

**DRAFT Minutes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Blackawton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Rake, Coe and Mewes were present as were South Hams District Councillor Reeve, one member of the public, and A Thom (Clerk)

**101/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Perry, Mallyon and Thomas, and Devon County Councillor Brazil.

**102/19 Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**103/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2019 were approved.

**104/19 Report from South Hams District Councillor**

District Cllr Reeve reported that the biggest issue being addressed by SHDC is Climate Change. Cllr Reeve has arranged a meeting between BPC and SHDC regarding approval of the managing body for the business units. She will assist in arranging a meeting to see if SHDC will invest in the units. Cllr Rake noted SHDC's Climate Change policy is Council focussed but there are other policy areas it could use.

**105/19 Report from Devon County Councillor**

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Brazil.

**106/19 Planning Issues**

**106/19.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals**

The following decision was noted:

- 0946/19/FUL Higher Dreyton Farm Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DG. Proposed replacement dwelling and garage including site works, access and landscaping (Resubmission of 3680/18/FUL). Conditional Approval.

**106/19.2 Review of New Applications**

- 1169/19/FUL Middle Hatcherleigh Farmhouse Blackawton TQ9 7AD. Provision of a timber garage with log store. Support.
- Application for a new premises licence from Michael Sutton's Cellar Ltd for Riversbridge, Embridge, Dartmouth, TQ6 0LG. The application is for sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, Monday to Sunday from 9am to 11pm. Support.
- 1363/19/ARC Little Wadstray Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DD. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 13 of planning consent 1742/18/FUL.  
This application had already been approved by SHDC.

**107/19 French Furze Project**

It was resolved to approve the revised wording of 'Permitted Use' for the Community Facilities at French Furze in S.12.1.3 of the proposed Land Registry Transfer document provided by Linden Homes.

**108/19 French Furze Business Units**

Cllr Rake reported that the final wording of the registration documents for a Community Interest Company to manage the units is being agreed but is largely ready to go. BPC will meet with SHDC in June regarding approval of the managing body and about possibility of investment funding as noted above.

**109/19 Environment Policy**

BPC supports the development of a BPC Environment Policy. It invites guidance from Sustainable Blackawton.

Cllr Mewes reported that Sustainable Blackawton now has a membership of 10-20 people but it would like to involve the whole community. The Food Forrest project has done a site visit in Blackawton. It is a registered charity which plants areas of land from a half acre upwards with a layered system of vegetation which is designed to produce food and provide habitat. The Food Forrest team will report to Sustainable Blackawton on 5 June. The approach is transferrable to gardens.

**110/19 Cemetery Regulations**

The Cemetery regulations were updated to incorporate permission for the scattering of ashes in Section A or on a family grave plot.

**111/19 Emergency Contact List Form**

The proposed consent form was approved with the age requiring a guardian's details raised from 13 to 16 years.

**112/19 Street Lighting**

It was agreed to find out what the process would be for DCC to remove street lighting from the village, and to find out more about a model of good practice for consultations.

**113/19 'Report It' red buttons on [www.blackawtoncommunity.com](http://www.blackawtoncommunity.com)**

The buttons link to pages for reporting highways issues to DCC and reporting to SHDC planning breaches, missed waste collection, noise nuisance, a pest problem, fly tipping, and a problem on our streets such as abandoned vehicles and full litter bins and bottle banks. To be advertised in the Beacon with an image.

**114/19 Finance**

**114/19.1 Update on Current Financial Position**

The Report showed a total balance of £58,071.71 and unearmarked reserves of £10,383.68.

**114/19.2 Payments Made, Due and Received**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Charles Rogers P3 works	£960
Clerk May salary & pension	£489.37
HMRC May PAYE	£18.40
Dittisham PC 2018 19 TAP drainage	£450.00

The following receipt was noted:

TAP grants for drain clearance (£450) & lengthsman service (£294).

**114/19.3 Councillor Allowances**

It was resolved to approve the payment of a Parish Basic Allowances of £120 each to all Blackawton Parish Councillors who claim them.

**114/19.4 Clerk Expenses reimbursement CE14**

Clerk Expenses reimbursement CE14 of £47.78 was approved.

**114/19.5 2018 Audit Annual Governance Statement**

The Statement was approved.

**114/19.6 2018 Audit Accounting Statements**

The Statement was approved.

**115/19 Councillors agreement to receive the Agenda by email**

Cllr Mewes agreed to sign the agreement.

**116/19 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership Committee, Chillington Village Hall, Friday 14 June 10am – 12pm.
- High Streets Heritage Action Zones – Heritage England invitation for bids
- Open invitation, Community Safety Partnership (CSP) annual forum, 20 June, Rattery Village Hall
- Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference, 6 July, Chagford

**117/19 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens**

Cllr Mewes will send further information about the Food Forest project discussed above.

Cllr Coe reported that the Community Shop is doing well and making a small profit.

Cllr Rake discussed the low attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. He suggested that over the summer BPC needs to consider how to reach out to more of the community: to report what has been done by BPC, what it would like to do with the community's support, and to take on board the wishes of the community. BPC is very good at facilitating community projects.

**118/19 Next Meeting**

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It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 7:30

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