

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 14th September 2017 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, Fastnedge, Pike, White, Walford-Howell, Pook (EDDC)
PC Jenkins (D&C Police), PC Adam Speers (D&C Police)

NO. OF PUBLIC: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Lambert, Cox, Evans and Shaw (DCC)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 10th August 2017, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

17/1956/LBC – Holmcourt Banscombe – Conversion of single dwelling into 2 x dwellings:

Cllr Fastnedge – Non-pecuniary interest as he is a neighbour

Cllr White – Non-pecuniary interest as he has a business interest

Cllr Bass – Non-pecuniary interest as he has a business interest

17/2052/FUL - Higher Coxes Farm Weston, Sidmouth EX10 0PG - Agricultural livestock building:

Cllr Bass – Non-pecuniary interest as he has a business interest and also a friend.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police:

The burglary I mentioned last month – a male has now been arrested for this offence, enquiries continue.

The common assault is a driving altercation and the theft is an alleged theft of a parcel left by the side of the road in Weston.

There have been no reported crimes in September to date.

The new Neighbourhood Beat Manager is Adam Speers

(adam.speers@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk) who will be starting in post on 9th October. Councillors welcomed Adam to his new post.

I know you will give him the same excellent support you gave me and I'm sure he will carry on the good work in his own way. Adam advised that he is hoping to start updating residents with social media and will advise as this gets going.

Cllr White advised that Caroline Powell observed a cyclist who she recognised as the possible perpetrator who stole quad bikes, PC Jenkins thanked him for this and would follow it up.

Crime figures:

Incidents Recorded - 01/08/2017 to 31/08/2017 - KN3F

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/08/2017 to 31/08/2017	Incidents - 01/08/2016 to 31/08/2016	Incidents % Difference
Crime Not Recorded	0	1	-100.0%
Crime Recorded	1	3	-66.7%
Public Safety	2	0	-
Transport	2	0	-
Total	5	4	25.0%

Crimes Recorded - 01/08/2017 to 31/08/2017 - KN3F

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/08/2017 to 31/08/2017	Recorded Crime 01/08/2016 to 31/08/2016	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence without Injury	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	1	0	-
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100.0%
Shoplifting	0	1	-100.0%
Other Theft	1	0	-
Public Order Offences	0	1	-100.0%
Total	3	3	0.0%

Non Notifiable Offences | 0 | 1 | -100.0%

National Trust: Not in attendance and nothing reported.

MATTERS ARISING

Parish Councillor Vacancy – Cllr Bass advised that he had received an expression of in-

terest for the vacant councillor post from Caroline Powell which had been passed onto the Clerk, the Clerk had also received confirmation from EDDC that there had not been petitions and therefore we were free to co-opt a new member on as we wished. After a short discussion Cllr Wolford Howell proposed that we co-opt Caroline Powell as a Branscombe Parish Councillor, this was seconded by Cllr. White with **ALL IN FAVOUR**. The Clerk advised that she will complete the appropriate paperwork and let her know.

Bus Stop Bench – It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a price for a bench to go opposite the bus stop area on the grass verge. It was thought that this area of land belonged to EDDC, Cllr Pook will advise.

Play Equipment – The Clerk advised that she had asked Helen Fielden to provide a shopping list of equipment so that the Parish can advise the Village Hall how much and what they would like to purchase. Cllr Pike advised he would take this up at the next meeting.

Fountain Head Gardens Bench Plaque – Cllr Bass reported that the garden had been cleared again and he has put the plaque on the bench, he will be discussing with Teresa Hoare a convenient date to celebrate the unveiling.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications:

17/1956/LBC – Holmcourt Branscombe – Conversion of single dwelling into 2 x dwellings – Cllr White had concerns over parking. After a full discussion, Cllr Pike proposed to **support** the application, with Cllr Walford-Howell seconding and **All In Favour**.

17/1883/DEM – Toilets Beach Car Park Branscombe – Prior notification of demolition of existing public conveniences building. – **This is for information only and was noted.**

17/2052/FUL - Higher Coxes Farm Weston, Sidmouth EX10 0PG - Agricultural livestock building - After a full discussion, Cllr White proposed to **support** the application, with Cllr Bass seconding and **All In Favour**.

Enforcement – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

Minerals Plan – EDDC email regarding this was noted.

CIL – Cllr Pook advised that if we wanted any further information on this then to contact EDDC CIL officer Celina Tulleck.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Pook (EDDC) –

Advised that there had been a vote of no confidence regarding the Leader of the Council Cllr Paul Diviani. Cllr Pook's view is that he does not support the reduction in beds but does support Cllr Diviani and he is also not in favour of long drawn out legal matters that would slow the process down. The Clerk advised that we had a response to our letter to Neil Parish MP which Cllr Bass read out to the meeting, mainly advising that there is likely to be local Hubs and he would be supporting these. This was noted.

Cllr Pook asked for a lead on Branscombe Parish Council's view on Section 157 Agreements where dwellings (usually ex-council houses) had this legal clause that they can only be sold onto people who lived in Devon. He suggested that this could be turned into a covenant which would make it easier for the dwelling to be sold as long as it had restrictions. It was agreed that a Section 157 Agreement were more controllable and Cllr Bass advised that this method should remain.

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 2nd to 6th Oct Branscombe Cross to North Lane - Noted

FOOTPATHS: Nothing reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Neil Parish MP letter 4th 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 5th October 2017 @ 19:30 in Branoc Hall (Village Hall). Meeting closed at 21.20hrs

Signed..... Date