

MINUTES OF THE BRANSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe on **MONDAY 12th March 2020 at 19.30hrs.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Fastnedge (Chair), Bass (Vice Chair), Cox, Evans, Pegler, Powell, White, and Pook (EDDC).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Lambert, Pike, Shaw (DCC), PC Speers, Assistant Clerk Gail Llewellyn and Mr Skinner (NT).

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Three.

PRESS: None.

CLERK(S) IN ATTENDANCE: Nicky Langley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Ms Emerson, spoke in opposition of Agenda item 10a) Emergency Services Network consultation; new mast at Dykes Lane, in particular how the application was in conflict with the East Devon Local Plan. Various letters and emails have also been submitted to BPC in opposition to this installation.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2020, as previously circulated, was approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

POLICE AND NATIONAL TRUST REPORT:

a) Police: The previously circulated report was discussed; in particular the recent fatal road traffic accident on the A3052.

b) National Trust: NT report provided prior to the meeting advised that NT have now cleared the bramble from along the culvert and that diggers will be onsite when the field is dry enough to take machinery (hopefully late March or early April).

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

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

b) EDDC: Cllr Pook reported on the recent EDDC building closure; the person tested negative to corona virus. Recycling bins that had not been collected this week (possibly due to road closure) should be reported through the EDDC App.

c) Village Hall: No issues (see DAA below).

MATTERS ARISING:

a) Devon Air Ambulance (DAA) Night Landing Site: Cllr Cox has ordered and fitted stakes to mark the landing area. MAT Electrics completed the installation and the system is now live.

b) Climate Emergency: Cllr Shaw's DCC update has been carried over to the next meeting.

c) Parish Emergency Plan: A draft has been produced by Cllrs Cox, Pegler and Pike. This is awaiting a local knowledge update and should be circulated to Council prior to the next meeting.

d) Tarmac for Road Wardens: Cllr Powell presented prices for tarmac and the amount to be purchased was discussed. Chair proposed that 8 tubs be purchased, seconded by Cllr Bass, AIF.

PLANNING:

a) Update: It was noted that the two applications recently objected to by BPC were refused by EDDC.

b) Applications, Appeals & Enforcement:

- i 20/0415/FUL - National Trust Field Branscombe EX12 3DW - Installation of telegraph pole mast equipped with 2 no. 300mm transmission dishes and 3 no. antennas within 9 sqm compound, 2 no. equipment cabinets & associated hardstanding. Cllr Pegler had prepared a discussion document for the Application and this was presented. Chair noted that the Design and Access Statement, contained in the Mono covering letter, was not on the EDDC planning portal; Cllr Pook will report this to EDDC and seek more time to respond. BPC had however received a paper copy including the Design and Access Statement and this had been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Evans mentioned the number of letters in objection received from Parishioners. All such had been acknowledge by Clerk and Parishioners advised to make comment via the EDDC Planning Portal. Alternate sites were discussed and the reasons for the UHF Transmitter being discounted were read out. Chair opined that of the two drivers for the project (the replacement of the existing Emergency Services Network and to broaden coverage to rural areas) the latter was the main driver. Cllr White was concerned about the proximity to housing due to health reasons. Cllr Pook shared the concern and had sought information from Mono; he will repeat these concerns to EDDC Planning and ask for further information on the alternate sites proposed; if this not received, he would recommend that the application goes to Committee. Cllr Bass proposed that BPC object to the application on the grounds of Visual Impact in an AONB, Health Hazard and insufficient detailed information given for the 9 discounted sites in particular there was insufficient evidence to discount existing installations; seconded by Chair, AIF. Further, Chair will write to NT to investigate the installation on NT land meeting NT policies.

c) Correspondence: None

HIGHWAYS:

a) NT have commenced their preparations to clear the culvert by the Village Hall.

b) A Parishioner had written to Chair querying whose responsibility it was to repair and maintain direction signs. It was clarified that that DCC is responsible for these signs, but that at the January 2020 Seaton & Colyton Traffic Group DCC reported that they do not plan to repair such signs due to budget restrictions; only safety signs will be maintained. Clerk to write to Parishioner.

FOOTPATHS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Neighbourhood Watch protecting the isolated and vulnerable during COVID19 outbreak:

Parish Council has received comprehensive advice from DCC. Church Visitors check on vulnerable parishioners twice per year. DALC has also made a request for the number of plots available in the Church Graveyard; Clerk will pass on appropriate PCC details.

b) GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018 data protection registration fee renewal (£40): Since BPC do not currently maintain a database under GDPR, this fee will not be paid for 2020/2021; proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Powell, AIF. Clerk will cancel the registration with ICO.

FINANCE:

a) Finance Update 2019/20:

Total receipts for the year	£ 13,011.16
Total payments for the year	£ 15,408.91
Difference	£ (2,397.75)
Current balance	£ 21,196.16

b) Cheques Signed:

- i. Chq. No. 1042 – £78.00 – DALC, annual membership
- ii. Chq. No. 1043 – £100.00 – Chris Fuell, War Memorial Maintenance
- iii. Chq. No. 1044 – £45.00 – Branscombe Forge, stakes

MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

a) Cllr Pegler noted the 20mph speed limit trials in Newton Abbot; perhaps BPC would consider a similar scheme for the Village?

Also, the flow in the middle of the road in Cotte near EX12 3BH had been reported to SW Water and found not to be chlorinated water, therefore is likely a spring.

b) Cllr Bass noted that any out of use footpaths should be recorded such that they are not lost.

c) Cllr Evans noted the sad loss of long-standing Village resident, Sandy McFaddon.

d) Cllr Cox reported subsidence on the A3052 West of Branscombe Cross and the deterioration of the road through Gays Farm at the recent traffic group meeting.

The next meeting is planned on 9th April 2020 @ 19:30, in Branoc Hall (Village Hall).

Meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.

Signed..... Date