

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Tuesday 21st March 2017 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. E. Bradshaw, (Deputy Chair) V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, A. Mc Ardle. L. Roberts, K. Rowan, also Cllr. Diviani (D.C.C.) & Cllr. Skinner (EDDC), 4 members of the public and K. Granger (Clerk)

Agenda

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: were signed correct.

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere)

a. Letters from Hall Trustees and Parochial Church Council: Chairman reported we had received the signed agreement back from both parties. These agreements confirmed the terms under which the car park could be used

b. Letter of thanks from PCC over PTF grant (for grass cutting): Clerk read a letter of thanks from the PCC.

4. Public Discussion, Reports, D.C.C, E.D.D.C., Police

Public Discussion: None.

DCC.: Cllr. Diviani announced he would not be standing for Devon County elections due to health issues but was hoping to continue with his work at District level. Cllr. Diviani said the two keen issues at County level at the moment were health and education, finance was a serious problem. Cllr. McArdle asked if there were any new developments over the proposed new A.30 route, Cllr. Diviani said our M.P. Neil Parish and his team still looking into this.

EDDC: Cllr. Skinner said he was pleased to have been of some help over our planning application for the hall car park. Cllr. Skinner went on to say District were pressing on with their move and were looking forward to working together with their rural parishes and calling for sites to be put forward for planning both housing and industrial. Cllr. Bradshaw asked if these sites would have to meet the SHLAA criteria and Philip said added to that would be other considerations, when asked about the new proposed development outside Cullompton alongside the A.373 he said this was more of a Mid Devon issue but East Devon were working alongside Mid Devon wherever possible. Cllr. Diviani said a Neighbourhood Plan was a most important document when it comes to planning and East Devon were leading in this throughout the Country having 43 N. Plans working their way through the process.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Diviani for his help in many ways over the years at County level, most recently with a grant to cover the legal fees of the new hall car park. The Chairman also thanked Cllr. Skinner for all his time and work put in over the planning application and Steve Eastland Designs who had given their time and expertise free of charge on the same project.

Police: P.C. Philip Anning reported 4 crimes since the last meeting, 3 of common assault at the same address and one of theft from a motor vehicle.

5. Correspondence:

a. Letter M. Drewe: Mr. Drew's letter (November 2016) had made various points about landscaping of the new car park and had offered his help with the design. The Chairman said

that the PC had replied to the letter but he acknowledged that they had omitted to follow up on the offer of help with design, for which he apologised. Mr Drewe was unhappy about this and said that as a result he had objected to the Planning Application. The Chairman said it had been a genuine oversight but felt that the landscaping proposed, although not of Mr. Drew's design, would meet the same objective to blend the car park into the surrounding countryside.

b. Letter K. Reynolds: Mr. Reynolds in attendance, asked for a letter of support from the Council for his request to Highways for a complete re-surfacing of the lane past Luton saw-mills and Balls Fm. down to Danes Mill road as although pot holes had been filled, 30 or more years have past since it had been re-surfaced. Cllr. Nelson said we supported Mr. Reynolds request, however there are many lanes/unmarked roads with similar problems. Cllr. Game would speak with his contact at Highways.

6. Planning Report: Cllr. Bradshaw reported 3 applications, at The Bothy, Dulford, Hope Cottage Kerswell both we supported and one at Kerswell Farm which we could not support as the Plans showed a sewerage treatment plant which we could not find on the ground.

7. Grants summary: Cllr. Bradshaw reported on grants for the extended Hall car park £21,035 some already received, the remainder agreed but as yet not paid.

8. Cllr. Game drainage report: Cllr. Game reported on work done on Danes Mill road and at St. Andrews Wood where there was a collapsed drain (which has been renewed) and general ditching, Mr. Alan Lock (local farmer) has assisted, further work needed at Grange Cross, Kerswell and Dulford. Cllr. Game would attempt to establish EDDC/DCC plan for Kerswell by the next PC meeting.

9. Parish Precept Community charge: Approval had been minuted at the last PC for a precept increase of 2% on last year's figure. However Council tax invoices issued to households had shown a PC precept increase of 4%. This had happened because the number of households paying council tax had reduced so the increase had been spread across a smaller number. The Chairman acknowledged that this was embarrassing but pointed out that the situation had been reversed in the previous year when the percentage shown on invoices had been 0%, when the PC had agreed 2%. Furthermore on a Band D property for 2017/18 the difference was approx. 0.60p per annum. For future years we would attempt to establish the 'property base' from EDDC before agreeing a figure.

10. Planning Application Hall car park: The Chairman reported after many years this had been successful with the help of the gift of the land from the Gundry family, we have agreed to install a hedge on the boundary with Manleys but we are now withdrawing our offer of 50% of a fence between the Hall and Manleys. The Chairman to meet with the Hall Trustees shortly.

11. Public Correspondent: The Editor of the Parish magazine had appealed for a 'reporter' to report PC meetings for the magazine but so far no one had come forward. He acknowledged the job done by Dr. Critchell for many years and as a result the PC had asked Cllr. Rowan to write a summary for the magazine. This was in addition to publication of the minutes on the web site. The PC confirmed that it was happy with this arrangement but if the magazine wanted to appoint another person they had no objection provided the person was independent.

12. Bank Mandate revision: Clerk/RFO reported this is now complete and new accounts have been set up for the projects obtaining grants as is required.

13. PC Vacancy: As yet no one has come forward to work on the PC.

14. A.O.B. (For information only): A letter was read out from TRIP Community Transport with some publicity material about their service. Cllr. Bradshaw handed over to the Chairman a document from the Land Registry for the hall car park. Cllr. McArdle in talks to improve Wi-Fi reception for areas such as Kerswell and Dulford, and Cllr. Roberts (P3) has spoken with Mr. Pyle over a style in need of attention near Broadhembury Barton.

The meeting closed at 9.28p.m.