

DRAFT Minutes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 5 September 2017 in Blackawton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Joyce, Perry and Coe were present, as were Cllr Hicks (South Hams District Council), Cllr Brazil (Devon County Council), A Thom (Clerk), and four members of the public.

64/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rake, Mallyon and Lewis-Davis.

65/17 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

66/17 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held 4 July 2017 were approved.

67/17 Report from South Hams District Councillor

Cllr Hicks reported that there were two controversial issues being considered by SHDC: a proposal to borrow and invest to try to meet the funding deficit, and a proposed merger of SHDC with West Devon Borough Council. There is a series of public information meetings about the proposed merger and Council specific ones. The initial report on the proposed Joint Local Plan doesn't raise issues which is good news.

68/17 Report from County Councillor

This items was deferred. Cllr Brazil attends following another PC meeting.

69/17 Cemetery application for a burial

The application for a former Parishioner with family connections to the Parish to be given permission to be buried in the Blackawton Cemetery was approved. This is an unusual case because of the strength of the connections.

70/17 Cemetery - safety

The final response to issues with grave digging safety as summarised in the Clerk's Report was deferred to the October meeting of BPC. The grave digger will make improvements to try to ensure the open grave is completely boarded over in such a manner as to prevent any person falling into the grave. It will not be possible to use shoring for the burial planned for 12 September however its use in subsequent burials was discussed. In the grave digger's professional view shoring is not necessary in Blackawton's soil. The Funeral Director Allwood of Totnes plans to purchase hydraulic shoring for use in Blackawton Cemetery. A length of 7 foot six inches was proposed and requires reply from BPC.

71/17 Planning Issues

71/17.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

1480/17/FUL Abbotscot Blackawton TQ9 7AF. READVERTISEMENT Retrospective application for the retention of outbuilding used for storage of animals, feed and machinery. Conditional Approval

0767/17/FUL Field At Sx 793 508 Woodford Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AB. Construction of an agricultural/equestrian building. Refusal

1941/17/FUL Broadley Farm Blackawton Devon TQ9 7AJ: Provision of livestock building to serve existing dairy farm. Conditional Approval

1776/17/CLE Foxglove Barn Blackawton TQ9 7DG. Lawful Development Certificate for an existing conservatory. Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified.

2219/17/FUL Blackawton Community Field adjoining Village Hall Blackawton TQ9 7AY. Erection of 10 metre column and luminaire plus associated groundworks for the provision of lighting for emergency night landing of the Devon Air Ambulance helicopter. Conditional Approval

71/17.2 Review of New Applications

2079/17/COU Oakleigh Cottage, Main Street, Blackawton, Devon, TQ9 7BG. Application for change of use of dwelling to community shop.

Support.

In reaching this view BPC took the following into account:

- There is no alternative location: The planning approval for the current site will not be extended again, extending the Village Hall was considered but is not feasible, and a search has not identified any alternative to the proposed location.
- The proposed location is centrally located. It will attract increased custom from passers by such as users of the school.
- Car parking is improved. There are parking spaces immediately outside the property. The existing location is on a sharp bend without safe parking immediately outside it. Although the Village Hall parking can be used in practice most customers do not do this.

2951/17/ARC Land At Sx 805 510 Town Farm Blackawton Devon Town Farm.

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 6, 10- 12, 14-18 & 20 of planning consent 06/0992/14/F.

BPC has concerns about inclusion of street lightning and about proposed delivery times. Greater clarity is required on the application and the process. A meeting with the Planning Officer will be requested, to be followed by an extraordinary meeting if required.

Yarn, 4a Smith Street, Dartmouth, TQ6 9QR. The application is for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, Monday to Saturday from 09:00 to 23:00 and Sunday from 09:00 to 22:30. Non-standard timings: Dartmouth Regatta from 07:30 to 00:00, Dartmouth Music Festival from 07:30 to 00:00, Christmas Eve from 07:30 to 00:30 and New Year's Eve from 07:30 to 00:30. The premises is described as a bar/café/eatery. No comment.

71/17.3 Consultations

- West Devon and South Hams proposal to form one council. Closes midnight Sunday 8 October 2017.

BPC will form a view in its October meeting.

- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. Closes 30 September 2017.

No comment.

72/17 Finance

72/17.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report was approved. It showed a total balance was £45,623.39. Allowing for payments to be made and earmarked reserves of £39,607.58, a balance of unearmarked reserves of £6,015.81 remained.

72/17.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

Sid Rowden, June cuts of cemetery & churchyard	£169.00
Sid Rowden, July Cuts of Cemetery and Churchyard	£145.00
Annette Thom, July Salary, pension & Transparency Code	£540.35

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HMRC, PAYE July 2017	£40.20
A Thom, August salary and pension	£446.29
HMRC, August PAYE	£17.60
Sid Rowden, August cuts of Cemetery and churchyard	£183.00
Allwood of Totnes, Refixing Rowe Memorial	£42.00

Receipt of the following payment was noted:
Allwood for interment £250.

73/17 Double yellow lines

BPC discussed whether the imminent development of Town Farm means the requested lines are no longer needed due to the drop off area for the school being in place. It was agreed the lines should go ahead. They are not just for school users and the timeline for creation of the new school drop off area is uncertain.

74/17 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- 17/8/17 DCC's response to BPC letter about the cost of waste disposal and fly-tipping
- Citizens Advice South Hams and SHDC event for Private Landlords: new energy efficiency requirements and penalties. Thursday 7/9/17 Follaton House & 14/9/17 The Watermark Centre, Ivybridge. 2pm and 6pm on both days & expected to last 2 hours.

75/17 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

DCC staff carried out strimming on a public footpath just before the end of the prohibition. The farmer would have cut in the near future therefore this was also not good use of public funds. Cllr Brazil to investigate.

Reported potholes from Cotterbury to Bow Bridge remain. Cllr Brazil will investigate. These may be part of planned rural patching works.

Blackawton Primary School would still like BPC to meet at the School. Its request for students to carry out maintenance on the War Memorial was approved with thanks.

The Clerk will review whether more details need to be redacted from documents posted on the website to meet Transparency Code obligations.

76/17 County Councillor

The roadworks at the Fallapitt turn have been completed.

Cllr Brazil noted that the Coleridge meeting of 10-12 Parish Councils takes place soon and historically included Blackawton. Cllr Brazil will confirm the date.

77/17 Future Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 7:30 pm.