

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Pegler and 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 9th December 2019, as previously circulated, was approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: With respect to planning application 19/2681/FUL, Cllr Bass reported a current non-pecuniary interest but stated that he had worked for the applicant in the past, and Cllr White reported that he was a personal friend of the applicant and would step out during any discussion.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT:

a) Police: The previously circulated report was discussed. With respect to the number of neighbour parking issues reported, PC Speers will be asked to confirm if by these being a "Council matter", he is referring to EDDC or BPC.

b) National Trust: No report received; this will be raised with NT. NT did provide the BPC meeting dates they expect to attend in 2020.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) DCC: Report received and previously circulated; Cllr Shaw discussed the good news regarding Colyton Fire Station and reduction of excessive charges at Colyton Health Centre. However, Colyton Primary School has been found inadequate during a recent inspection and action is expected.

b) EDDC: Cllr Pook reported on the upcoming "Careful Choices" consultation relating to discretionary services, to which all are asked to respond. There is a new EDDC Council Tax Reduction Scheme based on ability to pay, which any villagers known to be struggling should be made aware of. Seaton Area Health Matters is being raised to County level, which has delayed expected progress somewhat. EDDC has published its Climate Action Plan, relating to procurement and measurement of its carbon footprint, which BPC may refer to. Cllr Evans sought information on the pending sale of the Knowle; Cllr Pook replied that the purchaser was subject to penalties and that the sale was expected to complete on 14th January.

c) Village Hall: Christmas Fair was very well attended.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing Site: lights fitted and demonstrated; commissioning still to complete. Markers were purchased from thesoccerstore.co.uk and will be passed to Cllr Cox to consider suitable fixing stakes

b) Broken wall: Wall has been repaired and invoice submitted meeting estimate of £198

c) Climate Emergency: Carried over to next meeting

d) Parish Emergency Plan: Cllrs Cox, Pegler and Pike met with Devon Communities Together (DCT) to review drafting of Plan, DCT has been asked to provide examples

e) Parish Precept Letter: Precept amount of £7,700 previously approved by Council and letter signed by Clerk

PLANNING:

a) Update: Noted.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

- i 19/2681/FUL - Annexe 1 Lower Dean Branscombe EX12 3BB - Application to convert an existing garage into a two-bedroom dwelling. Cllr White left the room. It was noted that the proposed property removes parking spaces from the existing cottage, is in conflict with the local plan, overlooks other properties, and previous applications were dismissed on appeal. Council does not support, proposed by Chair, seconded by Cllr Cox, AIF.

c) Correspondence: None

HIGHWAYS:

a) Cllr Shaw and Cllr Cox reported on the recent Branscombe Traffic Group meeting; actions were carried over from the previous meetings and some work planned, e.g. Higher Cox's Farm scheme for Q1 2020. Cllr Cox has an onsite meeting scheduled on 13th January with Steve Kelly of DCC at Elverway Farm to directly view some of the Branscombe issues.

b) Meeting arranged with EA & NT on 24th January, to discuss stone build up in culvert by Village Hall, to be attended by Cllrs Fastnedge, White, Cox and Rod Hart of the Village Hall committee. Martin Shaw (DCC) was invited and Steve Kelly (DCC Traffic) also to be invite to attend.

c) For info: road from Higher Barn to The Old Cider House will be closed 30th March - 6th April

FOOTPATHS:

Bridge on footpath 18 still very slippery and dangerous to pedestrians; Clerk will report to DCC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Request to support the Local Electricity Bill; noted

b) Judicial Review of proposed Fire Service cuts; noted

c) Nomination request for Royal Garden Party; Cllr Lambert will be nominated since he is in London at that time

d) Villager reported repeated garden wall damage from large vehicles; unfortunately, there is no action that BPC can take directly, we recommend that he approach EDDC/DCC directly

e) TRIP posters; will be posted on noticeboards and in newsletter

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2019/20:

Total receipts for the year	£ 12,679.09
Total payments for the year	£ 13,935.00
Difference	£ (1,255.91)
Current balance	£ 22,338.00

b) Donation of £300 from Branscombe Carol Singers, gratefully received and recognised

c) Cheques Signed:

- i. Chq. No. 1036 – £104.40 – Branscombe Village Hall
- ii. Chq. No. 1037 – £855.28 – Clerk’s Wages & Expenses

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

a) Cllr Evans has affixed a new “Gone in Seconds” sign at Weston Carpark

b) Cllr Cox demonstrated that the recently fitted DAA landing lights are operational

The next meeting is planned on 13th February 2020 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.

Signed..... Date