

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of PC Meeting Tuesday 24^h September 2019 at 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman,) Mrs. E. Bradshaw, V. Game, N. Howgill, A. McArdle, R. O'Boyle, A. Powell, D. Rees, D. Wicks, I. Chubb (DC) P. Skinner (EDDC) K. Granger (Clerk) 3 members of the public & the public correspondent.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed correct.

3. Matters Arising: Cllr. Nelson reported a hard copy of the AONB Management plan was now available from the Clerk, the grant for installing the EV charging point has been received. Discussions with EDDC concerning amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan were on-going. The Planning Officer was moving on so discussions would need to continue in a new context.

4. Public Discussion, Reports, DC, None EDDC None, Police:

DC. Cllr. Chubb said County were very much looking into how they could take measures to reduce their carbon footprint and had allocated £250,000 to assist projects to this affect also Cllr. Chubb reported on a meeting taking place this week on the rural broadband issue now the contract had been terminated with Gigaclear. Cllr. Skinner (EDDC) also said local authorities such as EDDC were working together to produce a strategic plan on the climate change issue.

Police: No report.

5. Planning report: Cllr. Bradshaw reported on 2 applications since the last meeting, Lane End Farm and Wishes, Crammer of which we supported the former and no objection the latter.

6. Correspondence: (dealt with elsewhere)

7. Code of Conduct: Cllr. Rees reported she had undertaken a review of our Code of Conduct which would be circulated to all councillors for comments and put on the agenda for the next meeting, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Rees for her work with this.

8. DCC footpaths review: Cllr. Game had been approached by Payhembury PC, as County were now updating their 'Rights of Way', if any of our parishioners using footpaths/Bridle paths around Hembury Fort could fill out a 'Public Right of Way User Evidence Form' obtainable from our Clerk it would be appreciated.

9. Rural broadband development: Cllr. Nelson reported on the termination of the contract with Gigaclear by CDS for superfast rural broadband of which a representative had agreed to attend our November meeting.

10. Fly tipping prevention: The Chairman said at present we did not have a great problem like some other rural parishes but encouraged parishioners to report any occurrence to the Clerk immediately. There followed a discussion about what pro-active steps the PC could take to prevent the problem.

11. ROSPA reports, update: Cllr. O'Boyle had spoken with the office at ROSPA over discrepancies over the report for Kerswell play area and was awaiting a reply. Cllr. Wicks had no problems at Broadhembury playground and said he was in touch with EDDC over monies due to (S106) them for youth/sports equipment there.

12. Foot-bridge at St. Andrews Wood, Cllr. Game to report: Cllr. Game reported highways had undertaken the repair of the footbridge. Cllr. Game said he had also met with highways over visual problems on the A.373 Upton bend also Colliton Cross drainage problems to see if any improvement could be made. Cllr. Game had also, alongside Richard Batten, been to the Dulford bridge to try and find a solution to clear rubble etc. gathered underneath hence holding back the flow of water.

13. VAT review: Cllr. McArdle to attend a seminar on the subject shortly and report back. The Chairman advised that he had invited Cllr. McArdle to lead a "task and finish" sub-committee to advise on the PC's VAT practice

14. Climate Action Plan: Cllr. Nelson said we would continue to look at any small steps we could take alongside helping more widely. As a first step the PC endorsed DCC's climate policy statement. This item would be put on the agenda at the next PC meeting.

15. Grass bank in Car Park: Cllr. Powell reported on the obtaining and planting of wild flowers on the bank of the Memorial hall car park opposite Manleys, this to take place on the 5th October at 10a.m., cost approx.. £120 The expenditure was agreed..

16. Traffic speeds on rural roads: Cllr. Rees suggested taking observations from parishioners (walkers and horse riders), over speeding around the village and on local roads therefore getting some data and leverage before contacting Highways.

17. BHPN representative on the AONB Management Group: Cllr. Nelson to return ballot paper to Cadbury House with the rankings approved by the PC.

18. Important deaths, Royal & National figures: It was decided to respond appropriately at the time, such as flying the Church flag at half-mast. No prior planning was required and no notice to EDDC.

19.AOB (For information only) Mrs. Christine Dunsford: The Chairman reported on the death of Mrs Christine Dunford which he had learnt at the commencement of the meeting. He

paid tribute to her work for the community over many years and said that he would miss her insightful questions and her support for the work of the PC.

Wayleave for poles at Kerswell: Cllr. O'Boyle and BT were in communication over poles erected on common land at Kerswell.

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.