

DRAFT Minutes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 5 June 2018 in Blackawton Village Hall

Open Forum

a) 20mph speed limit.

The request from a member of the public for a 20 mph speed limit in the village was discussed. They explained that the reasons for the request were changing traffic patterns (an increase in numbers delivery vehicles and cars) and recent collisions (a child's leg was broken, a child was knocked over, and cats have been run over). In Blackawton front doors often open directly on to a road. They commented that other local villages have a 20 mph limit. The meeting discussed other actions such as better school signage and flashing warning signs.

Cllr Rake explained that setting a formal 20 mph limit is a technical Devon County Council process. DCC is awaiting a report from Atkins consulting engineers on this topic. The Clerk commented that DCC's SCARF process includes many of the initiatives discussed. The completion of Linden Homes will create a new access route. It was asked whether DCC is required to provide School signage at its own cost? A list of options and questions was started. At present the 30 mph limit is not being moved to the other side of the entrance to French Furze.

It was agreed that the member of the public would investigate possible actions, with the support of the Clerk and Cllr Rake, and come back to the next meeting of the PC.

Present: Cllrs Rake, Thomas, Mallyon and Coe were present, as were three members of the public, South Hams District Councillor Hicks and A Thom (Clerk). Devon County Cllr Brazil entered during Item 9 due to a conflicting PC meeting.

90/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Perry, Joyce and Lewis-Davis.

91/18 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

92/18 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held 1 May 2018 and the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April 2018 were approved.

93/18 Report from County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of County Councillor Brazil.

94/18 Report from District Councillor

District Cllr Hicks reported that the Annual Meeting has been held – the last of this Council before elections. There is £2,350 available for Blackawton in the Locality Fund. He has dealt with missed waste collections in East Hartley. This seems to be a localised problem.

95/18 Request for 20mph speed limit in the Village.

Addressed in the Open Forum.

96/18 Planning Issues

96/18.1 Review of New Applications

- 1360/18/CLE Barn At Sx 830 516 Ten Acres Bugford. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Existing operation - erection of a building for agricultural use.

No comment.

- 1570/18/VAR Field North Of Higher Cotterbury Blackawton To Cotterbury Blackawton Devon. Removal of condition 3 (Agricultural Restriction) of planning consent 06/2714/07/F (Erection of agricultural building).

No comment.

97/18 Blackawton Cemetery

The request for burial of ashes was approved.

98/18 French Furze

The Blackawton Primary School Parent Governor conveyed the School's request that the planned car park, toddler play area (TPA) and multi-use games area (MUGA) are not built.

A lengthy discussion followed. Cllrs commented that more car parking is required by the community: for staff parking, to help Main Street parking issues, and potentially for the MUGA, that the car park will benefit community integration. It was suggested the MUGA might be relocated to the tennis court. Cllr Rake said that the School is not a party to the S106. There are procedural issues and time pressures. A concrete proposal is needed. At the moment there is only loss of potential benefit to the community. The request for these facilities was made after a lengthy and detailed discussion which included the School and the developer. The MUGA was specifically requested by the School. Cllr Rake said that a process of broader consultation (not solely the PC) is required. With changes of this significance the consultation should be of similar breadth to the original consultation.

Cllr Hicks explained that the S106 says that the school land includes the facilities. The MUGA and TPA are to be completed before 50% occupancy and the car park 80%. Ownership is transferred to DCC within three months of completion of the site. It was expected the nominee would be the school but this is not written. The Planning Authority has assessed a need for the MUGA and TPA. If these are not built at French Furze, the Authority would still be putting them somewhere else, not using the funds to build a classroom instead. School building is not the Planning Authority's responsibility to deal with. If a concrete proposal was agreed a revised S106 would be required. A planning application is required to change a S106.

The Parent Governor said he would liaise with School and present a proposal and costing to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

99/18 French Furze Commercial Units

Cllr Rake and the Clerk have met with Linden Homes' surveyor. Electric radiators have been removed from the specifications because they don't meet the environmental requirements. New specification and costings are expected by 15 June. The working group has held its first meeting. Thank-you to Cllr Hicks and the manager of SHDC's commercial units for their assistance.

100/18 Finance

100/18.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report which showed a total balance of £52,373.67, earmarked reserves of £46,717.63 and, unearmarked reserves of £5,656.04 was approved.

100/18.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

S Rowdon	churchyard and cemetery cuts	183.00
Clerk	May Salary	453.67
HMRC	PAYE	14.80
A Marshall	Internal Audit	150.00

100/18.3 Churchyard and Cemetery Maintenance Contract

The submissions received were discussed. It was resolved to appoint S. Rowdon for a period of three years.

100/18.4 2018 Internal Auditor's Report

BPC resolved that it has noted the report which confirms there are effective systems in place. The few recommendations will be addressed by BPC.

100/18.5 2018 Audit Annual Governance Statement

It was resolved to approve the Statement. The Chairman signed the Statement.

100/18.6 2018 Audit Accounting Statements

It was resolved to approve the Statements. The Chairman signed the Statements.

100/18.7 Pension

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

100/18.8 Overtime

The Clerk's overtime claim BPC05 for 12 hours and fifteen minutes overtime during April and May was approved.

100/18.9 2018 - 19 Councillor Allowances

It was resolved to approve allowances of £10 per councillor per month.

101/18 Report from County Councillor

Devon County Councillor Brazil will discuss better School warning signs with the Neighbourhood Officer. He reported that he continues to have roles in audit and children's scrutiny. The children's scrutiny role covers areas where DCC interacts with children – such as education, adoption and the effect of policies on children. AD Griffiths has been appointed to repair the Slapton Line. A new planning application was required. Works will start soon and the road is expected to reopen in October 2018. There will be an open evening about the Slapton Line on 23 June in the Slapton Hall. Cllr Brazil will attend a meeting to be held later this month to discuss the School's requests regarding the new community facilities in the French Furze development, as will Cllr Rake and/or Cllr Mallyon.

102/18 General Data Protection Regulations

The General Privacy Notice and Role Holders Privacy Notice documents were approved.

103/18 Parish Lengthsman

It was agreed that the role would be advertised because it has not been reviewed since 2013.

104/18 Correspondence

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

- Royal Voluntary Service Home Library Service - a free service that delivers books to people's homes on behalf of Devon Libraries

105/18 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Coe will report an overgrown footpath near Forder.

Cllr Thomas reported on 'time well spent' in his attendance at a course for new councillors. Parish Councillor email accounts will be set up. Cllr Mallyon reported on a useful walk around to assess each of the PC's physical assets. The Clerk will produce a list of required repairs and maintenance. It was agreed that the Cemetery maintenance contract should be amended to include paths, keeping tablets in the cremation area clear of weeds and grass, and car park weed sprays.

Cllr Rake reported that he has written to Dr Sarah Wollaston MP regarding the proposed changes to community transport regulations.

106/18 Future Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council on 3 July 2018 was confirmed.

107/18 Pension

The Clerk left the meeting for the discussion of discretionary pension contributions by BPC. Cllrs agreed to contribute at the standard rate advertised by the Pension Regulator.