

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall)
on **THURSDAY 15th February 2018 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Bass, Evans, Pike, Powell, Cox, Fastnedge, White, Pook
(EDDC)

NO. OF PUBLIC: None

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Lambert, Walford-Howell, Shaw (DCC) and Rob Skinner
(NT)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 25th
January 2018, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the
Chairman as a true record with the amendment to the Declarations for
17/3060/FUL for Higher Coxes Farm not 17/2859/LBC The Forge.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

17/3060/FUL for Higher Coxes Farm – Cllrs Bass, Fastnedge and White – non-
pecuniary interest as they are both neighbours with Cllr Bass being a friend.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police: Not in attendance

National Trust: Rob Skinner e-mailed and “*asked for us to accept his apologies, I will not be attending this week’s meeting. If it is ok with you and the attendees of the meeting I would like to move the National Trust report and our presence to every other meeting – this will equate to roughly one meeting every month. Its hoped this shift will make the report more relevant to the attendees of the meeting. So, the next meeting someone from the trust will attend or at the very least a report will be provided for the 8th March.*” This was discussed and accepted as a reasonable request.

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Stop Bench – Awaiting delivery of the bench.

Play Equipment – Helen Fielden emailed regarding the £3k contribution, to say “*That’s great news thank you very much. Please could you pass on the committees thanks to the Parish Council*”. She also advised that “*We had discussed the use of the field for the Devon Air Ambulance a while ago and I think by memory everyone was in favour of*

something being put in place. David: Perhaps you could bring it up at the next meeting? Many thanks again for the generous contribution for the playpark.”

Computerised Maps – A meeting will be arranged with Chris Bass on his return after 26th February.

Telephone Kiosk – The Clerk had tried to obtain information on public wifi networks to install in the kiosk but without any luck, we will investigate further. Cllr Bass said he would see if he can assist with help from other local sources. The Clerk will also ask other Parishes if they have done something similar.

Defibrillator – The Clerk advised that she is still investigating the most appropriate unit and will advise shortly and has been approached by EDDC as other councils are also interested in obtaining funding for this as part of the Parishes Together Fund. There was no further communication regarding other Parishes therefore the application did not progress however the Clerk will continue with investigating the most appropriate source. We did get a communication from a Gordon H Irvine MB ChB, FRCS on the following lines:
“Further to our telephone conversation yesterday I would be grateful if the contents of this e-mail be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, under item 6e of the agenda, at the meeting on 15 February 2018.

Community defibrillators have appeared all over the country with little evidence that they make any difference to the cardiac arrest survival rate of about 10% in a community setting. At present Branscombe has several defibrillators. Prior to embarking on the purchase of another defibrillator at £2000.00 it would be interesting for the parishioners to know:

- a) how often they have been used ?*
- b) if used, what is the survival rate ?*

My experience of this relates to my period as a parish councillor in Clapton in Gordano, near Bristol. Our parish clerk was receiving near weekly calls trying to pressurise us into the purchase of a defibrillator. When discussed it was always rejected on medical grounds. These being that our chairman, a consultant physician at a leading teaching hospital, had neither seen nor heard of a successful resuscitation using a community defibrillator. Further a review of the medical literature backs this up.

For a defibrillator to be useful it needs to be available 24 hours / day in an unlocked cabinet and the users need to be able to initiate cardiac resuscitation.

A much better use of £2000 would be in the training of a number of volunteers in cardiac resuscitation including the use of the current defibrillators.”

Although these points were obviously valid, it was decided that we would progress with obtaining a defibrillator for the Fountain Head area.

Gazebos and Marquee – DCC Locality budget – The Clerk reported that she had chased this up again and copied in Helen Fielden as it was thought that it may be better if the Village Hall took control of this so that they can store them and book them out. Cllr Pike raised this at the last Village Hall meeting but as, yet we have not received any further information.

Parishes Together Fund Air Ambulance Night Landing – A meeting needs to be arranged for DAA to see the location of the power supply, Cllr Cox has keys to the unit and therefore will arrange a meeting with them. The Clerk will provide details.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications –

17/1273/FUL – Land to the North of Northern Lane Branscombe – Erection of steel framed barn to store machinery and hay – Amended Plans – Cllr

Bass proposed to support the amended plans provided the vehicular access was constructed with the first 5m in concrete to stop the shingles creeping onto the road. After some discussion this proposal was withdrawn. Cllr Cox proposed that we **do not support** the application as per our previous responses. This was seconded by Cllr Powell with **All In Favour**. The previous reasons for not supporting were as follows:

- a) Too large
- b) Development in AONB

17/3060/FUL – Higher Coxes Farm, Weston – Amended Plans – Cllr Bass proposed that we **do not support** the application as it is putting another entrance onto the highway which seems unnecessary. Cllr Cox seconded with **All In Favour**.

Enforcement – None

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Shaw (DCC) – Cllr Shaw provided a report at our last meeting for February.

Cllr Pook (EDDC) - reported the following:

- There is a community health meeting to be held on 23rd February and he will be attending but if any councillor would like to attend they can, he will report back at the next meeting.
- Cllr Bass asked how much it cost EDDC for the appeal on the Knowle Office site. Cllr Pook reported that there were no costs awarded against EDDC.

HIGHWAYS:

- a) Elveway Flooding – Cllr Cox reported this to DCC and Cllr Shaw. He advised that he would be emailing them again to advise on the previous action taken by DCC.
- b) Cllr White reported that the potholes were still very bad on Berry Hill. The Clerk will report these on line again.

FOOTPATHS: Cllr White reported that the stile reported at our last meeting had been repaired.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Seaton Town Council had requested that Branscombe Parish Council could contribute £50 towards some tourist information signs under the Parishes Together Fund. It was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Pike that a £50 contribution would be made with **all in favour**.
- b) CABE – A request had been received for the Parish Council to contribute towards the running of CABE. Cllr Bass proposed £50 and this was seconded by Cllr White with **All In Favour**.
- c) Flood Water at Cox's Farm – Cllr Bass has asked if the water could be diverted around the barn to prevent future flooding in the road. Cllr Powell asked if the field could be ploughed the other way around so that the water does not rush down the hill. Could DCC Highways put a gully in at the entrance to the barn on Higher Coxe's Farm and repair the edge of the tarmac as it is worn away from the flooding.

FINANCE:

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

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| Grand Total – All receipts | - | £30,800.95 |
| Total Income for the year 2017/18 | - | £7,928.66 |
| Total Expenditure for the year 2017/18 | - | £3,788.38 |
| Balance for the year 2017/18 | - | £4,140.28 |
| Overall Balance | - | £27,012.57 |

Cheques –

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| Chq. No. 979 - | Zurich Insurance (Community Frist) | - | £220.21 |
| Chq. No. 980 - | Clerks Wages and Expenses | - | £434.04 |

It was agreed after discussion that the Clerk would close the NatWest bank accounts and open a new account with Lloyds Bank. This was proposed by Cllr Bass and seconded by Cllr Pike with **All In Favour**.

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr White advised that Vicarage Hill had lifted again just before Hazelwood Drive and that the edges were cracking up and dangerous.

The meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

Signed..... Date