

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 27th October 2016 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, White, Pike, Evans, Wallford-Howell, Mayes, Lambert, Knight (DCC) and PCSO Chris Bolsover (part of meeting)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mayes and Pook (EDDC)

NO. OF PUBLIC: Two

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting minutes dated 6th October 2016, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police – PCSO Chris Bolsover reported the following: Although 2 Anti-social behaviour incidents were reported in October, there was only one as one was mis-recorded as being in Branscombe. This incident was a neighbourhood dispute. Chris Bolsover handed over another padlock to put on the other end of the Wishing Well, this was handed to Cllr Pike. Chris Bolsover advised that they were currently busy with a vulnerable missing person, last seen in the beach area of Branscombe, he showed members a photograph of him and advised if any of us do see him to report it immediately.

The following are the figures provided:

Year to Date

Offence	Recorded	Recorded	% Difference
	Crime	Crime	
	01/01/16 to 23/10/16	01/01/15 to 23/10/15	
Violence with Injury	0	2	-100.00%
Burglary Dwelling	1	0	
Burglary Non-Dwelling	2	3	-33.30%
Vehicle Offences	4	1	300.00%
Shoplifting	1	0	
Other Theft	4	3	33.30%
Criminal Damage	4	0	
Public Order Offences	2	0	
Miscellaneous	1	0	
Total	19	9	111.10%

Incident Category	Incidents	Incidents	% Difference
	01/01/16 to 23/10/16	01/01/15 to 23/10/15	
Anti Social Behaviour	4	1	300.00%
Crime Not Recorded	1	0	
Crime Recorded	8	1	700.00%
Public Safety	18	18	0.00%
Transport	14	11	27.30%
Total	45	31	45.20%

Month of October

Offence	Recorded Crime	Recorded Crime	% Difference
	01/10/16 to 23/10/16	01/10/15 to 23/10/15	
Burglary Non-Dwelling	1	1	0.00%
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100.00%
Other Theft	0	1	-100.00%
Total	1	3	-66.70%

Incident Category	Incidents	Incidents	% Difference
	01/10/16 to 23/10/16	01/10/15 to 23/10/15	
Anti Social Behaviour	2	0	
Crime Recorded	0	1	-100.00%
Public Safety	0	2	-100.00%
Transport	0	1	-100.00%
Total	2	4	-50.00%

National Trust: Nothing reported

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Lambert – as he was not present at the last meeting he asked what the latest was on the Allotments. The Clerk advised that she had received a letter back from the National Trust confirming as from next year the yearly fee would be £40 (instead of £50) due to some of the allotments being un-usable. They also confirmed that we would not be getting a refund this financial year. The National Trust also wished to remind us that it is the responsibility of the leaseholder to maintain the allotments.

Cllr Bass – Reported that the gullies on Berry Hill had been cleaned out and thanked Cllr Knight’s team.

Fountain Head Landscaping (Bench and Phone box area) – a verbal quote had been received from Chris Fuell of £95 to clear out and open up this area. All agreed to progress with this work.

Casual Vacancy – The Clerk reported that she had received an expression of interest from Tony Fastnedge and EDDC had confirmed that they had not received any other communications regarding the vacancy. The closing date is 5th November 2016 before we can vote on a co-option, therefore this will be on the agenda for the next meeting on 17th November 2016.

National Trust Allotments – Discussed above.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications - None

Enforcement – The Clerk had been notified of one Enforcement issue 16/F0513 – Alderwood Barn/Gays Farm. Cllr. Pook in his email dated 27th October 2016 advised that they were expecting a planning application within the timescale advised to them.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Branscombe Airfield – The Clerk advised that she had received an email from David Cocker advising that the site is permitted to have caravans and camping wherever they wish on the site as long as it is within the red line boundary set out in planning application 10/0019/CPE. He confirmed that the caravans and camping that were shown in our pictures were within the red line boundary and as such there is no breach of planning. The Clerk also received a phone call from Martin Prew (EDDC Caravan Site Licensing Officer) and he advised that the site was licensed up to 5 caravans and as it has now been brought to his notice he would be contacting them as the site will need to have a license. When he is assessing the licensing requirements for the site health and safety is also a consideration.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Knight

- Apologised for the confusion over the two road closures at the same time, this was a mistake and unfortunately nothing can now be done to stop them. Cllr Bass advised that there are 3 road closures now, Beehive to Fountain Head for thatching works, Drainage works and Lower Deans.
- Cllr Knight reported that Berry Lane potholes have now been done and he paid for them out of his budget.
- He also advised that he has not been selected as the candidate to stand for the Conservatives in the May elections therefore this will be his last term unless he elects to apply as an independent candidate. The candidate for the Conservatives is Helen Parr from Colyton. Cllr Bass expressed his thanks to Cllr Knight, he will be greatly missed.

Cllr Pook

Sent his apologies for tonight and advised in an email dated 27th October 2016 the following:

- Regarding the enforcement action at Gays Farm I have been in touch with the applicant and the officer and hopefully they will get a compliant application in on time
- There's nothing significant out of EDDC so unless members have anything for me I hope my apologies are OK, if there are any issues please email me

HIGHWAYS:

Potholes – Cllr Bass advised Cllr Knight that there is a large pothole on Berry Hill just up from Berry Barton. Cllr Knight advised that this should have been done and will chase it.

Cllr Knight – advised that the lane at the back of the Masons has now got a number of bollards in but the hedge has not been cut back yet.

Cllr Bass – Advised that since Everway Farm flooding issues have been resolved, there is now flooding on the road in the dip and asked Cllr Knight if this could be looked into.

Cllr Lambert – asked if the potholes in Northern Lane (the bit that will remain open) can be done. Cllr Knight advised that his inspector had been out there today to record the issues and this would be done in due course.

FOOTPATHS: Cllr White reported that the path at Littlecombe shoot is in a bad condition and waterlogged, the Clerk will report this for him.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home – Cllr Bass advised that he had been invited to their 1st Birthday celebration on 10th November and would like the Clerk and himself to attend. All agreed. Cllr Bass also asked if members felt it would be appropriate to give a donation to them as they do a very good job for our local residents. Cllr Lambert suggested £50, Cllr Walford-Howell suggested £100. Cllr Bass proposed £100 with Cllr Lambert seconding, all were in favour. This would be put forward for payment and agreement at our next meeting on 17th November 2016.

Citizens Advice East Devon – They have offered a free session for residents regarding “How to find help as a rural energy consumer?” It was agreed to put a note in the next parish magazine to ask if anyone was interested, the Clerk will arrange this. Cllr Bass also advised that we had given a donation to them in the past as they provide a good service to our residents, and proposed a sum of £50 this was seconded by Cllr Pike with all in favour however Cllr White advised that we check how much we donated last time and this will be reported and the amount finally agreed at our next meeting.

EDDC Roads and Transport Team – Conference 2016 – The event were noted. Cllr Knight advised that the salt bins this year would not automatically be refilled and please check that they are full, if they are not then please advise Highways and they will organise a refill.

Electoral Review of East Devon – It was noted that the suggestions from Branscombe Parish Council regarding the inclusion of Salcombe Regis have been noted and will be taken into account by the Local Government Boundary Commission in formulating its draft recommendations. It was agreed that there was no objection to Branscombe Parish Council’s views being made public.

Annual Canvass 2016 – The list of those residents who have not responded to the electoral role canvass was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would respond on the basis of the information provided at the meeting where second homes had been highlighted.

Broadband Update – this was noted.

Town and Parish Meeting – EDDC – It was agreed that Cllrs Bass and White would attend. The Clerk would respond to EDDC.

FINANCE:

Finance Update 2016/17 – the Clerk advised the following:

Total Income for the year	-	£7,733.95
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£3,887.96

Audit 2015/16 - The Clerk reported that she had now received an invoice for £30 (Inc. VAT) from Grant Thornton and this will be put on the agenda for payment at our next meeting.

The Clerk reported that she has received a cheque for £60.00 from the Fountain Head PH for the provision and erection of the new parking sign.

Cheques –

Chris Fuell – Grass cutting War Memorial for the year - £65.00 cheque No. 946

PART B MATTER - None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

None

The next meeting is due on 17th November 2016 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.50hrs

Signed..... Date