

DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 2 October 2018 in Blackawton Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Rake, Thomas, Perry and Mallyon were present, as were South Ham District Cllr Hicks, Devon County Cllr Brazil, one member of the public, and A Thom (Clerk).

143/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coe and Joyce.

144/18 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

145/18 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2018 were approved with the correction that Cllr Mallyon was present.

146/18 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Hicks reported that the new lottery is going well. Thousands of pounds have gone to support local organisations. He met last month with a group which lobbies central government for increased funding for local councils. SHDC plans to invest in property in the South Hams with a view to earning income. SHDC currently forecasts a deficit budget in the year after next. Cllr Hicks is not happy about the situation with Linden Homes and proposes a meeting of SHDC, BPC and Linden Homes.

Cllr Rake commented that the planners make decisions which affect the local community without consulting the Parish Council.

An application may be made to use the SHDC Locality Fund to widen the entrance into the community field from the road.

Cllr Rake discussed the possibility of SHDC investing in the new Blackawton commercial units and will discuss with SHDC.

147/18 Report from County Councillor

Deferred pending the arrival of County Cllr Brazil after another parish council meeting.

148/18 Planning Issues

148/18.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decision were noted:

- 1742/18/FUL Little Wadstray Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DD. Conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling. Conditional Approval.
- 2252/18/HHO 4 Church Hill Blackawton TQ9 7BQ. Householder application for rear extension. Conditional Approval.

148/18.2 Review of New Applications

- 3055/18/PDM Lower Clyston Farm, Blackawton Devon TQ9 7AB. Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a)&(b)).

It was agreed that the building was in agricultural use in 2013. Clerk to write to SHDC.

149/18 Consultation

- **South Devon AONB 2014-2019 Management Plan**

Closes 5 November 2018.

Noted. Individual councillors may comment, no BPC comment will be made.

150/18 Remembrance Sunday Poppy Project 1918 – 2018

The request to display a poppy waterfall on St Michael's lychgate was supported.

151/18 French Furze

There is an ongoing problem. BPC considers that not all documents relevant to reserved conditions application 2951/17/ARC are on the website and that what has been approved is not clear – for example whether the approval includes street lighting. Planners have responded that the relevant lighting document is the one dated 3 August however this appears unlikely as it predates the submission of the application. Similarly there is no decision on 0318/18/VAR however some related works have been carried out – with work started to install LPG tanks in a new location and the original site turfed and planted, and possibly a hedgerow removed. BPC has raised concerns about lack of transparency and lack of consultation on changes to the plans.

152/18 Report from County Councillor

Devon County Cllr Brazil arrived during discussion of the previous item. He reported that the official opening of the Slapton Line will be on 26 October 2018 and the road will be open before that event. He related the forecast that 95-99% of ash trees will be affected by ash dieback. 20% of Devon's trees are ash – so this cause a loss of one in five trees. The timeframe is uncertain. The Woodland Trust has funding to replant 1-3 trees for each tree lost, depending on its maturity. Non-ash trees with ash in their name, such as mountain ash, will not be affected.

153/18 French Furze Commercial Units

The working group has produced an initial draft report. It will be circulated more widely once all group members has confirmed its content. Cllr Rake will obtain more information from SHDC about business rates costs to the units.

154/18 French Furze Community Facilities

The School's comments on specifications for car parking and MUGA were noted. The Clerk will forward them to County Cllr Brazil who may be able to assist with the discussions.

155/18 Finance

155/18.1 Update on Current Financial Position

To report which showed a balance of £55,688.05, earmarked reserves of £46,494.08, and unearmarked reserves of £9,193.98 was read.

155/18.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

- S Rowden churchyard & cemetery cuts August £270.00
- S Griffiths first clearance of churchyard wall & maintenance bus stops, bench, gate, noticeboards £754.00
- HMRC September 2018 £15.00
- Clerk September 2018 Salary, pension, working from home allowance £527.56
- Allwood refurbishment of 'Blackawton' tablet £54.00
- D Hallett lengthsman services 1/4-31/8/18 £144.00

To following payment received was noted:

- SHDC Second precept instalment £8,009

155/18.3 Blackawton Public Access Defibrillator

The payment of £300 annually to cover ongoing costs for service plan, training and electricity as detailed in 'Defibrillator for Blackawton' report was approved.

155/18.4 Domain Name Transfer

The transfer of the 'blackawtoncommunity.com' domain name to Blackawton Parish Council was authorised.

155/18.5 Churchyard Wall Crack & Bulge

The payment of £375-425 plus expenses for PCA Consulting Engineers to inspect the bulge in the wall and produce recommendations for repair/remedial works was approved.

155/18.6 Bank Signatories

It was agreed that Cllr Steve Thomas will become a third signatory for BPC internet banking.

155/18.7 Hedgetrimming

It was agreed that Westdown Farm Ltd will be asked to trim Cemetery hedges

155/18.8 Transfer of £50 defibrillator reserve to CHT account.

The transfer was approved.

156/18 Cemetery

The memorial application was discussed at length and BPC decided to refuse the application. Although the proposed memorial does not exceed the size limit given in the Regulations, the Parish Council is of the view that it is not in keeping with the Cemetery. The Parish Council also took into consideration the feelings of the families and friends of those already buried in the Cemetery. BPC will be revising the Regulations document to detail the requirements in greater detail to assist future applicants.

157/18 Correspondence

The following miscellaneous correspondence was noted:

- South Dartmoor Community Energy – Energy advice service, presents to groups or individuals
- 25/9/18 Launch of Dartmouth Together. Meeting 10 October 6.30 p.m., Dartmouth Academy. New initiative to improve the integration of voluntary services in our community.
- Application for road closure outside Ruby house, Vicarage Road, Subject to approval from Devon Highways these works will take place 15/01/19 – 17/01/19.

158/18 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

A card will be sent to the retiring Secretary of Devon Association of Local Councils. The Parish Council thanks and congratulates the volunteers who worked to relocate the Shop and to create the new Community Shop on their hard work and community spirit.

Cllrs Rake and Thomas will attend the next BPC Whist and Euchre rota on 8 October.

159/18 Future Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 6 November 2018 at 7:30 pm

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