

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of PC Meeting Tuesday 19^h November 2019 at 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman,), V. Game, N. Howgill, A. McArdle, A. Powell, Mrs. D. Rees, Mr. D. Wicks, P. Skinner (EDDC) K. Granger (Clerk) Mr. M. Barrow connecting Devon & Somerset & 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. Bradshaw

2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed correct.

3. Matters Arising:

a. Code of Conduct: Cllr. Nelson thanked Cllr. Mrs. Rees for her work on our Code of Conduct. The Code was approved by the meeting.

b. Fly tipping: The Chairman reported the fly tip had been removed and thanked Cllr. Howgill and Cllr. Mrs. Rees for their prompt action.

c. Grass bank, Hall: The work on the grass bank was complete. All involved were thanked and Cllr. Powell for organizing. The Chairman sought approval to contribute to the cost of installing 2 barriers in the car park to protect equipment. This was agreed to a limit of £250. In addition the Chairman was authorised in principle to seek costing for further landscaping.

d. AONB election: Cllr. Nelson said the election was satisfactorily completed.

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

DC: No report.

EDDC: Cllr. Skinner said all was going well at District and as the meeting was under pressure for time he would leave it at that. Cllr. Nelson asked, if it was needed, Cllr. Skinner could assist with the CDS rural broadband issue, this was agreed.

Police: No report.

5. Planning report: In the absence of Cllr. Mrs. Bradshaw the Clerk reported one application since the last meeting at Four Horse Shoes Fm., Dulford which we supported.

6. Correspondence: EDDC had written concerning PSPO's (Public space Protection Orders) in Broadhembury. It was agreed that dogs should be excluded from the school playground, playing field and play park but that other areas should remain accessible, EDDC to be advised accordingly.

7. Rural broadband, connecting Devon & Somerset: The Chairman invited Mr Barrow to speak, Mr Barrow said after problems with Gigaclear new contractors should be in place later next year to get superfast broadband to rural areas. Cllr. McArdle offered assistance in our

area if required as it was understood areas with low speed would be the first to get attention, Mr Barrow said this was the case and thanked Cllr. McArdle. Cllr. Nelson said local land owners had given permission in principle for contractors to cross land from Colliton to Broadhembury and this had prompted contact with CDS. He said that the aim of the PC was to secure superfast broadband for the whole Parish. The voucher scheme was discussed. The Chairman thanked Mr Barrow for attending.

8. Action on climate change. See emails forwarded: Cllr. Nelson had been in touch with WHICH magazine who had kindly given 300 booklets to us on the subject, to be distributed with our December magazine. Agreed. Cllrs. put forward many suggestions as to how locally we may be able to cut down our carbon footprint in the future, these would be considered at our next meeting after circulation for voting. Cllr. McArdle offered to help.

9 Traffic speeds on A.373/rural roads: The Chair invited the residents of Dulford (A.373) to speak on the situation in the hamlet. Ms Bromwyn Arscot said they were very worried over the vastly increased amount of traffic over the last 10 years on the A.373 which will only get worse with the new developments taking place, traffic take little notice of the 30mph. signs even when they are working and she thought it was only a question of time before there was a catastrophe with school children for instance having to cross the road to catch the school bus. Residents were still waiting for their speed watch cameras to be up dated and to be returned. The Chairman said that a clear set of priorities which had the support of the community would be the most effective way to make progress. The PC was willing to help in any way it could but the community would first have to decide priorities. In the meantime the PC would seek to get the digital speed sign reactivated and the community speed watch renewed.

10. VAT sub-committee report: Cllrs. McArdle, Howgill and Powell had attended a course run by DALC on VAT procedure and thought our system of using the VAT 126 forms was in order, however they have written to the leader of the course on different matters and were awaiting a reply. Cllr. McArdle proposed that to regularise the relationship between the CIO and the PC that there should be a nominal charge. Cllr. Nelson promised to take this up with the Trustees.

The PC would discuss again when reply received.

11. AOB (For information only)

a. Cllr. Wicks requested funding to repair items in the playground identified in the ROSPA report. Exact cost to be submitted for consideration. Cllr. Wicks was thanked for his persistent efforts to secure S.106 monies.

b. Cllr. Game was thanked for attempting to unblock the drain near Colliton Cross. Highways would now clear.

c. The Chairman reported on the last meeting with EDDC about the Neighbourhood Plan. He thanked Mrs. McArdle for her continuing support and said that since this item had not been formerly on the agenda it would be discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime he distributed copies of the AONB Design Guide which he urged the PC to adopt.

d. The Chairman reported that the Over 60's Club needed new leadership and if anyone was interested then this important activity should be supported.

e. It was reported that the Community Centre CIO (the Hall Trustees) had a vacancy for Chairman. The departing Chairman, Mr Cluett, was thanked for his work.

The meeting closed at 9.17p.m.