

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **MONDAY 9th December 2019 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair) and Bass (Vice Chair), Cox, Evans, Lambert, Pegler, Pike, Powell and White.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Shaw (DCC) and Pook (EDDC), R Skinner (NT) and PC Speers, Assistant Clerk Gail Llewellyn.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2019, as previously circulated, was approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing Site: Cllrs Cox, Pike and Pegler met DAA last Friday to review installation; circuit breaker locks are to be fitted. DAA requested the form be completed identifying Village Hall keyholders; Cllr Cox and Rod Hart will be provided as contacts. Markers will be purchased from thesoccerstore.co.uk. Stakes will be purchased from the Forge once markers received; proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Bass, AIF.

b) Energy Advice Clinic: plan to hold in February to allow for advertising in Parish Magazine. Waiting for flyers to leave in Village Hall.

c) Hours for Assistant Clerk: It was agreed to reduce the Assistant Clerk's hours to one per month, as a retainer; proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Lambert, AIF.

d) 2020 Meeting Schedule: The schedule was discussed and generally approved. It was noted that the Annual Meeting can be any date in May this year as there is no election. Additional meetings may be added to accommodate planning applications, as required. The Village Hall will be booked appropriately.

PLANNING:

a) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

- i 19/2321/FUL - Lower Watercombe Branscombe EX12 3BT - Change of use of outbuilding to holiday let/ancillary residential use and erection of car port. It was noted that the property is a long way from the road and the buildings are largely already in place; supported by Chair, seconded by Cllr Bass, AIF.
- ii 19/2428/LBC - Rose Church Cottage Branscombe EX12 3AX - Internal alterations to garden room, etc. It was noted that most of the alterations are internal; supported by Cllr Bass, seconded by Cllr Cox, AIF.

- iii 19/2537/FUL - Rose Church Cottage Branscombe EX12 3AX - extension to existing chimney stack. It was noted that this was to meet building regulations; supported by Cllr Bass, seconded by Cllr Cox, AIF.
- iv 19/2585/FUL - Hillend Branscombe Seaton EX12 3DN - Construction of detached single storey double garage and adjoining home office. This was discussed and opposed by Cllr Bass, seconded by Cllr Cox, AIF on the following grounds:
 - 1 The layout and density of the buildings / finishing materials thereof
 - 2 Inappropriate landscaping
 - 3 Effect on a conservation area; within an AONB and close to coastal preservation area in a sensitive part of the village
 - 4 Overdevelopment of property with respect to the effect that these alterations will have on an exceptional building, which are not in keeping with the Village

b) Discuss 17/1007/FUL - The Chapel House & 1 Blue Ball Cottage Branscombe EX12 3AY

The area marked on drawing 204A between the Chapel and Blue Ball Cottages is apparently different to the long straight wall alongside the road that has so far been built. This should be brought to the attention of the Planning Enforcement Officer so that he can investigate and advise BPC on the outcome of such.

c) Notification of a street trading application received

La Cantina, Kingsdown Tail Campsite, Salcombe Regis, Sidmouth; it is noted that this is a renewal application and that there have been no issues with the trader being in these locations whilst consent has been in place.

FINANCE:

a) Budget 2020/2021:

The budget prepared by the Clerk and previously circulated was discussed and approved with an increase in the precept from £7,560 to £7,700. It was noted that the Parish Council may eventually contribute towards clearing the culvert outside the Village Hall, but that this could be adjusted for in the next budget and also funding applied for from the locality budget. Proposed by Cllr Bass, seconded by Cllr Evans, AIF.

b) Cheques Signed:

- i. Chq. No. 1035 – £78.40 – HMRC

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

a) Chair noted that at the last meeting he has been tasked with writing to the Village Hall regarding the culvert. Meanwhile, the road had flooded and Cllr White had approached the NT and agreed a meeting with the Environment Agency. The letter had not been sent, but would be considered going forward. In addition, DCC had committed to jet the culvert. Further to this, DCC would be thanked and asked to report on the presence / absence of the grill, and advise why the culvert is continually being blocked with stones.

b) Cllr White raised a potential future BPC budget item of an electric vehicle charging point for the Village Hall.

c) Cllr Bass mentioned that Ian Barlow had offered to arrange the mulled wine for the Christmas Fair. This was already well in hand for 2019 but could be considered for 2020.

d) Cllr Evans raised a parishioner's concern of the developments at the Kingsdown Farm possibly leading to it becoming an industrial estate; this will be monitored in future planning applications.

e) The Clerk passed out City and Guild certificates to Cllr Powell, Pile and White for the DCC road safety training that they recently completed.

f) Cllr Lambert mentioned his neighbour had recently passed away at a great age and his new neighbours are building a "natural swimming pool" with a concrete lining. The truck delivering concrete got stuck in a ditch off Northern Lane and the increase in traffic on that road has contributed to the deterioration of the road surface. This will be raised at the next meeting.

The next meeting is planned on 9th January 2020 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.

Signed..... Date