



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the St. Winifreds Church, Branscombe on **THURSDAY 30th August 2018 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs, Fastnedge (Chair), Bass (Vice Chair), Cox, Pike, White, Powell, Evans Lambert, Walford-Howell

APOLOGIES: Cllrs, Pook (EDDC) and Shaw (DCC), PC Adam Speers, Rob Skinner NT

NO. OF PUBLIC: 2

PRESS: None

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Llewellyn

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 2nd August 2018 which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Bass declared a nonpecuniary interest as he is a neighbour for application No. **18/1927/FUL** - 6 Chapel Row

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Police: Nothing reported for this period. Cllr Evans reported that there had been a break-in at the Donkey Sanctuary.

National Trust:

Rob Skinner reported the following information and updates for Branscombe:

1. The Open Day at the Mill was a success
2. The Beach Event was also a success
3. There are problems with the Mill, he thinks that the wall may have fallen into the water therefore it is currently not working, and they are getting an engineer out to inspect it.
4. They have been working with the School to clear areas.
5. They are doing the summer path clearance
6. 50 Steps have been maintained between here and Salcombe
7. Hedge cutting has started
8. Beacon of Light event on 11/11/18 is being supported by the NT and they wish to join up with other organisations that are doing the same e.g., Royal British Legion, and it would be good if the Church group could serve out treats, coffee etc., he asked everyone to email him with ideas.
9. Hill End still unsold, going up for bids.
10. Cllr Evans asked if the West End Car Park could have a new sign saying, "no overnight parking", Rob was unaware that this was a NT car park and would look into this.

11. Pathway over style near churchyard and small tree has fallen which needs clearing.
12. Allotments – Cllr Lambert reported that they are not in a very good condition and that we should look at ending the agreement. Rob Skinner advised that the NT may turn it into an orchard if this is the case. It was agreed that we need to write to the NT to advise them formally that we wish to end the agreement for the allotment land. Cllr Bass proposed this and Cllr Fastnedge seconded with All In Favour.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Cllr Shaw (DCC) – Cllr Shaw gave his apologies for the meeting and provided the following report for September:

County Councillor's Report, September 2018

Seaton Area Health Matters

On 2nd August, I attended a meeting of the working group on the health needs of the area and the type of hub which is needed. We have now learnt that the RD&E are ready to talk to us about provision of services in the Seaton area and I expect a meeting to take place in mid- or late September.

A35 speed management and Wilmington

On 9th August I met with representatives of the SW region of Highways England in Exeter. They recognise the A35 as one of the worst roads, if not the worst, in the SW from a safety point of view, and have identified the 13-mile section from Honiton to Charmouth roundabout as most in need of measures to manage speed and reduce accidents.

The regional team's aim is to do a 'route treatment' of this whole section with a system of about 20 average speed cameras (ASCs). They have obtained approval within HE nationally and funds to commission a detailed study which will compare the ASC option with a conventional engineering-only option. This will be completed by the spring when a decision will be taken on which option will go forward. If approved and funded the ASC scheme will be designed in 2019-20 and implemented in 2020-21.

Both options will include elements in Wilmington like crossings and altered markings, as per the previous proposals. Their view is still that a crossing at the western end will not meet standards, however in some circumstances it is possible to do proposals which depart from standards, and they will consult DCC highways on this possibility. I told Highways England that a scheme that didn't include this would not be acceptable for people in Wilmington.

In the meanwhile, it is hoped to organise speed enforcement using a mobile camera from the area outside Wilmington village hall, together with joint operations by police with the Speedwatch team.

Proposed parking restriction at Western Place, Colyton

Following renewed representations from the Parish Council for double yellow lines, I have asked for a meeting with the headmistress of the Primary School to discuss how parents' dropping off children could be managed if this proposal went ahead.

Proposed new zebra crossing in Harbour Road, Seaton

Following pressure from residents, the Town Council and myself, Highways have accepted that there may be a need to reinstate a zebra crossing east of Royal Observer Way, and will be

discussing this with EDDC which as planning authority was responsible for allowing the previous crossing (which had to be removed as it was incorrectly sited) to be installed.

Speed Limits task group

I am a member of this group at the County Council, which is looking primarily at the possibilities of implementing 20 mph limits in some village and town settings.

Planned and Reactive Maintenance task group

I am also a member of this group. The most interesting news so far is that Highways are considering modifying their approach to potholes to allow the contractors to address holes which don't meet their strict criteria for 'safety defects'. However for cost reasons, this will be rolled out first of all for A and higher-category B roads. I have made the point that it is most needed for unclassified rural roads.

Petition against the Government's proposal to allow exploration for fracking under 'permitted development' rules

I have signed a national petition by councillors against this proposal. Many people, including in our area, feel strongly that fracking should not be allowed, and I believe that local planning authorities should keep the power to examine proposals for exploration, on behalf of their communities.

Local preparations for the risks of Brexit

I have put down a question at the County Council's Cabinet on what preparations the Council has made for the risks of a 'no deal' Brexit. Meanwhile, a study by the Heart of the South West Local Economic Partnership, which covers Devon and Somerset, has been circulated to councillors on the scrutiny committee on which I sit. It finds that the majority of local firms which export to the EU have made no formal preparations for Brexit at all. Just 1 business out of 29 who responded to the survey thought it would have a 'positive' impact for their firm.

Appeal Court to hear case over proposed 'Accountable Care Organisation' contract

The Accountable Care Organisation Contract (now rebranded by NHS England as the Integrated Care Provider contract) proposes that healthcare providers are not paid per treatment, but by a 'Whole Population Annual Payment', which is a set amount for the provision of named services during a defined period. I have supported a case which argues that this unlawfully shifts the risk of there being an underestimate of patient numbers from the commissioner to the provider, and therefore endangers service standards. The Appeal Court has now agreed to hear this case.

General comments on the report:

1. Cllr Fastnedge - The petition against the proposal to allow Fracking under planning consents was discussed and whether we should express an opinion from the Council, i.e. Cllr Shaw's views.
2. Cllr Bass – advised that we were not necessarily threatened by Fracking in Branscombe, but expressed his views that individuals could respond.
3. Cllr Fastnedge – advised that we wait until Cllr Shaw's views were heard from him perhaps at the next meeting.
4. Cllr Lambert suggested that there is more weight with a letter from BPC and that he has given an individual response.

On the subject of Fracking – Cllr Bass proposed that individuals should respond which was seconded by Cllr Cox and Cllr Lambert proposed that BPC should respond seconded by Cllr Powell. The above was taken to a vote:

Individual responses – 6 voted for and 2 against
BPC response – 2 voted for and 6 against

It was carried that individuals would be encouraged to make their views known to the Government and Natural England.

Cllr Pook (EDDC) – Nothing to report currently

MATTERS ARISING

Bus Stop Bench – This has now been delivered to Berry Barton and Cllrs White and Bass are arranging its installation.

Play Equipment – we await the Village Hall to provide a definitive list of play equipment so that we can decide on what we wish to purchase for them to a value of £5,000.

Telephone Kiosk – The Clerk has been unsuccessful in obtaining information on public WIFI suppliers from other local parish councils. The Clerk is continuing to investigate and send the Chairman the information he provided to the Clerk.

Defibrillator – The Clerk is putting together options. The Sea Shanty one is apparently out of date and needs replacing as well. This will be taken into consideration when costing however it is not clear currently who supplied it. The Clerk had spoken to a resident, Jill and Tony Johnston who have kindly provided the Clerk with a comprehensive report of our options. As it was not clear if everyone had actually comprehended what was being suggested, it was decided by the Chairman that we should all read the information provided by the Clerk via Jill and Tony and we will discuss the options fully at our next meeting. Cllr Powell supported this suggestion, and this was seconded by Cllr Walford Howell with All In Favour.

Gazebos and Marquee – The Gazebos which is 6m by 4m had been delivered to the Village Hall and has already been booked for the Harvest Fair for the Church. There is a £15 charge for the hire and it is available to book through either Cllr Pike or David Lamb. This has been put in the Magazine to advertise its use by any local resident or business that wishes to use it.

Air Ambulance Night Landing – Toby Russell from the DAA will be attending future meetings and is currently testing the signal strength for the remote switches for the lights although Cllr Cox advised that he was having trouble with the testing equipment. The Clerk will chase him up.

PLANNING

Planning Update – The update was noted.

Appeals - None

Planning Applications –

18/0598/LBC - The Coach House Trafalgar Barton Branscombe Seaton EX12 3DB - Conversion and alteration of Coach House to create additional holiday accommodation; conversion and extension of Doll's House to create unit of holiday accommodation and conversion of Dairy barn to create holiday accommodation unit – It was proposed by Cllr Bass and seconded by Cllr Lambert that the Parish Council support the application with the following conditions:

- The Dwelling should be holiday let only
- The Dwelling should be linked to the main Dwelling by way of not being sold off as a separate entity.

18/0597/FUL – As above.

18/1927/FUL - 6 Chapel Row Branscombe Seaton EX12 3AZ - Front and side excavation and creation of new pedestrian access and rear extension – After a full discussion Cllr Fastnedge proposed that the Parish do not support the application for the following reasons:

- Highway/Pedestrian safety

- Profile of metal roof
- It was also noted that we should also receive a Listed Building Consent application which the Parish have not seen to date.

Enforcement – These were noted.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE - None

HIGHWAYS:

The Clerk was asked to chase Cllr Shaw on the response to his email dated 12th August 2018 regarding Hazelwood road edge collapse.

Cllr White reported that the potholes at Berry Barton to Ashton are still very bad and untouched for many months, the Clerk will report this yet again.

FOOTPATHS: Cllr Bass reported that the bridleway BW13A through to Hole House is overgrown and this should be reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. East Devon AONB Draft Partnership Plan 2019/24 - Noted
2. Email from Karen Van-Gurp (Luxton) 11th August 2018 - Noted
3. Highlands Farm Branscombe – Cllr Fastnedge - Noted
4. East Devon District Council’s Gambling Policy Consultation – Noted
5. Help for Clerk – Nicky Langley – Nicky was introduced at the start of the meeting, she responded to the advert in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk felt that she was more than qualified for the job and advised that she would be very happy for her to take on the role of Voluntary help. Nicky introduced herself and advised that she lives in the village and has worked for many years as H&S Officer for the Fuel Industry. It was agreed that we would take her on board and thanked her for her offer. This was supported and proposed by Cllr. Powell and seconded by Cllr Bass with All In Favour.
6. NHS Trust AGM – Noted
7. Community Building Fund – Noted
8. SW Path Challenge – Noted
9. Communities together fund – Noted
10. Donkey Sanctuary raised by Cllr Evans – it was noted that there is a cycle ride on 20th October Donkey Sanctuary to Cox’s Corner expecting 1000 cyclists - Noted
11. Edge Farm and Natalie - Noted

FINANCE:

Finance Update 2018/19:

the Clerk advised the following:

Grand Total	-	£ 27,071.82
Total Income for the year	-	£ 3,781.43
Total Expenditure for the year	-	£ 2,861.74
Balance for the year	-	£ 919.69

Cheques –

Clerks Wages and Expenses	-	£667.00 – Chq No. 994
Cllr Cox – Hanging Baskets	-	£71.20 - Chq No. 995

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

- Cllr Cox raised that we are doing a different service for Rememberance Sunday in that as they are reading out the names of the survivors and then the rest. Bells will be at 6.00 across the country and lights on and beacon with the NT on the Beach. It was also noted that on 8th August it was the anniversary of the 100 day of war.
- Cllr Fastnedge wished to thank Cllr Shaw for his work with the Travellers encampment in Weston, the case was very quickly resolved, and he will be writing to him on behalf of the village.
- The Clerk asked if it would be suitable to donate £15 (the Branoc Hall Social Room fee) for the use of the church for our meeting on the 30th August 2018. Cllr Bass proposed to support this with Cllr Fastnedge seconding All In Favour.
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The next meeting is due on 13th September 2018 @ 18:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Signed..... Date