

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **THURSDAY 4th July 2019 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair), Bass (Vice Chair), Cox, Lambert, Pike, Powell and Pegler, Cllrs Shaw (DCC) and Pook (EDDC), and PC Speers (NBM Seaton).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Evans.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley and Gail Llewellyn.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 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: PC Speers provided the monthly summary, which was circulated prior to the meeting, and noted two recorded crimes, including another break in at Weston Carpark.

b) National Trust: No report.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) DCC: Monthly report received and previously circulated. Cllr Shaw discussed the recent Traffic Group meeting including a pending planning interface, which will show rate of actions being addressed. Also more 20mph speed limit zones will be trialled, which Cllr Pook responded would be good for Beer, where previous requests for 20mph limits had been denied.

b) EDDC: Cllr Pook reported that the new Independent Administration was settling down and identifying efficiency savings and income generation to tackle the £2.1MM deficit with particular activity around the Climate Change Emergency policy.

c) Village Hall: Cllr Shaw reported that the grant money for the benches was in process.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing: the planning application was rejected by EDDC due to the quality of the drawings printed out from the Planning Portal. Clerk directly resubmitted application and on approval will seek grants / request donations in Parish Magazine.

b) Allotments: awaiting closure from NT; Clerk to send reminder letter to NT.

c) Council Road Wardens: DCC Community Road Warden Scheme Agreement previously recirculated and SWQR training identified in Tiverton in August, which complies with DCC

requirements. Training is £250 per person, and Clerk to confirm who pays this (DCC or BPC); proposed by Chair and seconded by Cllr Bass, AIF.

d) Elected Councillors: Clerk received all completed Register of Interests and will forward to EDDC.

e) Clerk contract of employment: Contract signed and copy will be provided to Thomas Westcott.

f) Amend signatories on NatWest bank account: missing Councillors signed.

g) Resign NatWest Bank Change of Address form: Councillors present signed, 2/9 to sign.

h) Review calendar for remaining 2019 BPC meetings: Meeting on 29th August will be dropped, and meeting on 19th December will be minuted by Assistant Clerk.

PLANNING:

a) Planning Update: Noted.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

- i 19/1300/FUL Little Bulstone EX12 3BL - Portable timber frame field shelter on permanent concrete base; Chair proposed and Cllr Cox Seconded to be supported by Council with no comments, all in favour.

c) Correspondence: None.

HIGHWAYS:

Cllr Cox reported on the recent Traffic Group Meeting, which Steve Kelly did not attend. A hazardous ditch previously reported adjacent to Hazelwood Devon Clinton Estates is now marked with red tape, and Cllr Cox will ask who is monitoring any degradation at the next meeting. Clerk will write to NT about the culvert to ask when they are planning to dig out the stream.

FOOTPATHS:

Cllr Pike reported that the overgrown hedge by the river in Parsons Lane made it difficult to access the dog bins to empty them. Cllr Pegler to investigate. Footpath 18 was reported impassable by Cllr Lambert; this was reported to DCC online at the time of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Pat Charman request for commemorative bench for brother & wife (Ted & Kath Forrester); Clerk has passed on NT options and will suggest that Village Hall be approached.

b) Announcement of proposed changes to Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service were discussed and the consultation meeting notice will be placed in the Parish Newsletter. The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Chef Fire Officer will also be invited to present at a future BPC Meeting. Cllr Cox will attend the presentation at Colyton.

c) The Council approved the Branscombe Councillor Area of Responsibility map, which will be placed on the website, noticeboards, and also in the Parish magazine.

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2018/19 (final figures to be confirmed on receipt of missing statements):

Total receipts for the year	£ 4,022.54
Total payments for the year	£ 3,085.58
Difference	£ 936.96

Current balance £ 27,616.45

b) Cheques Signed:

- i. Chq. No. 1022 – £23.40 – HMRC
- ii. Chq No. 1024 – £314.00 – Assistant Clerk’s Wages & Expenses

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

a) Cllr Pegler raised report on Facebook about suspicious van driver and his advice to report it to the Police. The car park at Weston is also due some signs regarding number of recent car break-ins. Cllr Evans to follow up and try to confirm who owns the car park.

b) Cllr Lambert reported on the 30th June National Trust Jurassic Coast walk, which had 10 walkers.

The next meeting is planned on 1st August 2019 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.

Signed..... Date