

DRAFT minutes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 3 July 2018 in Blackawton Village Hall.

Open Forum

No issues.

Present: Cllrs Rake, Joyce, Coe, Thomas, Perry and Coe were present, as were six members of the public, and A Thom (Clerk).

108/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Lewis-Davis, South Hams District Councillor Hicks, and Devon County Cllr Brazil.

109/18 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

110/18 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held 5 June 2018 were approved.

111/18 Report from District Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Hicks.

112/18 Report from County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Brazil.

113/18 Request for 20mph speed limit in the Village.

The community lead on this project has sent DCC notices of recent traffic incidents in the village. They suggested five locations where new signs would be useful and the meeting added a sixth. It was suggested that warning notices could be added to the two 'Welcome' signs and the damaged Quarry Road 'Welcome' sign replaced.

It was agreed that a second formal SCARF assessment be deferred until French Furze is at least partly inhabited as this will affect the results.

Devon County Cllr Brazil has offered to organise a meeting with the Highways Engineer to obtain a clearer indication of what might be possible and to help to give direction to any further discussion. The Clerk will accept Cllr Brazil's offer, obtain prices for static and flashing signs, and check if planning approval is required.

114/18 French Furze Community Facilities

Following a meeting between Education South West, Devon County Council and BPC, ESW has suggested that the MUGA is transferred to the school and that the school makes this available to the community outside the school day when it is not otherwise being used.

BPC agreed to ESW's suggestion that the MUGA surface is tarmac and for line markings, netball hoops, and the possibility of tennis net/markings.

BPC is willing to take ownership of both the car park and the toddler play area. However, the Blackawton Playing Fields Committee is BPC's preferred owner of the TPA. The BPFCC has yet to meet and form a view. The addition to the current specifications for the TPA of a covered seating area (in the top right corner) will be requested. Clerk to ask SHDC if the current specifications are suitable for a TPA because they may be suitable for an older age group.

115/18 French Furze Commercial Units

Cllr Rake reported on the working group's progress. It has commenced meeting. A chartered surveyor has discussed with the group the issues around marketing and managing the commercial units. There is a meeting next week with Devon Communities Together to discuss ownership options. A report on the outcomes of these discussions will be given to the September meeting of BPC.

116/18 Planning Issues

116/18.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

- 1859/18/TPO Wadstray House Blackawton TQ9 7DE. T1: Beech - fell due to partially wind-blown, roots unstable. T2: Beech - fell, lost large limb, vertical crack on tree stem. Grant Exemption.
- 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. Conditional Approval.
- 1360/18/CLE Barn At Sx 830 516 Ten Acres Bugford. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Existing operation - erection of a building. Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified.

116/18.2 Review of New Applications

- 1660/18/FUL Forder Barn, Blackawton, TQ9 7AL. Change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to residential. Support.

117/18 Consultations

DCC is consulting on Devon Mobile Library and Outreach Service Consultation 2018. Available at devon.cc/librariesoutreach. Closing date 28 July 2018.

Noted. No formal comment by BPC.

118/18 Asset Maintenance Walk

To repairs and maintenance needs identified were reviewed. It was agreed to ask BPC's maintenance contractor to do maintenance of the Main Street noticeboard, Cemetery noticeboard, the four bus stops, small cemetery gate, lychgate bench seat, and to move the gravel from the Park Lane steps to Cllr Perry's. The quote from Allwood of £45+VAT to repaint the lettering in the Blackawton centenary tablet was accepted. The Quarry Road 'Welcome' sign is to be replaced. Thank-you to the School for clearing weeds from the War Memorial.

Parishioners have taken the lead on refurbishing the Main Street phone kiosk.

Cllr Joyce will arrange for TJD Construction to review a new crack in the School Lane churchyard retaining wall.

Clerk to find out if the Capton bus stop is unused and suitable for relocation to the Sportsmans and to ask if DPC will partly fund maintenance of the Sportsmans bus stop.

Clerk to follow up previously requested post box maintenance.

119/18 Churchyard and Cemetery Maintenance Contract

The inclusion of clearance Section E and cemetery, paths, & car park weeds was agreed.

120/18 Finance

120/18.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report which showed a total balance of £51,054.87, earmarked reserves of £46,494.08 and unearmarked reserves of £4,560.80 was approved.

120/18.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

- Clerk June 2018 Salary, overtime, & pension £590.19 & HMRC PAYE £37
- Kingsbridge Website balance payment includes the future setting up of page editors as required £500
- DALC new councillor course £30
- S Rowdon Cemetery & Churchyard maintenance £204

Receipt of the following payment was noted:

- Allwoods of Totnes Inscription of headstone £40

120/18.3 Communities Together Fund

This replaces the Town and Parish Fund which has funded the parish lengthsman service and the clearance of drains on the highway to date. The structure has changed. It was noted that:

- The fund is now open to applications from voluntary and community organisations (as well as Parish and Town Councils)
- The fund will no longer support grass cutting/ditching and drainage/lengthsman projects

- Match funding will increase the likelihood of an application being supported
- You will need to demonstrate that you have explored opportunities to work with other voluntary and community groups to either identify and/or carry out the proposed project
- The project should benefit more than one Town or Parish.

Cllr Thomas suggested a project to improve access to the community field which meets these new criteria.

Applications close at noon on Friday 14 December 2018.

120/18.4 Clerk's Leave

Leave 13-24 August 2018 was agreed.

121/18 General Data Protection Regulations update

This project will be progressed in July/August 2018.

122/18 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- Launch of national guide on dementia friendly communities
- Moving Together Devon – helps older and less able people to move or adapt their current property

123/18 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Clerk to send reporting link to Cllr Thomas for reporting need for a new bridleway sign.

Cllrs will set up specific Parish Council email accounts and notify the Clerk when they have done so.

Clerk to follow up clearance of Trench Firs corner drainage.

124/18 Future Meeting

The scheduling of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council 4 September 2018 was confirmed.

There is no ordinary meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 21:16