

DRAFT Minutes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7:30 p.m. using public videoconferencing

Open Forum

Cllr Rake expressed his sadness at the death of Sue Hallett, who was integral to many aspects of village life and will be sorely missed.

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chair), Cllrs Mewes (Vice-Chair), Coe, Mallyon, Thomas and Wilson were present, as were South Hams District Cllr Reeve, Devon County Cllr Brazil, A Thom (Clerk), and two members of the public.

110/20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Perry.

111/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rake declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 – Woodford Farm planning application.

112/20 COVID-19 Response

There has been no further support needed since last month.

113/20 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2 June 2020 were approved.

114/20 Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

Councillor Reeve reported that SHDC is starting recovery workshops. A climate change and biodiversity meeting has been held. COVID 19 Discretionary Grant applications are open to businesses until Friday 10 July. There is no sign of Fusion gyms and pools reopening. A waste meeting tomorrow will update on the new waste system.

Cllr Thomas asked about why, in the current system, there is a difference in which materials can be recycled in the clear sacs and in recycling centres. The answer being that these are different systems –run by SHDC and DCC respectively.

115/20 Report from Devon County Councillor

Cllr Brazil added to the answer above regarding recycling systems, that DCC can separate the waste because it's a different contract and system. SHDC's system will now change in March 2020. DCC has released its Local Outbreak Management Plan. If there is a spike in cases somewhere it will be enacted. It is on DCC's website. DCC's AGM is on 23 July and will be held remotely. Some Parish Councils are starting to meet. Individual councils need to decide. Those who are shielding couldn't attend in person. DCC has been allocated more money for pothole repairs. How it will be spent will be decided tomorrow. Cllr Brazil asked to be notified of any particular trouble spots.

116/20 Planning Issues

116/20.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

- 0656/20/FUL Dreyton Cross Barn A3122 Blackawton Totnes. Demolition of existing barn and construction of 3 bedroom dwellinghouse with garage and external amenities. Conditional Approval.
- 1556/20/COM Land at Higher Cotterbury Blackawton TQ9 7DA. Notice of intention to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus proposed erection of pole. Permitted development.

116/20.2 Review of New Applications

- 1533/20/FUL Land at North Millcombe Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AE. New agricultural pole barn for storage and processing of apples for cider and other small scale crops produced on the holding, include farm office area and workers' rest area.
Support (resolution proposed Cllr Wilson, seconded Cllr Coe).
- 1387/20/FUL Shearstone Barn Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7DG. Amendments to Class Q approval 4052/17/PDM.
Support (resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Thomas).
- 1585/20/FUL Land Adjacent To Dartmouth Park And Ride Site Wessex Way Dartmouth TQ6 0JL. Construction of new two storey Health and Well-being Centre and associated external works.
Support with the comment that the build needs to ensure sufficient drop off and pick up points for outlying parishes. (resolution proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Mallyon).
- 1568/20/VAR Lower Dimes At Sx 815 508 Blackawton TQ9 7DA. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 0073/19/FUL.

Support (resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Mallyon).

- 1634/20/HHO 28 French Furze Road Blackawton TQ9 7FN. Householder application for single storey rear extension.

Support.

- 1899/20/VAR Proposed Development At Sx 8074 5071 Blackawton. Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 0969/19/VAR for relocation of three detached garages due to location of public water main.

Support (resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Mewes)

- 1708/20/FUL Woodford Farm Blackawton TQ9 7AA. Installation of solar array consisting of 96no. panels on ground- mounted frames.

Cllr Rake described the proposal and answered questions. He was then removed from the meeting while the application was addressed.

Support (resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Wilson).

117/20 Enforcement Cases

Whether to provide requested feedback to SHDC - where the worry has gone or any that are causing great concern - was discussed.

118/20 Licencing Application

- Variation to a premises licence application from Anchorstone Cafe, Manor Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EX. The variation application is to: Include the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises during the current times authorised for on sales – Monday to Saturday 10:00am – midnight, Sunday 10:00am – 11:30pm.

Blackawton Parish Council supports the application on the conditions that the change is for the period of COVID-19 restrictions and any related problems with litter/rubbish are the Anchorstone Cafe's responsibility.

119/20 Consultations

- Dog Control Orders closes 31 July 2020
- Local Government Association, Model Code of Conduct, Closes 17/8/20.
- England Tree Strategy. Closes 11 September 2020.

No feedback will be sent by BPC on these consultations.

An article will be written for the next Beacon reminding people that they need to be responsible if their dog poo's in public spaces. The problem of dog poo on the ground in public spaces is thought to be increasing.

120/20 French Furze Project

Particularly at the far end of the site, there are banks behind Church Hill residences which were not expected when the application was considered. It was agreed that Members of the Planning Committee which made the decision to approve the development would be invited to visit the village to see the actual development – with a view to increasing mutual understanding of expectations. Cllr Rake and the Clerk will write the invitation.

Cllr Reeve reported on matters which are being discussed with SHDC and will follow up the request for three phase electric supply with the developer. Clerk to send contact details. The standard of the build will be guided by Devon Building Control and Buildings Regulations.

121/20 French Furze Business Units

The report of BPC's meeting with SHDC was noted.

122/20 Blackawton Cemetery

The proposal to remove the conifer growing on a grave was considered. A watching brief was agreed. BPC will consider how to make the Cemetery as nice as possible. The options of installing another bench (whose view is not affected by the conifer), and additional planting were raised. The Clerk was asked to find out if there is legislation relevant to trees planted on graves in cemeteries.

123/20 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Councillor Advocate Scheme

Cllr Rake will represent Blackawton on a trial basis.

124/20 Churchyard Wall

The report from the School that stones have fallen into the lower playground was noted. It was resolved to approve expenditure £160 to reinstate the damaged section of the churchyard wall.

125/20 Finance

125/20.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report, which showed a total balance of £56,053.21 and unearmarked reserves £15,489.13, and the bank reconciliation were noted.

125/20.2 Payments Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

- Clerk, Expenses reimbursement CE19, £94.74
- Grounds Maintenance Contractor, June cut of Cemetery & of Churchyard, £270.00
- Kingsbridge Websites, Annual Hosting package, £70.00

The following receipts were noted:

- Adrian Mundy, New memorial, £60
- Hallett & Perrings Funeral Directors, Interment, £125

126/20 Cutting of Cemetery Hedge

It was noted that the cutting of the Blackawton Cemetery's hedge has been paid from the Discretionary Fund because Cllr Perry's association and the legal restriction on Parish Council's employing their councillors. It was agreed that BPC will advertise the work before the next cut is due. If there are no other submissions to cut the hedge, BPC would be willing to pay directly for the work.

127/20 Clerk's request for annual leave.

Leave 27/7/20-21/8/20, and 21/12-31/12/20, and to carry forward of two days leave were approved.

128/20 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Wilson reported that the playpark will reopen once the maintenance work is completed.

The Clerk will contact the landowner regarding the poor state of and works to the bridleway between Waterslade and Pruston Barton.

Cllr Mewes raised a matter about water run off and asked if BPC would be able to provide support in discussions with SHDC and the Environment Agency. Cllr Rake said he would talk to them and that BPC is broadly in support of the environment.

Cllr Coe has been asked if BPC will be using the Hall in the foreseeable future. It was agreed that BPC would review in its September meeting, whether to return to meeting in the Hall. The September meeting will be held virtually.

129/20 Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 7:30 p.m using public videoconferencing.

The meeting closed at 21:45.