

DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 4 September 2018 in Blackawton Village Hall

The start of the meeting was delayed to 19:37 while an IT issue was addressed.

Open Forum

a) Public Access Defibrillator Project

Members of the public presented comprehensive research on the selection and installation of a public access defibrillator in Blackawton. Their report recommends a Zoll 3 defibrillator, on which the same pads fit children and adults, and a locked Sentry cabinet (total £2,345), location outside the Community Shop, a yearly managed solution (£165), and yearly first aid/CPR training (£100). All prices exVAT as this will be reclaimed/not charged. £2,200 has been raised. There will be an electricity charge of approximately £30 each year bringing the annual costs to £295.

The Parish Council thanked them and congratulated them on their research. BPC thanks the three donors for their generosity in financing this important project. The PC will also write to the donors.

Present: Cllrs Rake, Joyce, Mallyon, Thomas, Perry, Lewis-Davis and Coe were present, as were five members of the public, and A Thom (Clerk). Devon County Cllr Brazil attended near the start of the meeting.

125/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor Hicks.

126/18 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

127/18 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held 3 July 2018 were approved.

128/18 Report from County Councillor

Devon County Councillor Brazil reported that works on the Slapton Line are on schedule with an October 2018 opening expected. DCC is meeting with BPC to look at traffic warning signage in the village.

129/18 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Hicks' report was read by Cllr Rake.

Cllr Hicks has sent apologies because he is at a meeting trying to persuade Government to allocate increased funding to rural Local Government. Most of the difficulties with French Furze are outside the influence of the District Council as Planning Authority but Cllr Hicks thinks we could learn some lessons for the future. The Joint Local Plan is slowly progressing and SHDC has now responded to the Inspectorate on a small number of issues, none of which appear to be showstoppers. However, it now looks like SHDC will not be adopting a final Plan until well into next year. The newly organised local lottery has got going and is raising funds for local causes. SHDC has been under serious criticism for its waste collection performance over recent weeks. There are a few legitimate reasons for this and SHDC is working hard to recover the situation, but Cllr Hicks feels an apology on behalf of the Council would be appropriate.

130/18 Blackawton Traffic Concerns

It was agreed that Cllrs Rake and Joyce would be BPC's representatives in the meeting with DCC

131/18 French Furze

Cllr Rake summarised the objections sent to Linden Homes regarding lack of consultation on changes to the plans and to SHDC regarding lack of proper process and transparency in the handling of the reserved conditions planning application. BPC has asked to attend a being held next week to discuss the relocation of LPG tanks for the development.

132/18 French Furze Commercial Units

Cllr Rake reported on a meeting with Devon Communities Together to assess the possible legal ownership structure for the units. The working group will prepare a report which will be presented to the 2 October meeting of BPC.

133/18 Planning Issues

133/18.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

- 0047/18/ARM Pruston Barton Blackawton Totnes Devon TQ9 7AJ. Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 06/2991/14/F for permanent agricultural workers dwelling. Conditional Approval.
- 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. Refusal
- 2951/17/ARC Land At Sx 805 510 Town Farm Blackawton Devon. Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 6, 10- 12, 14-18 & 20 of planning consent 06/0992/14/F. Discharge of Condition Approved.
- 1660/18/FUL Forder Barn Blackawton TQ9 7AL. Change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to residential. Conditional Approval.
- 1972/17/FUL Land at Greenslade Road Blackawton TQ9 7BP. Application for erection of four dwellings (resubmission of 3442/16/FUL). Conditional Approval

133/18.2 Review of New Applications

- 2531/18/FUL Land at SX 807 506 South of Greenslade House Blackawton Devon TQ9 7BP. Application for 1no. new dwelling. Support.

133/18.3 French Furze

BPC has objected to Linden Homes' decision to relocate gas tanks without formal consultation, as discussed earlier in the meeting. A planning application for this proposal is expected in the near future.

134/18 Consultations

The following consultations were noted:

- Technical Consultation on Local Government Finance Settlement for 2019/20 which includes Council Tax referendum principles for Town and Parish Councils. Closes 18 September 2018.
- Adult Social Care and Wellbeing Consultation. LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing. Closes Wednesday 12 September 2018.
- South Hams District Council's proposed changes to the procedure for processing pre-application enquires. Closes 21 September 2018.
- SHDC Consultation on draft Gambling Statement of Principles Closes 5 October 2018.

135/18 Finance

135/18.1 Current Financial Position

The report which showed an 18/19 balance of £2,847, total balance of £49,441.39, and unearmarked reserves of £2,947.32 was approved. A bank reconciliation has been done. Lloyds bank has refunded its second debit of the same cheque.

135/18.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

Village Hall	Dec 17- July 18	£120.00
S Rowden churchyard and cemetery cuts	July	£210.00
Clerk	CE08 Expenses reimbursement	£149.32
Clerk	July Salary and Pension	£457.15
Clerk	August Salary and Pension	£466.35
HMRC	July PAYE	£22.00
HMRC	August PAYE	£12.80

The following urgent payment made was noted:

South Hams Newspapers Lengthsman advert. £180 VAT incl.

135/18.3 Cemetery Noticeboard Donation

The offer from Rendle & Elliott, a local carpentry and joinery business, to make a new noticeboard for the Cemetery in exchange for acknowledgement of the work and a Beacon advertisement was accepted with thanks. The Clerk is to write to thank the business.

135/18.4 Clerk Working from Home Allowance

The payment of £2/week towards a working from home allowance commencing 1 April 2018 was approved.

135/18.5 Defibrillator

Payment by BPC of the annual defibrillator service plan (to cover replacement pads and batteries) at a cost of £165 + VAT per year is supported in principle. The payment by BPC of £300 per year to cover ongoing costs for service plan, training and electricity will be on the 2 October Agenda.

136/18 Cemetery

BPC considered the memorial application as circulated. The Clerk was asked to seek a more helpful drawing and confirmation of the use of each column, to be considered by the October meeting.

137/18 Churchyard Wall Crack

Further assessment of the wall has identified a bulge in addition to a crack. It is expected substantial works will require a road closure. It was agreed that Cllr Rake will ask Paul Carpenter of Paul Carpenter & Associates to assess the wall, the School will be notified of the risk, and DCC will be shown the problem during the meeting on 12 September.

138/18 Parish Lengthsman

The Parish lengthsman's resignation was discussed. The Clerk was asked to write to thank them for their excellent work over many years. No applications were received for the role. BPC will re-advertise on the BPC website, Beacon and social media. Obtaining an accurate buddle hole map will be followed up.

139/18 Procedures and General Data Protection Regulations

- The inclusion of the SHDC draft's 'close associate' and 'family' provisions in the BPC Code of Conduct was discussed. It was agreed that the 'family' provisions would be incorporated.
- The draft Freedom of Information Publication Scheme was approved with access in the Beacon added where relevant.

140/18 Correspondence

The following miscellaneous correspondence was noted:

- 6 shared ownership homes for sale at French Furze are now being marketed with Liverty Housing. All enquiries: newhomes@livity.com
- Devon County Council Food waste conference. 21 September, 09:30 – 15:30, Crediton.
- SHDC - Are You Prepared for An Emergency? 30 Days, 30 Ways Social Media Campaign. Throughout September.

141/18 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

The Clerk will place a sign in the Cemetery to remind people that there is no bin and to ask them to take their rubbish with them.

The Clerk will order fifty 20 kg bags of salt. The salt spreader does not work. Clerk to look into sourcing a replacement. Clerk to contact the management committee at Shepleigh Court about locating a grit bin on its land.

Cllr Perry will ask a member of the public to lead on preparing a proposal of what Christmas lighting is required and its cost.

142/18 Future Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed for 2 October 2018.

The meeting closed at 21:43