

# BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 19.00hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, White, Evans, Cox, Pike, Fastnedge, Lambert, PC Richard Jenkins (D&C Police)

NO. OF PUBLIC: 1

APOLOGIES: Cllr Mayes and Pook (EDDC)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meetings minutes dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 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: PC Richard Jenkins gave an update as follows:**

- The one crime reported was a car break-in at Weston Car Park where a handbag was on show. He has put notices up in the car park but they have been taken down, the clerk offered to put them up in the Parish Council Noticeboards. 2 incidents were recorded, an RTA and a lorry colliding with the wall at the village hall.
- They have arrested someone in Bournemouth for the Kayak thefts with 2 victims proceeding with court as the others were unable to clarify if their Kayaks were on the beach at that time or which one was theirs. Richard advised that he is producing posters and a leaflet which will be launched at a beach event to identify whose Kayak is whose.
- He advised that it looked like they will be staying in the Seaton office in half of the building and the PCSO who has moved on will not be replaced.
- Branscombe Parish Council will write to the appropriate police officer expressing concerns regarding any reduction in police coverage for the area and Richard advised he would send the Clerk the details of who to contact.
- Richard also advised that in his opinion, neighbourhood policing is the way forward and initiatives such as the "Have Your Say" sessions on Wednesday's are very popular.
- Cllr Evans asked if the Police were anticipating any problems with the film crews arriving and he advised that there had not been a problem in Beer and was not expecting so in Branscombe.
- Richard has had some complaints regarding the parking for the school and he has been out to enforce these but it does need parents to co-operate.
- He will be providing the Clerk with an update on things for the Parish Newsletter.

The following are the crime figures:

Crimes Recorded - 01/03/2017 to 26/03/2017 - KN3F

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/03/2017 to 26/03/2017	Recorded Crime 01/03/2016 to 26/03/2016	Recorded Crime % Difference
Vehicle Offences	1	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>

Incidents Recorded - 01/03/2017 to 26/03/2017 - KN3F

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/03/2017 to 26/03/2017	Incidents - 01/03/2016 to 26/03/2016	Incidents % Difference
Public Safety	0	5	-100.0%
Transport	2	2	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-71.4%</b>

**National Trust:** Not in attendance

### MATTERS ARISING

Village Hall Flooding – Cllr Cox advised the Peter Blyth offered for Devon County Council to clear the stream from the road side and this would be acceptable to him. The culvert is not blocked as it is regularly cleared out. Cllr White asked who was above Peter Blyth as we could write to them to complain. Cllr Bass advised that it is up to Brian Hoare to respond to the email received below:

*“The small section in our responsibility downstream of the bridge can only be dredged from the field side, and in fairness to our tenant farmers this can only be cleared during summer months when the ground is dry so that we do not trash their field surface. We will therefore aim to clear this section in the summer months. It also worth noting that clearance in this area will be fruitless in terms of flood relief until the council clear the circa 200 metres of piped culvert down Mill lane which is again their responsibility*

*I would also note that although Devon highways contractors removed some stone from the upstream mouth of the bridge there is significantly more needed, and jetting will not be effective – this bridge culvert needs to be manually dug out by contractors with buckets and shovels – you will note that I previously noted that when we had it done in 12/13 over 7 tonnes of stone were manually removed. Jetting and through flow of water are not capable of removing that kind of obstruction”.*

### PLANNING

**Planning Update** – The update was noted.

**Appeals** - None

**Planning Applications:** None

**Enforcement** – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Village Plans – noted.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS: Nothing to report

HIGHWAYS:

The Clerk advised that the potholes by the pig farm entrance on Berry Hill were very bad again and will report them. Cllr Bass advised that his wife had also reported these on line and that it may be more cost effective if they concreted a patch across the whole road.

FOOTPATHS:

Cllr Bass advised that at Littlecombe Shute the sign has fallen over on the path towards Weston and the steps on the South West Coastal Path had still not been done (this is just past the seat on the way to Branscombe beach).

CORRESPONDENCE:

**TRIP** - The Seaton District Community Car Service is available to eligible people living in the catchment of Seaton, Axmouth, Branscombe, Beer and Colyton areas. – It was agreed that the Clerk would put this in the next issue of the Parish Newsletter.

**Grounds Maintenance and Cleaning Contract** – EDDC had contacted the Clerk offering to quote for any work we need doing. The Clerk had received a quotation from Chris Fuell and would include the maintenance of the garden by the Fountain Head which has not been cleared. The Clerk will obtain prices from both.

**The Grizzly Run** – an email from Tony Ravensmead had been received by the Clerk complaining about the lack of traffic management for the run. Cllr White said he had a contact email address for them which he will send to the Clerk to forward this onto them. It was noted that there was an extensive traffic management plan for the run including a one way system, marshals and signage together with the police being involved.

FINANCE:

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

Total Income for the year	-	£9,304.92
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£5,601.30

**Cheques** –

DALC Membership	£118.31	Chq.No. 957
National Trust – Allotments	£ 50.00	Not progressed due to incorrect amount invoiced, should have been £40.00 as agreed with Peter Blyth, Clerk will write to NT to ask for invoice to be reissued.
Thomas Westcott – Accountancy Fees	£216.00	Chq.No. 959

+ proposal to pay by direct debit – it was not agreed to progress with this and the Clerk was requested to advise Thomas Westcott that we would continue to pay by cheque.

Village Hall Committee – Benches	£650.16	Chq.No. 952
Clerks Wages and Expenses	£755.08	Chq.No. 960
HMRC PAYE/NIC	£132.60	Chq.No. 961

VAT Claim +£347.65

**Internal Auditor of account 2015/16** – It was agreed that apart from minor changes to the accounts once the bank statements had been received, that they can now be audited.

PART B MATTER - None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN: None

The next meeting is due on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 19:00 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 19.55hrs

Signed..... Date .....