

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

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Joyce (Vice-Chairman), Mallyon, Perry, and Wills

In attendance: Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council), Cllr Hawkins (Devon County Council) and A Thom (Clerk)

Two members of the public were present

Open Forum

a) Dangerous road at Halwell

A member of the public discussed their concerns about the poor condition of the section of road between Halwell and Totnes Cross and requested a 'dangerous road' sign to warn drivers. County Cllr Hawkins advised the repair works will be done later in the year. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to DCC.

b) Adoption of the BT kiosk

The Clerk advised the adoption is complete and BPC is now the legal owner of the kiosk. Cllr Lewis-Davis will be asked to update the enquiring member of the public on progress made with the project.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coe and Lewis-Davis.

2. Declarations of interests

Cllr Perry declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 6.1 SHDC Approvals/Refusals.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 7 February 2017.

4. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Hawkins reported that DCC set its budget in February. He said children, social services and mental health have been prioritised. There will be a meeting with Dr Sarah Wollaston MP and NHS representatives in Townstal Community Hall in April about the closure of Dartmouth Hospital. The new highways contract commences on 1 April 2017 and achieves a £1.9 million saving which will be reinvested in rural roads.

5. Report from District Councillor

Cllr Hicks reported that the Joint Local Plan will shortly commence a six week consultation. It will then be considered by the Inspectorate for six to eight months. SHDC forecasts a deficit of £600,000 for 2020.

0542/17/VPO Land At Sx 8052 5109, Town Farm, Blackawton, Devon. Application for deed of variation for S106 to planning consent.

Discussion of this application was moved forward. The effect of the variation is to remove a large financial contribution to South West Water. Cllr Rake expressed the view that financial calculations including the proportion of affordable housing and the viability assessment will be affected. He also stated his view that the financial calculations should be available for scrutiny.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to SHDC requesting recalculation and access to the financial assessments.

6. Planning Issues

6.1. SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

To note the decisions as follows:

- 2706/16/VAR Solar Farm Site At Sx828522 Blackawton Devon. Variation of condition 12 of planning consent 06/2883/13/F to allow to change the time expiry and provide operational certainty and flexibility. Conditional Approval.
- 2795/16/TCA St Michael's Church Church Hill Blackawton Devon TQ9 7BQ. T1: Cherry - Reduce to healthy growth & shape; T2: Cherry - Remove deadwood; T3: Cherry - Remove deadwood & hanging branch; T4: Cherry - Remove deadwood; T5: Cherry - Crown lift over footpath to 2.4m above ground level; T6: Cherry - Fell. Infected with fungus. Replace with x2prunus tai haku (Great White Cherry); T7: Cherry - Remove deadwood & crown lift over path to 2.4 metres above ground level; T8: Cherry - Reduce branches to other side of BT lines and reduce rest of tree to shape. Tree Works Allowed.
- 0251/17/AGR Westdown Farm, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7AL Prior notification for proposed agricultural grain storage building. Ag Determination details not required.

6.2. Review of New Applications

- 0231/17/HHO Hutterleigh Barn, Hutterleigh, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7AD. Householder application for proposed extension to house, new porch and garage. Support.
- 0542/17/VPO Land At Sx 8052 5109, Town Farm, Blackawton, Devon. Application for deed of variation for S106 to planning consent.

See minute item 5 above for the discussion of this application.

7. Consultations

The following consultations were noted.

- 7.1. Joint Local Plan, 15 March to 26 April 2017.
- 7.2. SHDC, Dog Control Orders, closes 27 March 2017.
- 7.3. DCC, Promoting Independence, Social Care Discussion Events March 2017.
- 7.4. Devon Acute Services Review (ASR), consultation events in March 2017.

8. Trees

The additional expenditure of £40 for planting the two cherry trees in the churchyard was approved. A dedication to Steve Gale will take place after the planting.

9. Finance

9.1. Update on Current Financial Position

Including payments to be approved and the income noted below, the total balance was £37,946.00. With the earmarked reserves of £32,644.98, a balance of unearmarked reserves of £5,301.02 remained.

9.2. To consider 2016/17 grants

No grants were made.

9.3. Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

• A Mallyon	Stakes for Cemetery	£15.27
• A Shilston	Treeworks - Cemetery and churchyard	£580.00
	Clear wire & stakes and strim	
• S Rowdon	fenceline	£126.00
	Office expenses: Stamps, stationery	
• A Thom	and phone 11/12/16-10/5/17	£78.82
• A Thom	Salary and Pension February 2017	£440.86
• HMRC	PAYE February	£30.20
• D Griffiths	First cutback of churchyard wall	£600.00

The following receipts were noted:

- Dittisham Parish Council, 2016/17 TAP grant weedspraying, £100.00

- Funeral Services Limited, Inscription, £80.00

9.4. 2016/17 Internal Audit

It was resolved to appoint Alison Marshall – Local Council Administration Services to do the 2016/17 Internal Audit.

10. Replacement of Christmas tree and Christmas lights for 2017

It was reported that the PCC has no issue with replacement of the tree. No further action is available at this time.

11. Website link request

The decision on whether to agree the request to add jobsearch engine neuvoo.co.uk to Parish website was deferred pending Cllrs review.

12. Correspondence

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

12.1. For consideration

12.1.1. Meeting with Senior SHDC Planning Officer Councillors invited to meeting, 20 March 2017 in Stoke Fleming Village Hall, 6:30 pm.

12.1.2. Invitation to participate in SHDC's electronic consultation pilot scheme
This invitation was accepted.

12.1.3. Request for photos of Slapton Beach for management plan
SlaptonBMP@swdevon.gov.uk

13. Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Churchyard Safety

Now that fences to enclose sheep have been removed there is no barrier to a vertical drop to the road. Cllr Joyce will talk to the School about raising parents' awareness of this risk.

The Clerk will follow up reports of bad potholes, hedges causing an obstruction to drivers, and dumping of road sweepings.

14. Future Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

Please note this is one week later than usual because of the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman on 4 April 2017.

Annette Thom
Parish Clerk

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