

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

Present: Cllrs Rake, Wills, Mallyon, Lewis-Davis, and Coe were present, as were Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council), A Thom (Clerk), and one member of the public.

Open Forum

a. Blackawton Primary School – A UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Presentation deferred due to illness.

91/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Perry and Joyce, and Cllr Brazil (Devon County Council).

92/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Coe declared a personal interest in Item 6.2 Oakleigh Change of Use to community shop.

93/17 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2017 were approved.

94/17 Report from South Hams District Councillor

District Cllr Hicks reported on the decision not to join SHDC and West Devon Borough Councils. SHDC has applied to be part of a pilot scheme to retain all or part of Business Rates it collects – details pending. The Department of Communities and Local Government 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' consultation includes a new method to calculate housing need. This will not affect South Hams if the Joint Local Plan currently being assessed by the Inspectorate is approved. The final decision on the Plan is expected March 2018 with implementation late 2018.

95/17 Town Farm Development

Cllr Rake summarised discussions with Linden Homes. The sign at Trench Firs corner will be moved behind the hedge onto land owned by Linden Homes. They have been encouraged to apply for planning permission. Linden Homes also hopes to place a sign opposite the Forces Tavern site. It has made contact with the School and it is hoped that the School will have access to visit the site as it progresses. Linden Homes is considering the marketing name of the project. The meeting favoured a name which linked the development to Blackawton such as School Drive. Cllr Rake will provide this feedback to Linden Homes.

96/17 Planning Issues

96/17.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decision was noted:

1212/17/OPA Land at SX806521 West Hartley Blackawton TQ9 7DT. Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling. Conditional Approval.

96/17.2 Review of New Applications

2079/17/COU Oakleigh, Main Street, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7BG.
READVERTISEMENT (Amended Site Address) Change of use of dwelling to
community shop. BPC'S current comment on this application stands.

3609/17/FUL Land adjacent to Barn Court, Dreyton Cross, Blackawton,
Devon, TQ9 7DG. Replacement green oak framed dwelling with ancillary
garage outbuilding and associated landscaping. Support.

97/17 Consultations

**97/17.1 Department of Communities and Local Government
'Planning for the right homes in the right places**

Proposed changes to planning policy design and legislation. No comment.

97/17.2 Productivity Strategy

Councils devolution for the Heart of the South West. No comment.

98/17 Finance

98/17.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The Report which showed a 2017/18 balance £14,115.81, total balance
£52,762.79 and unearmarked reserves £13,155.21 was approved.

98/17.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved (CE05 reduced by removal of the
memorial plaque):

S Rowden, cuts in Cemetery and Churchyard September & October 2017
£250

D Griffiths, Churchyard wall vegetation & maintenance, remove rubbish
from cemetery, installation of cemetery sign & noticeboard acrylic sheets
£600

Clerk, October 2017 Salary & pension £442.82

HMRC PAYE October £4.59

Clerk CE5 Reimbursement noticeboard, plaque, office £102.48

The George Inn ICCM training course lunch £67.50

Receipt of the following payments was noted:

Hallett, Perring & Perrot, memorial inscription £40.00

Bank interest £2.08

**98/17.3 Drain clearance contractor for TAP funded work to
problem drains**

Clerk to discuss with Lanes and add to December Agenda.

98/17.4 Expenditure of £25 to purchase remembrance wreath

The expenditure was approved.

98/17.5 Cutting hedge around the Cemetery

It was agreed that Westdown Farm Ltd would be asked to cut the hedges.

99/17 Website

BPC to confirm that the site can be moved to a different host without excessive
charges.

Cllr Rake and Clerk will request a meeting with three possible providers and report
back to BPC with a recommendation.

100/17 Defibrillator

A Parishioner has taken the lead on this project.

101/17 Memorial for Steve Gale

Arrangements for a commemorative ceremony deferred pending the family's preferences.

102/17 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Copy of South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner 9/10/17 re Neighbourhood Policing
- Devon Highways Parish & Town Council Conferences 2017, Thursday 16 November Rattery Village Hall 9:30-4:00, and other locations.
- Town and Parish event at Follaton House on Monday 27 November 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

103/17 Report from Devon County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Brazil.

104/17 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Clerk to report to DCC Footpath Officer a problem with the bridleway below Waterslade being roped off.

Notice was received today that the cost of the Night Landing Site works will be increased by upgrading the works to create a local electricity supply for use by Wormcharming and other community events. These funds will be sourced from Wormcharming.

105/17 Clerk's Leave

The Clerk will take Annual Leave from 13 to 24 November 2017.

106/17 Future Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be moved to 3:30 pm on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at Blackawton Primary School.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.