

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Monday 19th January 2015 7.30p.m. at Colliton Barton.

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman, Mrs. E. Bradshaw, P. Chowles, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, P. Diviani (D.C.), K. Granger (Clerk) 8 members of the public & the public correspondent, Ms. Janice Alexander (Communities Together)C.C.D.)

Agenda

1. Apologies: Cllr. Rowan.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting signed correct.

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere) None

4. Planning Application James Barn: consider E.I.S. Statement No. 13/1830/FUL (read E.D.D.C. planning site for this statement): Two members of the public were invited to speak, one in favour and one against. Cllrs. Jones, Bradshaw, Game and Roberts were opposed, Cllrs. Chowles, Howgill and McArdle were supportive, the Clerk was instructed to reply we were not in favour, however it was a split decisions of four to three largely on grounds of proximity and damage to the environment by extra traffic.

5, Public Discussion, Reports D.C., E.D.D.C., & Police:

Public Discussion: Cllr. Diviani (D.C.) reported on an application of another 4000 houses at Cranbrook with a portion of 25-40% affordable, Paul went on to say he is working with the Clinical Commission Group who are seeing an increase of 20% of people in North, East & West Devon. Cllrs thanked Cllr. Diviani for his financed help during the last year from his Locality Fund.

E.D.D.C.: None

Police: No crimes

6. Web Site and contact with Parisioners: Cllr. McArdle gave a display on how our site could be much improved and how Councillors having obtained a password, could add appropriate news and events therefore contact many parishioners more easily and cheaper.

7. Formal Ratification of Easement: Cllr. Bradshaw proposed, Cllr. Game seconded.

8. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Nelson thanked the Rowan family for hosting our second public consultation which was a great success with 65 – 70 people attending and said the Steering Group would meet shortly to finalise our Aims and Objectives.

9. Housing Needs Survey: The Chairman welcomed and introduced Janice Alexander from the old C.C.D. now Devon Communities Together. Janice said the average house in Broadhembury was in Class B at £425.00, the survey showed 3 homes in need of Affordable Housing with another 2 on the Devon choices register and to be eligible those in need would have to have strong links with Broadhembury and said affordable was 80% of market value.

Janice went on to say there were 21,000 in need in Devon and when questioned said there were many ways of setting up affordable housing, i.e. Housing Associations and Community Land Trust being just two with a definite tenancy period and offered to come back and speak again if needed, finally Ms. Alexander asked if the Clerk would send an email saying we accepted the H.M.S.

10. Precept: Councillors unanimously approved a 2% increase. It was unanimously accepted that those organizations requiring a grant in the next financial year should contact the Clerk.

11. 2015 Elections (see attachment): The Chair advised

12. Correspondence:

a. Letter Prime Minister:

b. “ Eaton-Hart

Both these letters were of thanks and praise for the Luton drainage work completed at a cost of around £7,000, which was organised by Cllr. Game and Mr. Keith Bone, this Council also passed a vote of thanks.

13. Report from Cllrs. (see attached) : Cllr. Bradshaw reported on two planning applications one at Hembury Court and one at James Barn. Cllr. Jones said the contractors had started knocking down the old hall and wondered if Mr. Richard Cluett (Hall Trustee) could be invited to our March meeting. Cllr. Game said he and Helen Selby (highways) had looked at the surface water problem at Grange road and went on to say the next working day at the Milleniun Garden was March 21st., thanks were expressed to Cllr. Jones for obtaining a plant voucher for the garden from Mole Valley Farmers and now that the garden was taking shape the Clerk was asked to speak with the Drewe family for an extended lease.

14. Way Warden replacement (see attached): Cllr. Nelson asked the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr. John Russell upon his retirement in April/May and to put an article in the Parish magazine asking if anyone was interested taking on the post, the chairman said at present we were without a Councillor in charge of Common Land and also a Snow Warden.

15. Parishes Together Fund (see attached): The Clerk reported on a cheque back from Luppitt of £117 which we put in for their last years project of a lengthsman privately and said Branscombe had asked us to join them over this years's project, Cllr. Game would investigate this further.

The meeting closed at 9.48p.m.