

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blackawton Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

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

In attendance: A Thom (Clerk)

Three members of the public were present

Apologies: Cllr Perry, Cllr Brazil (Devon County Council), and Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council)

Open Forum

a) Buddle Holes

The lengthsman reported a problem with two buddle holes at Millcombe being filled with earth on two occasions. The meeting agreed that buddle holes are vital to help keep the roads safe and to reduce damage to the roads. Devon County Council has powers to keep buddle holes clear. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would visit the site. The Clerk will then refer the case to DCC and work to publicise the vital importance of buddle holes to maintain the safety of the roads.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Perry, Cllr Brazil (Devon County Council), and Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council).

2. Declarations of Members' interests in Agenda items

None declared.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 March 2017 & 11 April 2017 were approved.

4. Report from Devon County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Brazil.

5. Report from South Hams District Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Hicks.

6. Planning Issues

6.1. Review of New Applications

- 0767/17/FUL Field At Sx 793 508, Woodford, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7AB. Construction of an agricultural/equestrian building. Councillors have carried out a site visit. Support with the feedback that BPC notes that the proposal does not comply with DP15 Development in the Countryside 2(b)'s requirement that the development should 'be well related to an existing farmstead or group of buildings, or be located close to an established settlement'.
- 1212/17/OPA Land at SX806521, West Hartley, Blackawton, TQ9 7DT. Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling. Councillors have carried out a site visit. Support and bring to the Planning Officer's attention that the original farmhouse for the agricultural operation was sold after being replaced by a new residence.

- 1267/17/ADV The Dartmouth Hotel, Golf And Spa Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7DE. Advertisement consent for replacement of a permanent sign identifying business premises. Support.

7. Devon Air Ambulance night landing site in Blackawton

The Playing Fields Committee has agreed to the use of the community field subject to the replacement of the apple trees.

Steve Thomas reported on progress made with the project. Obtaining planning permission for the lighting column and insurance needs to be planned. The funds raised for the project have almost reached the £3,000 target. Toby Russell [Devon Air Ambulance] will provide a detailed cost and specifications to the Annual Parish Meeting. Someone has agreed to remove and replace the trees in exchange for the wood. Whether the BT cable is a hazard which needs to be addressed is to be clarified.

BPC can submit the planning application for the lighting tower and it is being checked whether it can assist with insurance.

The current Report from Devon Air Ambulance will be posted on the Community website (www.blackawtoncommunity.com) and on the BPC facebook page.

8. Cemetery bin

There is no current method to empty the bin. A large volume of rubbish accumulated in and around the bin. The bin is in poor condition and requires replacement if a bin is to be provided in the Cemetery.

It was agreed that the bin will be removed.

Cllr Lewis Davis will investigate whether Tozers will remove it without charge to PC

9. Dog poo notice for the Community Field

SHDC has emailed its current dog poo notice. It was agreed to accept a Parishioner's offer to place two A3 notices with a yellow background in the community field.

10. Finance

10.1. Update on Current Financial Position

The Report, which showed a brought forward balance of £38,648.98, a current balance of £45,399.10 and unearmarked reserves of £8,954.12, was approved.

10.2. Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

- S Rowden, cemetery cut 12/4/17 and churchyard cuts 12/4/17 & 18/4/17: £169.00
- A Thom, Salary April 2017, approved overtime March 2017, & BPC pension: £515.04
- HMRC, PAYE April 2017: £35.40
- Tor2Signs, Safety signs for Blackawton Cemetery: £181.68 (VAT incl)

The receipt of the following payments was noted:

SHDC 19/4/17 1st precept 2017/18 £8732.50

SHDC 19/4/17 Council Tax Support Grant 2017/18 £535

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Invitation: South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership Forum event, Rattery Village Hall, Rattery, TQ10 9LD on Monday 15 May 2017 at 13:00.
- Invitation: Wales & West Utilities' Annual Stakeholder Workshops at Sandy Park Rugby Stadium, Sandy Park Way, Exeter EX2 7NN, 9 May 2017.
- DEFRA, 11/4/17 Updated measures to protect poultry against Avian Flu
- Channel 4 Village of the Year TV program

12. Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Lewis-Davis reported that the playground is being refurbished and money is needed for the project.

Cllr Rake noted it is Himalayan balsam season. If you see it pull it up.

The Clerk is to check that the contractor for the churchyard cutting cleans the road to prevent drains being blocked.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 23 May 2017.

It is a celebration of Blackawton's fabulous, diverse and many volunteers who make the community the great place it is.

Cllr Joyce is finishing invitation to groups this week. No RSVP is required and all are welcome. Come and meet other volunteers or learn about volunteers in Blackawton.

Expenditure of up to £250 was authorised for refreshments which will be arranged by Cllrs Coe and Joyce.

14. Future Meeting

It was confirmed that the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7:30 pm on 6 June 2017. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will now take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 23 May 2017, before the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.