



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branoc Hall Social Room (Village Hall) on **THURSDAY 10th May 2018 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Bass (Chair), Fastnedge (Vice Chair), Walford-Howell, Cox, Pike Powell and Pook (EDDC)

NO. OF PUBLIC: 1

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Evans, Shaw (DCC), and PC Adam Speers (D&C Police)

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Natalie from East Devon Riding Academy spoke in respect of planning application no. 18/0890/COU and asked us to consider supporting the application. She summarised that her customers travel to them from all over the Country and they want to stay and bring their horses with them. They have also, been approached by a leading riding establishment in the USA but they need accommodation to be able to come to any decision. There is a demand nationally for this sort of establishment and she believes that it will contribute and enhance the economy of the area. There will be minimum traffic disruption. The tents are directly on the ground and they will share the same sewerage system from the recent application for a dwelling on the grounds. The Chair thanked Natalie for her contribution and advised that they will be taken into consideration later in the agenda when the application will be discussed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 19th April 2018 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: Not reported

National Trust: Not reported

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Stop Bench – The bench has now been ordered and we await a delivery date.

Play Equipment – Cllr Pike advised the Village Hall AGM is on 21st May and this will be discussed again, at this meeting.

Computerised Maps – The Clerk to contact Chris Bass to amend slightly before they go on line.

Telephone Kiosk – The Clerk has been unsuccessful in obtaining information on public WIFI suppliers from other local parish councils. Cllr Fastnedge said that he would ask his contact at Lyme Regis if he has any information for us.

Defibrillator – The Clerk is putting together options.

Gazebos and Marquee – Cllr Pike advised that the Village Hall had agreed to store it in a safe dry place at the Hall and that David Lamb and Cllr Pike would deal with the booking. The Clerk also advised that a small charge should be made, say £10 per hire for future replacement and maintenance with the proceeds going to the Village Hall for this purpose. Cllr Bass proposed £15 per hire and Cllr Cox subsequently proposed £20. A vote on first Cllr Bass's proposal was taken with 5 in favour of charging £15.00.

Air Ambulance Night Landing – Toby Russell from the DAA emailed to advise that he is waiting for a quote from their electrician MAT Electrics so that a quotation can be drawn up. He will then run through the steps needed to progress with the project.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications –

18/0927/FUL – Edge Farm Branscombe – Construction of detached garage – after initial concerns regarding the gable window, Cllr Cox proposed that the application be **supported**, this was seconded by Cllr Walford-Howell with All In Favour.

18/0890/COU - Edge Farm Branscombe Seaton EX12 3BL - Change of use of land to site 3no. safari tents – after a short discussion and referral to the public speaker earlier on in the meeting, Cllr Bass proposed that we **support** the application with Cllr Fastnedge seconding and **All In Favour**.

Enforcement – These were noted.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Shaw (DCC) – Cllr Shaw provided the following report for May:

County Councillor's Report, May 2018

Seaton's Health Matters

The report of the inaugural meeting is now available and will be circulated shortly to voluntary organisations and parish councils, together with an invitation to the follow-up meeting on THURSDAY 24th MAY, from 10-12 in the Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton EX12 2LT. Doors open from 9.30. Parking is available on the Underfleet. The Agenda will be:

1. Introduction
2. Table-top discussion to discuss (1) priorities for action and (2) communication, coordination and support for the project
3. Report-back and plenary discussion to decide on above
4. Terms of reference of Seaton & Area Health Matters (draft attached)
5. Election of steering group

The report identified the following main themes. We will now decide which to take forward:

1. Area approach – not just Seaton
2. Community context and voluntary services
3. NHS services provided in GP practices and Seaton Hospital
4. Old age, dementia, loneliness and isolation
5. Children, young people and inequality
6. Mental health support
7. Distance, rurality and transport
8. Promoting health and wellbeing
9. Communication
10. Coordinating and supporting the project

Single use plastics - launching the 'Refill' campaign



With the support of Seaton Town Council, I have invited shops and cafes in the town to support 'Refill Devon' by providing free tap water for people's refillable water bottles, to cut down on single-use plastics. It would be excellent if businesses in our other communities could offer the same facility. Window stickers for participating businesses are available from Recycle Devon, info@recycledevon.org, and if you email cllrmatinshaw@gmail.com to say that you have joined the scheme, I will add you to a list which I will publish online.

Colyford crossing

The funding is in the County Highways budget but I am waiting for feedback from Highways officers on the location of the crossing, following a meeting with Colyton Grammar School.

Beer signage (to route heavy vehicles away from the centre of the village and Common Lane)

I have agreed to fund signs from my Locality Budget and I am continuing to press Highways to erect the signs before the summer.

Seaton tourist signage

New signs, funded by the County Council, EDDC, Seaton Town Council, Seaton Jurassic and Seaton Tramway, are now being erected. I made a donation from my Locality Budget to help break the funding deadlock.

Road repairs

Although I am assured that substantial further funding for 2018-19 will be available, I still have no news on the amount or timing.

In the meanwhile, it would be helpful if parishes would compile lists of sections of roads which should be prioritised for repair.

This should not replace, of course, the routine reporting of potholes which constitute safety defects (300mm wide x 40mm deep with a sharp edge). Some funding for roads is formula-driven based on the number of reports. Go to <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Letter to incoming EDDC leader, Ian Thomas, about health services and hospitals

Following a resolution on health services and hospitals passed at EDDC on 25th April, I wrote to Cllr Thomas expressing concern that part of it may compromise the attempt to maintain all the community hospitals as health hubs with improved, or at least no worse, outpatient services than at present. He has acknowledged my letter and I am currently awaiting a full reply.

The text of my letter and background information is on my website, seatonmatters.org.

Cllr Pook (EDDC) – Cllr Pook updated the meeting as follows:

1. Seaton Health Hub – he advised that he was pleased with the way this was going.
2. Ian Thomas is the new Leader of EDDC and there are 2 new portfolios, Transformation and Asset Management which Cllr Pook is pleased to be chairing.
3. They are looking at a strategy for development and one issue is the minimum living space for housing.

Cllr Bass asked if the Sidmouth Beach Management plan was still ongoing and wished to enforce that anything they do for Sidmouth affects the beach at Branscombe and to be very aware of this when making any decisions. Cllr Pook advised that he is on this committee and that he will liaise with us on it. The Shaw-line management plan is managed by Defra and this area is classed as natural but unfortunately Natural England have not been helpful in protecting Branscombe. Cllr Cox advised that the erosion on the west cliff edge has been quite severe.

HIGHWAYS:

Cllr Bass asked the we email the Head of Highways to express our concerns and that if we do not hear back he proposed we contact Cllr Stuart Hughes.

Cllr Powell advised that Manor Mill Lane grid is blocked and that the National Trust should maintain this, she offered her help in carrying out any necessary work.

FOOTPATHS: Nothing reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chairman of EDDC is having a garden party again this year and his award theme is Art Champions in the Parishes. After discussion it was decided to nominate Chris Bass for his photographic work in the parish. This was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Powell with 5 in favour and 1 abstaining. The Chairman asked the Clerk to provide EDDC with a resume for Chris Bass.

FINANCE:

Finance Update 2018/19:

the Clerk advised the following:

Grand Total	-	£29,932.54
Total Income for the year	-	£3,780.45
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£728.28
Balance for the year	-	£3,052.17

Review of Clerks Wages and Expenses – The Clerk advised that NALC had published the new pay scales and advised that the hourly rate for the Clerk should go up from £9.31/hour to £9.81/hour as per the published scales. It was proposed that the increase be supported by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Powell with All In Favour.

Grass Cutting – Chris Fuell is carrying out the grass cutting despite his injury and the Clerk advised that it was very unlikely that we would get a quote cheaper than £95.00. It was agreed that this was accepted provided the quotation was the same with All In Favour.

Cheques –

Chq. No. 987 – Branscombe Project 3 Pubs exhibition donation	–	£150.00
Chq. No. 988 – Marshalls Bench	-	£457.60

PART B MATTER – None

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Cox asked if we would be paying for this years hanging baskets at the Village Hall, it was agreed with All In Favour that we would and that it would be good if we got a letter of thanks from the committee.

Cllr Bass advised that he would not be standing for election as Chair for the next period and that he was hoping that the Vice Chair would be willing to take over. This will be discussed at the AGM.

The next meeting is due on 31st May 2018 @ 18:30 for the Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.55hrs

Signed..... Date