

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **THURSDAY 26th September 2019 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Cox, Evans, Lambert, Pegler, Pike, Powell and White,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Fastnedge (Chair) and Bass (Vice Chair), Cllrs Shaw (DCC) and Pook (EDDC), R Skinner (NT) and PC Speers (NBM Seaton).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR: In the absence of Chair and Vicechair, Cllr White was appointed Chair for this meeting, and approved with all in favour (AIF)

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 29th August 2019, as previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr White declared a pecuniary interest for planning application 19/1929/FUL (applicant has a chalet on his land) and 19/2015/FUL (applicant has been a contractor for his business).

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT:

a) Police: Apologies received.

b) National Trust: Apologies received.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) DCC: Apologies received.

b) EDDC: Apologies received.

c) Village Hall: Christmas Fair is being planned; date to be advised.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing: An onsite meeting was held 24th September with Cllrs Cox, Pike, DAA and Contractor MAT Electrics in attendance. It was reported that the Village Hall had agreed to proceed with the installation; DAA to be advised. Clerk will approach Cllr Shaw for a contribution and request donations in Parish Magazine. Further funding will not be likely as installation is due to commence immediately. Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Lambert, AIF. Clerk will further confirm with DAA who is going to maintain the equipment and whether BPC will be invoiced by DAA or MAT Electrics.

b) Council Road Wardens: SWQR training undertaken by Cllrs Pike, Powell and White. Signature of agreement performed by Chair after being proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Pike, AIF.

c) Amend signatories on NatWest bank account: statements now being delivered to current Clerk's address.

d) Grant request by TRIP: last donation was over 5 years ago; posters are no longer available on Village Notice Board and to be refreshed by TRIP. Clerk to determine previous donation amount.

PLANNING:

a) Planning Update: Noted. Clerk sought clarification on whether applications in Salcombe Regis should be considered by Council or not (there were 13 other such applications in 2019), and was directed that only those directly neighbouring the Parish and advised as such by EDDC would be.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement: Cllr White stepped out of the room while the following two applications were heard, Cllr Cox was appointed Chair for this part of the meeting with AIF:

- i 19/2015/FUL Kingsdown Farm Salcombe Regis Sidmouth EX10 0PD – Construction of agricultural chemical and machinery store at Kingsdown; application supported, Cllr Powell proposed and Cllr Pike seconded, AIF. Two comments to be made relating to the proper address of the application (Salcombe or Branscombe) and a note regarding the hazardous chemicals to be kept on site such that EDDC should ensure they were managed safely.
- ii 19/1929/FUL The Old Vicarage Branscombe EX12 3DW – Construction of single and two storey extensions, extended terrace and alterations to existing façade; object to application, Cllr Powell proposed and Cllr Pike seconded, AIF. Comments to be provided to EDDC relating to the effect on an exceptional building in a conservation area (AONB) that is not in keeping with the Village.

c) Correspondence:

- i Objection received on work carried out relating 18/1927/FUL 6 Chapel Row, Branscombe, EX12 3AZ relating to surface water run-off. Water is apparently able to flow directly onto the highway; Clerk to write to Buildings Control and request them to view installation and ensure issue is being addressed. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Pegler, AIF.
- ii The flint stones added in front of Fern Cottage (alongside the water shute) appear to be outside of their marked boundary and affect the layby/passing area; Clerk to bring up with EDDC Highways Coordination. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Lambert, AIF. Cllr Cox will also raise at the upcoming Traffic Group meeting.

HIGHWAYS:

a) Coly Valley Traffic Group and Seaton, Beer & Branscombe Traffic Group have been merged; inaugural meeting planned 30th September.

b) Clerk has responded to EDDC regarding sandbag availability in Branscombe; Cllrs White and Cox have sandbags as well as the NT.

c) Clerk will follow up with NT on culvert and EDDC Highways on holding tank issues brought up earlier. On the latter point, Steve Kelly will be invited to meet with the two landowners.

FOOTPATHS:

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a)** Invitation to attend DCC Highways Parish & Town Council Conference; noted.
- b)** Activities at Branscombe Airfield; copies of records for August requested / resend email.
- c)** Invitation to attend Axe Valley Local Action Group, which meets 2-monthly at Colyton/Seaton/Axminster fire stations; noted.
- d)** Seaton Area Health Matters help with health survey distribution / completion; to be placed in Parish Magazine.
- e)** Micro businesses in Devon invited to take part in research; to be placed in Parish Magazine.
- f)** Invitation to Devon County Council Highways updates conference at various locations; noted.

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2018/19:

Total receipts for the year	£ 4,027.64
Total payments for the year	£ 4,340.91
Difference	£ (313.27)
Current balance	£ 23,280.64

Cllr Evans noted that we should ensure 3x precept will not be exceeded in the next financial year.

b) Cheques Signed:

None.

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

- a)** Cllr Powell brought a card to be signed to celebrate Tania Cload's 100th birthday.
- b)** Cllr Cox asked BPC to publicly thank RBS Scaffolding for their donation of scaffolding poles for the lighting installation.
- c)** A complaint was heard about a house on Hillside that has a large amount of trash in their front and rear yards, which is attracting vermin. This will be brought to the attention of EDDC.
- d)** Further potholes were noticed by Coxes Farm, and from Oakdown to the main road. Also several road signs on the A3052 have been knocked over. These will be reported to DCC.

The next meeting is planned on 24th October 2019 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.

Signed..... Date