaw noted the comments and advised that Cllrs should make detailed reports.

FOOTPATHS:

Cllr Lambert advised by email; small wooden bridge after two thatched cottages at valley bottom needs replacing; Clerk will report to DCC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a)** Comments sought for Grizzly run; Council understand that the traffic management system will be the same as last year, and find the run well organised and marshalled, so have no concerns.
- b)** Seaton Area Health Matters Have Your Say questionnaires received and circulated in Village Hall, St Winifred's church, both pubs and bakery, or can be completed online.
- c)** Further complaint re: Sea Shanty carpark; Chair will visit Mr Sellick at the Sea Shanty offices to discuss the whole procedure for car parking charges.
- d)** Broken wall reported near seats at Mason's Arms on BPC land; Cllr Pike had two quotes to mend the wall of £198 and £390, both including VAT. The lower amount was felt adequate for the actual work and the Contractor will be advised to proceed; proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr Pike, all in favour.

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2018/19:

Total receipts for the year	£ 7,810.54
Total payments for the year	£ 5,330.38
Difference	£ 2,480.16
Current balance	£ 26,074.07

b) Cheques Signed:

- i. Chq. No. 1029 – £54.80 – HMRC
- ii. Chq. No. 1030 – £8.35 – Chris Pike; hose clips
- iii. Chq. No. 1031 – £926.32 – Clerks Wages and Expenses Aug - Oct 2019

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

- a)** Cllr White proposed to remove the telephone sign by the public pay phone near the Fountain Head, since phone has been removed. He will also remove the disabled parking sign.
- b)** Cllr Bass commented regarding the Jurassic Fibre project that many people come to Branscombe in order to avoid Wi-Fi.
- c)** Tania Cload sent a card to thank BPC for recognising her 100th birthday.
- d)** Chair had received an invite to the installation of The Reverend Dr Steven Martin as Rector of the Mission Community on 20th November, which he cannot attend, so the invitation is open.
- e)** Cllr Cox provided a letter from the Royal British Legion regarding organising the remembrance events across the county and country. As is regular practice, a wreath will be paid for by BPC.

The next meeting is planned on 21st November 2019 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.

Signed..... Date