

# BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, Fastnedge, White, Walford-Howell, Lambert, Cox, Evans, Powell and Shaw (DCC) [part], Pook (EDDC)

NO. OF PUBLIC: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Pike, PC Adam Speers (D&C Police)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record with a change to the date of next meeting at the end of the minutes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

## POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

**Police:** Not in attendance and nothing reported.

**National Trust:** Not in attendance and nothing reported.

## MATTERS ARISING

**Bulb Planting** – The Clerk advised that she had emailed Abi Fuell after discussing this at the Harvest church service and is awaiting a response.

**Bus Stop Bench** – It was agreed to obtain prices for a recycled plastic bench and for the Clerk to obtain supply and fit prices.

**Play Equipment** – The Clerk advised that she had received a list of equipment from Helen Fielden and will email this round. Cllr Powell advised that she thought that the project was being done in phases and it would be handy to know which one would be best to put money towards. The Clerk will contact Helen Fielden to obtain further information.

**As the above were all to do with expenditure this financial year the following were also discussed in order that they can be prioritised:**

**Defibrillator** – It was agreed that it would be a good idea to obtain one to be located at the Fountain Head. Cllr Bass has spoken to the Landlord and he has agreed to this with the location to be agreed. The Clerk will obtain prices etc.

**Parishes Together Fund** – Cllr Pook advised that Beer Parish Council are hoping to put a bid in for floodlighting for the Air Ambulance at the Beer Football field and asked if we would be willing to contribute towards this as part of the fund initiative. It was generally thought that Branscombe should have its own area and to explore further any that could be of use as last time this was investigated the Village Hall field was advised as not being appropriate. The Clerk will investigate further.

**Sponsoring Post Master** – Cllr Bass advised that we could provide a donation to the Post Master to support his continued services for Branscombe to cover the Village Hall foyer charges of £5/week, £250/year. After a full discussion and agreement that all did not understand why the Village Hall were wanting to charge for a community facility, and that Branscombe Parish Council were not the appropriate funders for this. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Helen Fielden asking if this was a real issue and advising her of the views of the Council.

After the above discussions the following was agreed:

- **Defibrillator** - Cllr Bass proposed that we progress with obtaining the Defibrillator and for the Clerk to obtain some firm prices to be brought back to a future meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Cox with All In Favour.
- **Bench** – Cllr Cox proposed that we should obtain prices for supply and install a recycled bench and the Clerk to obtain further prices. This was seconded by Cllr Bass with All In Favour.

## PLANNING

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

**Appeals** - None

**Planning Applications** - None

**Enforcement** – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

## REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

**Cllr Shaw (DCC)** –

**Cllr Pook (EDDC)** –

## HIGHWAYS:

**Patching Fund** – The Clerk had received an email from Cllr Shaw regarding monies that may be available for patching in the area. She had received a response from Cllrs Bass, White and Lambert. Cllr Walford-Howell advised about the pothole outside Church Living and at the edge of the parking area outside the church, also outside the garage area at Church Living, these would be added to the list.

**Road Closure 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Branscombe Cross to North Lane** - Noted

FOOTPATHS: Nothing reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**Neil Parish MP letter 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.17** – discussed above

**Notice Board letter to Alison Ede** – The Clerk advised that we are waiting for a response from the Masons property arm.

**Play equipment letter to Helen Fielden** – Awaiting response.

**Barn at Higher Coxes Farm** – Cllr Fastnedge advised that that the Environmental Health issues have got a lot better, they had reduced the number of cattle being kept there and wished to thank EDDC Environmental Health Officer as they have been fantastic.

**Oil Club** – This is another club, the Clerk will advertise this one in the Magazine also.

**Parishes together Fund** – No projects identified.

**Working Together for the Future conference EDDC** - Noted

FINANCE:

**Finance Update 2017/18** – the Clerk advised the following:

Grand Total	-	£30,799.41
Total Income for the year	-	£7,927.12
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£1,173.49
Balance for the year	-	£6,753.63

**Audit of Accounts** – The Clerk advised that the accounts had now been agreed and that there were no alterations. It was agreed that these can now be published.

**Cheques – None**

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

**Cllr White** advised that a very large tractor had come through the village and wrecked flowers at Doreen's cottage and disturbed stone at the edge of the road at the Cider House and by Higher House, up to Coxes Corner. Also the verge near Widcombe Farm. This all needs clearing up. The Clerk advised she will report this to DCC Highways.

The next meeting is due on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall). Meeting closed at 21.20hrs

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