

DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held using public videoconferencing on Tuesday 2 June 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Open Forum

No members of the public present.

Present: Cllrs Rake (Chair), Cllrs Mewes (Vice-Chair), Coe, Mallyon, Thomas and were present, as were South Hams District Cllr Reeve, Devon County Cllr Brazil and A Thom (Clerk). Cllr Wilson gave apologies and joined during the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

95/20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Perry.

96/20 Declarations of Interest

None declared

97/20 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 5 May 2020 were approved.

98/20 Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

Councillor Reeve reported that she has been occupied with the local response to coronavirus. SHDC has a meeting on Thursday about how to move forward. Comments were requested – both about things people are unhappy about and ideas. An extra £78,000 is available to help the high street. A test and trace system is coming to manage local outbreaks. There is concern about the public's behaviour on beaches and the moors. Rubbish is being left around bins in car parks. Toilets are reopening. They will be intermittently shut while they are cleaned. A new discretionary fund has just been released.

Cllr Rake asked, with regard to moving forward, about the impressive community response, and said that it would be good to give thought at South Hams level to how to build and maintain the community response. Cllr Reeve confirmed that this is on the Agenda.

Cllr Coe asked whether SHDC is taking action on climate change. Cllr Reeve confirmed that this is on the Agenda.

Cllr Reeve added the request from DCC Public Rights of Way Parish Paths Liaison Officer that any work done by volunteers be notified and risk managed with her before it is done.

Cllr Reeve also added that a noisy wind turbine at Collaton has gone for repair

99/20 Report from Devon County Council Councillor

Cllr Brazil reported that no meetings have been held. There was a Children's Scrutiny meeting just before lockdown. DCC failed its Ofsted and needs improvement, but this has been set aside to address when DCC is back to some sort of normality and they can meet in person.

DCC's reallocation of Roadspace for Active Travel funding allocation is almost 100% urban – with projects such as pedestrianising areas, creating traffic free areas for safe queuing, road markings etc. The other larger fund is directed mainly town cycle paths etc. If Blackawton has an off the shelf scheme, that could be pushed forward.

100/20 Planning Issues

100/201 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

The following decisions were noted:

- 3880/19/CLP Woodside House Blackawton TQ9 7BL. Certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement of existing conservatory roof with reclaimed roof slate tiles matching main property. Hipped conservatory roof being replaced with apex style window. Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified.
- 0969/19/VAR Proposed Development At Sx 8074 5071 Blackawton Devon. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 1972/17/FUL (Application for erection of four dwellings (resubmission of 3442/16/FUL)) for revised field access and boundary. Conditional Approval.

- 1120/20/AGR Land At Sx 792 503 West of Washwalk Blackawton. Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed lean-to extension on agricultural store. Ag Determination details not required.
- 0114/20/FUL The Old Dairy North Millcombe Farm Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AE. Extension of residential curtilage to serve barn approved under consent 2642/19/PDM. Conditional Approval.
- 0055/20/ARC Lower Dimes Barn At Sx815508 Blackawton To Cotterbury Blackawton Devon. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 4, 5, 6, 9,10 and 11 of Planning Consent 0073/19/FUL. Discharge of condition Approved.

100/20.2 Review of New Applications

- 1208/20/CLE Larcombe Farm East Allington Totnes TQ9 7QB. Certificate of lawfulness for existing development of building for farming/ agricultural storage.

BPC has no facts to contribute.

- 1329/20/ARC Seawardstone Blackawton TQ9 7AB. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of planning consent 1448/19/FUL.

It was resolved that no comment will be made by BPC (resolution proposed Cllr Rake, seconded Cllr Mallyon).

101/20 Consultations

- **DCC Reallocation of Roadspace for Active Travel**

No comment by BPC.

- **DCC New funding for local bus service support. Closes 26 June 2020**

No comment by BPC.

102/20 Proposal for Diversification of The Community Field

The project was noted. The proposal would make the area more biodiverse and BPC is broadly supportive. BPC can be asked if specific support is wanted for the project.

103/20 Maintenance of BPC Assets

It was resolved to approve the proposed repair of the Main Street bus shelter by the maintenance contractor, with a cost of £180.

It was resolved to approved adding to the Maintenance Contract a biannual clean of the bus shelters, and annual treatment with wood preserver the noticeboard, Main Street bus shelter, & Cemetery bench.

The maintenance contractor has done some work to make secure the left hand side of the noticeboard. The next step would be to refix the noticeboard to the wall with a bracket. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the neighbouring property before this action was taken.

104/20 French Furze Project

Cllr Reeve will request a meeting between Parish Councillors and SHDC. The meeting will discuss the business units' construction standard and approval process, as well as specific existing concerns raised by BPC about the French Furze development's construction. BPC will request that a joint site inspection takes place before SHDC approves the units and that a three phase electricity supply is installed.

Cllr Wilson joined the meeting.

It was noted that construction work has resumed at French Furze.

105/20 Parish Lengthsman

BPC agreed to approve the 2020/21 contract as drafted, subject to confirmation from DCC of the terms of the grant, and to confirm a menu of works on a socially distanced drive around with the lengthsman.

BPC's priorities are the Forces, Woodford and Quarry roads, as the main roads used by residents, followed by Millcombe and Cotterbury, then the linking roads.

Regarding works by a gully sucker, late autumn was suggested as the best time for clearance to take place, before rains and after debris has fallen, and again in February.

Cllr Wilson commented that after the drains in the village were last cleared, he noticed a big difference with much less water flow on the roads lower in the village.

It was agreed that the Clerk will ask DCC for its lengthsman's schedule and for the frequency of visits by DCC's gully sucker team.

106/20 Finance

106/20.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report showed a total balance of £57,049.78 and earmarked reserves of £40,564.08.

106/20.2 Payments Due and Received

The following payment was approved:

- Grounds maintenance contractor, May Churchyard Cut, £150.00

The following receipts were noted:

- Andrew & Savill Funeral Directors, Interment, £125
- SHDC/DCC, Communities Together Grant, Bus Shelters, £3,391.91

106/20.3 Grant

BPC will consider making a grant to a charitable body or a body which provides a public service in the UK if a request is made which relates to a parish need.

106/20.4 Councillor / Parish Basic Allowance

Cllr Rake reported that the Discretionary Fund has been useful to receive and make payments for volunteers' shopping trips. It has a balance of £586.88, which is earning interest.

The purpose of the Fund is to enable councillors to make payments which councillors assess as being worthwhile, but for which there is not a specific power for parish councils incur expenditure.

It was resolved to support continuance of the payment of Councillor allowances in 2020-21.

It was resolved that the payment will remain £120 gross per councillor, which is within the parish remuneration panel amount, and councillors can decide whether to claim and whether to transfer the money to the Discretionary Fund.

107/20 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted.

- Noise nuisance problem referred Parish Councillors & to SHDC

108/20 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Thomas reported that the Devon Air Ambulance Trust has said that Air Ambulance helicopters will be flying again, with modified aircraft, and expect to be resuming night operations within two weeks. There may be some night training landings in the interim.

Cllr Mallyon reported that the Cemetery looks lovely with flowers because of BPC's decision to delay the first cut. He has been asked by a member of the public to arrange removal of a large conifer which blocks the view from the bench seat in the Cemetery. This request will be on the July agenda. Cllr Mallyon and the Clerk will look into this further.

The Clerk will share Linden Homes responses relating to S106 payments made.

Cllr Rake reported that he judged thirty wonderful scarecrows in the Blackawton Scarecrow Competition last week. He commended a fine showing by everyone.

109/20 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 20:51