

**DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Blackawton Village Hall**

**Open Forum**

**a) Slurry Store Planning Application**

Eight members of the public were present at the meeting for the purpose of giving their view on the proposal. They were residents of neighbouring Pruston Barton. One spoke in favour of improvements and resolution of previous problems with overflow. There was an opposition which questioned the suitability of the soil, said proximity to the residences was unacceptable, raised concerns about health and well being effects of possible toxic airborne pollution, increased traffic and negative effect on residential amenity caused by noise and odour. The applicant explained that the increased storage is required for compliance with new legislation and discussed the reasons for the current proposal including it enabling gravity feed to remove the need for pumping, and improved technology removes the need to mix. Mixing increases the odour. Soil analysis will be done when a location is confirmed, however a comparable store on a neighbouring property works well.

**b) Blackawton Primary School**

The new Head of School in 2019/20 introduced themselves. They plan for the School to use the Village Hall more and for the School to be part of Sustainable Blackawton. Cllr Rake said the Parish Council will welcome steady contact with the School and maximal use of the new community facilities being built at French Furze.

**Present:** Cllrs Rake, Mewes, Coe, Mallyon and Thomas were present as were South Hams District Cllr Reeve, Devon County Cllr Brazil and ten members of the Public.

**119/19 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Perry.

**120/19 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Thomas declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 - Slurry Store planning applications.

**121/19 Co-option of a Parish Councillor**

Chris Wilson introduced himself a candidate for co-option as a Parish Councillor and explained why he was motivated to be a Councillor. He responded to questions from the Parish Council. It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Chris Wilson to be a Blackawton Parish Councillor. Cllr Wilson will join the September meeting of BPC.

**122/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 4 June 2019 were approved.

**123/19 Report from South Hams District Councillor**

Cllr Reeve reported that SHDC is developing its response to Climate Change. Cllrs have attended training and will have an exchange of ideas with the community. SHDC is looking at setting aside a loan pot for small projects. New members have toured local towns. Cllr Reeve thinks the new Health and Well Being Hub at the top of Dartmouth is a good idea.

**124/19 Report from Devon County Councillor**

Cllr Brazil reported that he has roles on the Children's Scrutiny Committee and Audit (which examines draft accounts, auditor's reports, and risk register). A high priority issue is whether DCC will be able to deliver statutory adult social care services. He has a role on the Local Enterprise Partnership which manages money from government for big strategic projects. Devon, Somerset and the District Councils also have LEP representatives.

**125/19 Planning Issues**

**125/19.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals**

The following decisions were noted:

- 1363/19/ARC Little Wadstray Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DD. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 13 of planning consent 1742/18/FUL. Discharge of condition Approved.
- 0400/19/FUL The Old Forge Woodford Blackawton Devon TQ9 7AA. Conversion of 'The Old Forge' to a residential dwelling. Conditional Approval.
- 1363/19/ARC Little Wadstray Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DD. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 13 of planning consent 1742/18/FUL. Discharge of condition Approved.

### **125/19.2 Review of New Applications**

- 1800/19/VAR Oldstone Farm Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7DG. Application for removal or variation of condition 5 of planning consent 06/1725/15/F.

Support.

- 1448/19/FUL Field at SX781513 Cliston Cross Blackawton Devon. Erection of new stable building and use of field for keeping and grazing for horses.

Support, however BPC notes that it seems that this proposal is in contradiction to guidelines on isolated equestrian developments in the countryside.

Cllr Thomas left the meeting.

- 1785/19/FUL Pruston Barton Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AJ. Application for an Earth Lined Slurry Store (Part A)
- 1790/19/FUL Pruston Barton Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AJ. Application for an Earth Lined Slurry Store (Part B)
- 1796/19/FUL Pruston Barton Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AJ. Application for an Earth Lined Slurry Store (Part C)
- 1797/19/FUL Pruston Barton Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AJ. Application for an Earth Lined Slurry Store (Part D)

BPC deferred reaching a view on these applications. A site visit was agreed with the applicant as was a meeting with local residents to follow immediately after the site visit. It is planned to hold an extraordinary meeting in the week commencing 22 July to address these applications if that timeline is acceptable to the Planning Officer.

Cllr Thomas returned to the meeting.

- 1801/19/VAR Solar Park Place Barton Farm Moreleigh Devon TQ9 7JN. Application for variation of condition 7 following grant of planning permission 22/0848/15/F.

Support

- New premises licence application from The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Ltd for Coronation Park, Dartmouth. The application is for:
  - The provision of recorded music indoors & outdoors Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 10:00 – 23:30 Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
  - The provision of live music indoors & outdoors Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 10:00 – 23:30 Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
  - The provision of late night refreshment indoors & outdoors Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 10:00 – 23:30 Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
  - The supply of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 12:00 – 23:30 Saturday 12:00 – 19:00
  - Licensable activities must only take place during August – September each year for The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta events. (due 4 July)

No comment.

### **126/19 Consultations**

Proposed changes Service Delivery Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. Closes 20/9/19.

Cllr Brazil reported that the authority hasn't made its final decision. He understands that PCs can ask for the authority to visit. This consultation can be on the 3 September Agenda if required.

### **127/19 French Furze Project**

There has been an issue with working on weekends and to 9pm during the week. It was commented that the enforcement response to the breaching of conditions of working hours and noise needs to be faster because they effect people. It was suggested to monitor and keep chasing complaints.

BPC considers that the current lack of pedestrian access to village from French Furze is unsafe. The Clerk was instructed to write to Linden Homes and copy Cllr Reeve.

### **128/19 French Furze Business Units**

Linden Homes has produced new drawings which lower the roofline of the final unit as requested by BPC. BPC has had meetings with SHDC regarding it investing in the units and regarding the approval of Blackawton Business Units CIC as

the managing body for the units. SHDC has written to BPC approving the managing body. It is hoped SHDC's legal staff will comment on the proposed foundation registration documents. Cllr Rake will follow up obtaining a view on the costings provided by LH to build the final three units and whether the Community Shop has an asset lock – and can therefore be listed in the CIC's documents.

#### **129/19 Purchase of Air-Conditioning Unit for the Community Shop**

The proposal to use s106 monies from French Furze development for the purchase of an air conditioning unit for the Shop was discussed. The issue is that with five fridges freezers the Shop gets hot overnight and takes three hours to cool down. Cllr Mallyon will bring forward a more detailed proposal to a future meeting.

#### **130/19 Environment Policy**

Sustainable Blackawton has developed topics headings for further consideration to develop into a BPC Environment Policy document. Cllr Coe suggested that the Policy has scheduled review, for example annually, to ensure it remains relevant and achievable. Cllr Mewes reported the document is an open working tool, Sustainable Blackawton is engaging ideas from the community. It is hoped that a first draft will be ready for the September or October meeting of BPC.

#### **131/19 Proposal for planting trees on BPC owned land**

It was agreed that BPC will consider proposals for planting.

#### **132/19 Installation of Bus Shelters**

The specifications for the proposed shelters were agreed. It appears there will be a £9,000 shortfall with a total project cost of £15,000. BPC agreed to offer to pay half of this shortfall if match funding can be sourced.

#### **133/19 Grant Policy**

This item was deferred.

#### **134/19 Finance**

##### **134/19.1 Update on Current Financial Position**

The Report which showed a total balance of £57,874.15 and unearmarked reserves of £10,186.12 was read. The circulated bank reconciliation was noted.

##### **134/19.2 Payments Made, Due and Received**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

- Grounds Maintenance contractor, 2019 May churchyard and cemetery cuts, £270
- Website Annual hosting Fee to 12 June £60
- Cornworthy Parish Council TAP Grant funded weedspraying 2018 19 £95.85
- Dittisham Parish Council TAP Grant funded weedspraying 2018 19 £95.85
- Clerk, June salary and pension, £489.37
- HMRC June PAYE, £18.40

It was resolved to authorise payment on 31 July of the Clerk's standard July salary and pension, and of the related HMRC PAYE payment.

#### **135/19 Parish Lengthsman**

The application for the role of a lengthsman to supplement the service from DCC was considered. BPC would be keen to work together with Dittisham and Cornworthy Parish Councils. BPC agreed to employ the applicant to take the same pragmatic approach as that taken by the previous lengthsman for as many hours as necessary up to those paid to the previous lengthsman. If the lengthsman's view is that more hours are required they should come back to BPC. The Clerk will prepare a simple contract based on the advertised Scope of Work.

#### **136/19 Clerk's Leave**

The leave request for 29 July to 16 August and 23 December to 3 January was approved. The planned leave approximately 9 October to 16 October was noted.

#### **137/19 Correspondence**

- Slapton Line Partnership events future plans for the A379 between Strete and Torcross. Wednesday 10 July at Slapton Village Hall between 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m & Tuesday 16 July at Stokenham Village Hall between 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m

#### **138/19 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens**

Cllr Coe reported on a discussion with DCC regarding whether a bridleway has been strimmed. DCC has been asked to switch the streetlight at the end of The Grove off overnight – in line with other street lights. In the autumn BPC will have discussions with DCC about the creation of an exit from the French Furze development onto School Lane.

**139/19 Next Meeting of the Parish Council**

It was confirmed that the next meeting of BPC will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7:30 p.m.