

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in Branoc Hall, Branscombe on **THURSDAY 12th August 2021 at 19.30hrs**

PRESENT: Cllr Fastnedge (Chair), Pegler (Deputy Chair), Cox, Evans, Pellatt, Pike, Powell and White, Cllr Pook (EDDC).

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley

- 1) APOLOGIES: Cllr Lambert, Cllr Hartnell (DCC) and Mr Skinner (NT).
- 2) PUBLIC SPEAKING: None.
- 3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 20th July, as previously circulated, were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.
- 4) DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.
- 5) MATTERS ARISING:
 - a) Clerk Vacancy – The Council welcomed Adrienne Long, having successfully applied for and accepted the advertised post of Clerk. The Clerks will work on a suitable handover period.
- 6) PLANNING
 - a) Parish Planning Update – Noted.
 - b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement Actions
 - i 21/1924/FUL - Land South of Lockseys Lane Branscombe - Replacement of existing two caravans with wooden chalet and associated landscaping. Cllr Pegler presented a summary of the application detail. Cllr Powell described how there was two caravans in place but only one had planning permission, and the location was being changed. Chair pointed out that there was no mention of handling grey water / sewage / power and Cllr Pegler voiced his concern about potential planning creep, where the future scope might exceed these original plans. Chair was also concerned that this might set a precedent of placing a building on agricultural land in an AONB. After taking advice from Cllr Pook, Cllr Powell proposed that BPC reluctantly support replacing one existing caravan with a chalet-style caravan, in the current position, and removing the second caravan, providing all current conditions be transferred, for example the number of weeks per year one might occupy it. Seconded by Cllr Cox, All in Favour. However, Cllr Powell then went on to propose that the Council oppose the overall application based on moving it to a new location, by means of lack of physical infrastructure (drainage & water) and highway issues (vehicular access) and a concern of i. setting precedent and ii. anticipating planning creep. Seconded by Cllr Cox, All in Favour.

7) FINANCE

a) Finance Update 2021/22:	Total receipts for year	£ 4,569.18
	Total payments for year	£ 3,466.47
	Difference	£ 1,102.71
	Current balance	£ 23,637.80

b) Payments approved and cheques circulated for signature:

- i Cheque No. 1082 Clerks Wages & Expenses Apr-Jul 2021 - £1,383.52
- ii Cheque No. 1083 Tom Adkin Gardening at Coronation Gardens - £60.00

Cllr Evans noted that other organisations in the Village might ask for financial support as St Winifred's Church had recently, and this point was discussed. Clerk will put the letter of thanks from St Winifred's Church in the Parish Newsletter, to perhaps encourage other organisations forward. Cllr Pook suggested budgeting an annual amount for community projects and advertising them at the Annual Meeting in May, with a suggested July deadline. EDDC have model forms for scoring projects used by the Community Grants Panel. He further provided contact information for Jamie Buckley (EDDC) who could help setting up systems and possibly link into the community building fund.

8) MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDA WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIR

- a) Cllr Pegler noted that the archaeological survey had started on the land recently sold for development behind the Fountain Head.
- b) Cllr Pike mentioned that the bus stop bench on BPC land near the Fountain Head was in a poor state of repair. He offered to further investigate.
- c) Cllr Cox noted that there is a proposal to "turn off" all analogue wires by 2026, which would greatly affect reaching the Emergency Services in many areas of the village where there is no mobile phone signal.
- d) Cllr Powell reported that while assisting Tom Adkin with the work to clear Coronation Gardens, the handrail was in need of repair. She agreed to further investigate and check the condition of the benches there also.
- e) Cllr Evans voiced the current concern about recycling and food waste caddies not being collected in Weston for 3 weeks. This item is not to be carried forward as it was anticipated that the collection would occur before the next meeting. Cllr Pook described how the EDDC contractor was suffering from a shortage of drivers due to COVID "pingdemic" and using temporary drivers who did not know the routes. In addition, local access had been blocked by vehicles illegally parked.

The next meeting will be 2nd September 2021.

Meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.

Signed..... Date