

**BRANSCOMBE PARISH BRANSCOMBE  
PARISH COUNCIL**



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 19.00hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, White, Pike, Fastnedge, Walford-Howell, Mayes, Lambert, Cox, Evans, Pook (EDDC)

NO. OF PUBLIC: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr Martin Shaw (DCC)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING - None

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Cllr White took the chair and thanked Cllr Bass and the Clerk for their hard work over the past year, it is much appreciated. Cllr Bass asked if there were any nominations for the chairmanship. As there were none, he advised that he would take it on for a further year on the understanding it will be his last year. Cllr White nominated Cllr Bass as Chairman and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Bass would be duly elected Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Pike, **ALL IN FAVOUR**. Cllr Bass took the chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN – Cllr White nominated Cllr Fastnedge and Cllr Mayes nominated himself as Vice-Chairman. As there were two nominations, Cllr Bass advised that there would be a private vote. The Clerk handed out slips for Councillors to write their preference. The following were the results:

Cllr Mayes – 3

Cllr Fastnedge - 6

Cllr Fastnedge **was duly elected** as Vice-Chairman

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

- a) **Village Hall** – Cllr Bass proposed Cllr Pike as Village Hall representative and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Pike would be the Village Hall representative. This was seconded by Cllr White, **ALL IN FAVOUR**.
- b) **Emergency Sub Committee** – Cllr Bass proposed Cllrs Pike and Cox, as Emergency Sub Committee representative, this was seconded by Cllr Mayes. Cllr Bass proposed Cllr Mayes as further member to take over from Cllr Hall, this was seconded by Cllr Lambert and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that all 3 councillors would be the representatives on the Emergency Sub Committee. **ALL IN FAVOUR**.
- c) **Allotments** – Cllr Bass proposed Cllr Lambert as Allotments representative and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Lambert would be the representative on the

Allotments Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Fastnedge, **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting minutes dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING - None

### FINANCE

**Annual review of Finances and Annual Return** – The Clerk handed out copies of the year 2016/17 finance sheets. Cllr Evans raised that the Annual Report was incorrect and the figure for the year on page 5 was wrong. The Clerk acknowledged this but advised that the accounts were correct and that this figure would be changed to reflect that the staffing costs had been accounted for twice, this was pointed out by Cllr Pook as the reason for the mistake. Cllr Bass proposed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the accounts be signed and submitted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr White, **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### **Cheques signed as follows:**

PCC donation for Parish Magazine 965	-	£100.00	Chq.No.
Chris Fuell – Garden Maintenance (Fountain Head) Chq.No. 964	-	£95.00	

**Parishes Together Fund – 2017/18** – It was noted that new funds are available for this financial year and to advise the Clerk if there were any pressing projects we could put forward with the other parishes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

### PLANNING

#### **Planning Applications:**

**17/1007/FUL** - The Chapel House & 1 Blue Ball Cottage Branscombe, Seaton EX12 3AY - Garden landscaping including the extension of layby and installation of gabion wall and the construction of a subterranean garage with new driveway and sliding gate

Cllr Bass advised that they had permission to do the Blue Ball Cottages previously and they have been very slow progressing with the development. He advised that the gabions would be visible from the road and they are not appropriate for this location. Cllr Lambert advised the need for more space in the parking layby. Cllr Bass believed that the application was not in keeping with the street scene. Cllr Evans proposed that we do not support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Cox for the following reasons:

- Not in keeping with the surrounding area
- The Gabion baskets will be visible and not appropriate for the area
- Proposed garage will not help with parking in the area therefore would they would have to park on the highway in this narrow part of the road, the need to retain parking for Blue Ball Cottages was stressed.

Cllr Pook advised that planning is implicating the built environment, not who uses it. The removal of the old garages would improve the street scene. The historic wall will be conserved and is being replicated and the impact on the street scene will be minimal. Parking for the Blue Ball Cottages will be available in the layby. The subterranean garages impact on the environment will have an environmental impact on the watercourses. The access to the drive is at a very acute angle. It was agreed to add the lack of visibility splays at the vehicular entrance to the garages to the objection, this was seconded by Cllr Fastnedge. **All in Favour of not supporting** the application for the reasons given above.

**Correspondence:** Cllr Evans asked why the application for Oakdown had not been discussed or mentioned in the list of applications. The Clerk advised that it was probably because she had not been consulted but would double check this.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr White advised that the potholes by Higher Coxes Farm had not been done. The Clerk advised she would report this again.

PART B MATTER - None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN: None

The next meeting is due on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 21.30hrs

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