

Blackawton Parish Council
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DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Blackawton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chairman), Joyce (Vice-Chairman), Coe, Perry, and Thomas were present as was County Cllr Brazil for his report, one member of the public, and A Thom (Clerk).

Open Forum

a. Update from Blackawton's Health Services Representative

The representative explained that the Dartmouth Steering Group became the Riverview Stakeholders Group in 2016. One person deals with statutory care packages. There are 8,500 patients in the Dartmouth Practice. Riverview is privately owned and the proposed lease package, for the relocation of Dartmouth Hospital services, was unaffordable and no deal could be agreed.

In mid-2018 the group Dartmouth Together was formed to connect the voluntary groups operating in and around Dartmouth. Dartmouth Together will be having an event in The Flavel in April 2019 for groups to meet and to show what they do. All welcome. The date is to be confirmed.

There is a current trial of social prescribing by general practitioners. GPs can give vouchers for access to services.

The Dartmouth Patient Participation Group last met one month ago. They are a very good and large group. The PPG is holding the Trust to account for a replacement for the former Dartmouth Hospital. The PPG has just carried out a patient survey. The PPG is keen to broaden its membership to a younger cohort – such as young mothers.

The new Health and Wellbeing Centre will be built on the Dartmouth Park and Ride's overflow land by September 2019. It will provide the services currently provided at the Dartmouth Clinic, the General Practice, and a pharmacy. It will also provide new services such as paediatrics.

There will not be any inpatient care beds. The Trust has assessed the average current need to be two inpatient beds and plans to spot purchase more beds when they are needed.

The HWBC will be an integrated care Hub. Integrated care is provided by a team which does what the Hospital and Clinic used to do. They help people to stay in their homes.

Volunteers are needed to visit patients in small hospitals. Care homes are closing.

The Dartmouth Health Action Group's objective is to retain the Dartmouth Hospital on its former site. They have a role in negotiations with the Trust.

The money from the sale of the Hospital and Clinic will go into an NHS pot. The sales are expected to raise less than the £5.1 million cost of the new HWBC.

23/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mallyon and South Hams District Cllr Hicks

24/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rake declared a personal interest in Item 6.2 - Blacksmiths Cottage planning application.

25/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2019 were approved.

26/19 Report from South Hams District Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Hicks.

27/19 Report from Devon County Councillor

Devon County Cllr Brazil reported that DCC is in its budget cycle – with a report being made to the Cabinet Friday week and a full budget meeting the following Thursday. DCC's budget is under pressure – particularly the adult social care and education budgets.

There is no confirmation yet on how the extra money allocated for roads in the Autumn budget will be spent, although the indication is that the focus will be on bridges.

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Cllr Brazil can make a £250 grant to support the bus shelter project.

28/19 Planning Issues

28/19.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

- 3605/18/HHO Yeomans Paddelake Blackawton TQ6 0NA. READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Householder application for alterations to existing dwelling including extension, cladding, construction of new roof with loft accommodation, new car parking area with vehicular access from public lane and new garage structure. Conditional Approval.
- 3598/18/FUL Land at Woodford, SX793508 Blackawton Totnes.: Erection of a fodder building. Conditional Approval.

28/19.2 Review of New Applications

- 0073/19/FUL Lower Dimes Barn At Sx815508, Blackawton To Cotterbury,, Blackawton, TQ9 7DA. Demolition of existing barn. Construction of new dwelling house on the same footprint as existing. SUPPORT.
- 0232/19/FUL Land at Pasture Cross, East Allington, Totnes, TQ9 7QE. Erection of agricultural storage building. SUPPORT.
- 0263/19/FUL Blacksmiths Cottage Adj. Woodcott, Woodford, Blackawton, TQ9 7AA. Conversion of building to dwelling. SUPPORT.
- 0135/19/AGR Land North of Higher Cotterbury Blackawton TQ9 7DA. Agricultural Prior notification for proposed erection of an agricultural storage building. No comment.
- Premises licence: The Stoke Lodge Hotel, Stoke Fleming, Dartmouth, TQ6 0RA. The application is for: sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, Monday to Sunday from 9am to midnight and the provision of late night refreshment from 11pm to midnight. Both activities to be from the end of licensing hours on New Year's Eve to the commencement of licensing hours on New Year's Day. This premises licence replaces the licence previously in place at the hotel which has lapsed due to the death of the premises licence holder. No comment.

29/19 French Furze Business Units

Cllr Rake reported on a meeting held with an accountant to discuss the ownership structure for the business units. The accountant advised that the two options to consider are a Community Interest Company and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. A CIC can be converted into a CIO. There are tax advantages to being a CIO but its activities must be strictly charitable in nature.

Cllr Rake explained that the earlier working group examined potential structures with the support of Devon Communities Together. That process chose a CIC. It ruled out a CIO on the basis of the business units' activities not necessarily being charitable in nature.

It was noted that one approach would be to convert a CIC to a CIO once surpluses are being generated.

It was agreed that it might be timely to take formal legal advice on the suitability of a CIO. The Clerk has requested an estimate of costs for legal advice which will be considered by the meeting on 5 March.

It was agreed that Cllr Rake would liaise with the member of the community who is leading the community consultation on the use of future surpluses, and that he will ask the accountant about the tax implications if surpluses of several years are distributed together.

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30/19 French Furze Project

No new issues were raised. Active issues are BPC's concerns about the safety of the new footpath onto Main Street and water runoff from the site.

31/19 Finance

31/19.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report showed a balance of £54,380.92 and unearmarked reserves of £8,758.79.

31/19.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

- S. Griffiths, Churchyard wall maintenance, £600.00
- Clerk, January Salary & Pension, £472.84
- HMRC, January PAYE, £15.00
- Devon Communities Together, Subscription renewal, £50.00
- A Mallyon, Cllr Allowance, £96.00
- S Rake, Cllr Allowance, £96.00
- HMRC, Cllr Allowance PAYE, two payments of £24.00
- Clerk, Land Registry costs, £13.00

The receipt of £2,350 from SHDC for a Locality Fund bus shelter grant was noted.

31/19.3 Application for DCC Locality Budget Grant

It was agreed that BPC will apply to DCC for a £250 grant to support the Woodlands bus shelter project.

31/19.4 Forces Bus Stops

It was agreed to ask the Parish Maintenance Contractor to clean the Forces bus stops and cut back the vegetation growing into them.

31/19.5 Clearance of Drains on the Highway

Information will be gathered about whether a contractor is required to clear blocked drains on the highway.

32/19 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted.

- Sent: Linden Homes, 22/1/19, Thank-you for £1,645 for Blackawton defibrillator

33/19 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

There will be a free defibrillator training session: 11am-1pm on Saturday 23 February in the Village Hall. All welcome and encouraged to come. Tea and coffee will be served.

The Clerk will update a Parishioner on DCC's response to concerns raised about speed of traffic in the village and follow up the outstanding items with DCC. The formal speed assessment will take place once houses are occupied and there is a new access to the School. The Main Street post box was removed because the bottom had rusted out. It is being replaced but the timeline is not known.

Cllr Perry saw hundreds of beer cans in the part of the Cemetery's hedge near the green shed. They are mainly Carlsberg and Strongbow. Cllr Coe will arrange a working party to remove the cans. Please contact Ruth if you can help.

There will be local elections on 2 May 2019 for Blackawton's Parish Council and South Hams District Councillor. There is information about the nomination process on the Blackawton Community website and the BPC Facebook page.

34/19 Future Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 21:11