

**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7:30 pm in Blackawton Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Cllr Joyce (Vice-Chairman), Mallyon, Coe, Perry, Wills and Lewis-Davis

In attendance: Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council) and A Thom (Clerk)
One members of the public was present

Apologies: Cllr Hawkins (Devon County Council)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Devon County Councillor Hawkins.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rake declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 11.2 (payment of Garra Delta invoice) and Cllr Perry declared a DPI in Item 7.1 (SHDC Planning Goodridge decision).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2017.

4. Air Ambulance night landing sites in Blackawton

Steve Thomas, who has taken the community lead on this project, discussed the project, the proposed sites, the requirements of the location, and cost (£2,700 plus cables). The works include installation of a tower and lighting. A grant is available to carry out the works, including the digging of a trench, however purchase of equipment must be funded by communities. Nine sites in Blackawton have been evaluated by Devon Air Ambulance. The community field (Worm Charming field) and Mrs Bailey's field have been evaluated as equal first preference. Both are good central sites.

The community field is owned by the Playing Field Association. It has parking for a land ambulance in the Village Hall car park. It would require a lighting tower which could go in the corner of the field next to the BT phone line. It would be necessary to remove all fruit trees and the fencing around the top end of the allotments would need to be moved back towards the polytunnel. The earth bank would be left as is.

To use Mrs Bailey's field a land ambulance would have to park in the lane and a new power supply would be needed. The use of the field for livestock would be restricted.

It was agreed that both first preference sites would be considered in the first instance.

The Playing Field Association meets in two weeks. The Clerk will write to the owner of Mrs Bailey's field. The Devon Air Ambulance contact, Toby Russell, will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

5. Report from County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of County Cllr Hawkins.

6. Report from South Hams District Councillor

The Local Plan will go to the Council for adoption in three weeks. There will then be a six week public consultation, before the Plan goes to the Inspectorate for approval.

It will be recommended that the Local Authority Controlled Company is not pursued because of the cost of moving staff pension funds. SHDC will remain open to alternative approaches. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Hicks to arrange a visit from a Planning Officer.

7. Planning Issues

7.1. SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

- 3442/16/FUL Land at Greenslade Road Blackawton Totnes Devon TQ9 7BP. Application for erection of four dwellings. Withdrawn.
- 0032/17/AGR Goodridge Blackawton Devon TQ9 7AA. Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural building. Prior Approval Not required.

7.2. Review of New Applications

- Lower Clyston Farm, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7AB - 0232/17/PDM Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a+b))

The Clerk will write confirming this building has been in agricultural use as required.

- New premises licence application for Salcombe Brewery Co Ltd, Estuary View, Ledstone Cross, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 4BL. Supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises - Monday to Thursday 09:00 – 23:00 Friday to Saturday 09:00 – 00:00 Sunday 11:00 – 22:00

No comment.

- New premises licence application for Co-operative Group Food Ltd, Gould Road, Salcombe, TQ8 8DU. Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises – Monday to Sunday 07:00 – 23:00

No comment.

It was agreed that in future on licensing applications affecting neighbouring Parishes and Dartmouth will be presented to BPC.

8. Agreement with BT to purchase the Blackawton phone box

It was resolved to approve signature of the agreement, with the address corrected to Main Street, and payment of £1. The Chairman and the Clerk were authorised by the meeting to sign the agreement.

9. Replacement of Christmas tree and Christmas lights for 2017

To be researched by Cllrs Mallyon and Coe who will report to the March BPC meeting.

10. West Dart Bus Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 6.00 p.m

Cllr Coe will attend.

11. Finance

11.1. Update on Current Financial Position

Allowing for payments to be made and earmarked reserves of £32,644.98, a balance of unearmarked reserves of £7,198.17 remained.

11.2. Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

- Clerk, January 2017 Salary, Pension and BPC pension contribution £4.66: £440.86
- HMRC, PAYE January 2017: £30.20
- Garra Delta Limited, Community Website domain services 2014-2016: £90.08
- Cormac Solutions, Chapter 8 training: £84.00
- David Griffiths, travel for Chapter 8 training: £25.00
- BT Payphones: £1.00
- Traffic cones: to authorise expenditure up to £50

The following receipts were noted:

- Interment of Mrs Codd: £250
- Interment of Mrs Conroy: £250

11.3. The decision to grant all Eastern Cluster 2017/18 Town and Parish Fund grant applications, including Blackawton's 2017/18 applications for weedspraying, buddle hole clearance, and drain clearance, was noted.

12. Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Joyce reported that Blackawton Primary School has been recognised by UNICEF as a Rights Respecting School. The Clerk will write to congratulate the School.

Cllr Perry reported that on the ongoing problem with dog poo in the community field. The Clerk will source the new SHDC notice for the PC's consideration.

13. Correspondence

To note, and respond as necessary to, miscellaneous correspondence.

13.1 For consideration

13.1.1 South Hams District Councillors and Dr Sarah Wollaston MP access £1.8 Million for Communities Community Housing Fund to support community-led housing developments in areas affected by high second homes ownership.

This opportunity will be publicised.

13.1.2 UK Government and Parliament Petition to Provide Devon Education Authorities with the National Average for Pupil Funding
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/177952>

This petition will be placed on the BPC facebook page.

13.1.3 DCC Highway Community Enhancement Fund

13.2 For information

13.2.1 CPRE Plymouth and South Hams (PaSH) and the South Hams Society (SHS) Public Meeting, Protection of the AONB landscape, 6 p.m. Friday 24/2/17 Kingsbridge Community College on Friday 24 February.

13.2.2 Devon & Somerset Trading Standards Service: Prevention Zone declared until 28 February 2017 because of Avian Influenza outbreaks in the UK.

13.2.3 SHDC working group Cllrs recommend not to set up a Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC).

10.2.4. South Devon and Torbay CCG Stakeholder Briefing #22, 26 January 2017: CCG Governing Body approved the recommendations.

13.2.5. Devon Countryside Access Forum Vacancies, www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf, applications close 22/2/2017

13.2.6 Nomination of a person for the draw to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 1/6/2017. Nominations close 1/2/2017.

13.2.7 Consultation on Proposed Changes to South Hams Parking Permits. Closes Friday 3/2/2017

14. Future Meetings

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The provisional date for the Annual Parish Meeting is Tuesday 23 May 2017. The Clerk will confirm availability of the Hall. Two speakers will be invited with a health theme.

Speakers will be followed by a celebration to thank Blackawton's volunteers.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 9 May 2017 immediately before the ordinary meeting.