

BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **MONDAY 13th February 2019 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Bass (Vice Chair voted in as Chair), Cox, Evans, Pegler, Pike, Powell, White, and Pook (EDDC), Mr Skinner (NT).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair), Lambert, Shaw (DCC), PC Speers and Assistant Clerk Gail Llewellyn.

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Five.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Pegler (standing in).

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Three members of the public spoke, Mrs Hatwell, Mr Emerson and Mrs Brock all spoke against Agenda item 10a) Emergency Services Network consultation; new mast at Higher Barn. Letters and emails have also been submitted to BPC in opposition to this installation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2020, as previously circulated, was approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: With respect to planning application 20/0135/FUL Pitt Farm Branscombe, Cllrs Bass and White reported a non-pecuniary interest.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT:

a) Police: The previously circulated report was discussed.

b) National Trust: NT discussed Margells Bridge Culvert by the Village Hall and agreed to remove sediment providing the whole section either side of the bridge and adjacent to the Hall was done concurrently, commencing when ground conditions improve (March/April). Guidance is being sought from the EA regarding sediment movement and water flow rates in the whole catchment. Valley Path works will also commence when weather / ground conditions improve (April) involving 2 days of footpath closure to replace the bridge on the 'triangle'.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) DCC: Apologies received. The previously received report has been circulated.

b) EDDC: Cllr Pook reported on the EDDC climate change strategy, operations of council housing, revised powers to give spot fines for fly tipping, how the EDDC budget has been set and council tax increases.

c) Village Hall: No issues.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing Site: Cllr Cox has a prototype fixing stake.

b) Climate Emergency: Proposed DCC update has been carried over to the next meeting

c) Parish Emergency Plan: A meeting was held on 10th February between Cllrs Cox, Pike and Pegler and a draft has been circulated between the three with a further meeting planned.

d) Tarmac for Road Wardens: Cllr Powell has investigated prices for tarmac and will bring to the next meeting. Cllr Pook mentioned a tarmac store in Beer.

PLANNING:

a) Update: Noted.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

- i 20/0135/FUL - Pitt Farm Branscombe Seaton EX12 3AY, Construction of dormer window; addition of cladding and loggia to ground floor. Application supported as proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Powell, AIF.
- ii 20/0225/LBC - The Masons Arms Branscombe Seaton EX12 3DJ - Installation of external WiFi access point. Application supported by Cllr Bass, seconded by Cllr White, AIF.

c) Correspondence: None

HIGHWAYS:

a) Unfortunately, the Environment Agency did not turn up at the recent meeting with BPC Councillors and the National Trust to discuss the culvert by the Village Hall.

b) Temporary Traffic Notice received for work on road off Northern Lane and from Higher Weston Farm to Berry Barton Farm 24-28 February.

FOOTPATHS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Emergency Services Network consultation: the proposed mast at Higher Barn, EX12 3BU was discussed. Planning permission has not yet been applied for and Chair will draft a letter to the Planning Consultant, Mono.

b) East Devon Affordable Housing SPD consultation (rural exclusion site): noted.

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2019/20:

Total receipts for the year	£ 13,009.54
Total payments for the year	£ 15,185.91
Difference	£ (2,176.37)
Current balance	£ 21,417.54

b) Annual insurance: a renewal quote was received at £231.81/year, or £220.21/year for three years. The lower cost was approved, proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Pike, AIF.

c) Cheques Signed:

- i. Chq. No. 1038 – £198.00 – Kenworthy & Arbourne
- ii. Chq. No. 1039 – £832.70 – MAT Electrics
- iii. Chq. No. 1040 – £220.21 – Community First Insurance Renewal

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

a) Cllr Evans noted a car had been broken into recently at the Donkey Sanctuary, Weston.

The next meeting is planned on 12th March 2020 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.

Signed..... Date