

**DRAFT Minutes of the monthly meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 7:30 p.m. using public videoconferencing**

Open Forum

Community Photographic History Book – A member of the public showed the completed book and confirmed that BPC will be provided with an archive electronic copy. They were congratulated on the successful project.

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

162/20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wilson and South Hams District Cllr Reeve.

163/20 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

164/20 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held 6 October 2020 were approved with the addition of the word confidence to MN 153/20 to read: ...has full confidence in the Director of Public Health Devon.

165/20 COVID-19 Response

The project to ensure that residents and visitors have access to support and information was reflected on. BPC will keep a watching brief.

166/20 Report from Devon County Council Councillor

Devon County Cllr Brazil reported that DCC is the main partner in the response reaction for COVID. There are a few cases in Kingsbridge. Cases numbers are still relatively low, but higher than the first time. Torbay and Plymouth are up worryingly and neighbouring parishes have some cases too. Kingsbridge has four new cases in the past week, Totnes case numbers are the lowest of any town. Please let Cllr Brazil know if he can add to support.

The A379 will be shut between East Charleton and Frogmore from next Monday - for that week.

Cllr Thomas asked about a local road hazard he originally reported on 22 September. He will contact Cllr Brazil directly to resolve.

It was agreed that the second hill on the Forces road will be added to Cllr Brazil's list for potential repair. The depressed area of road on the A381 near The Brake was also raised and the Clerk confirmed it is already on DCC's lists.

167/20 Report from South Hams District Council Councillor

Cllr Reeve had emailed a report in advance of the meeting:

I haven't heard of any problems with reference to the new waste collection dates and times, but I am aware there have been problems in certain areas. One seems to be the more rural locations where there is a drive, these haven't been collected. Also times have changed and I think this has caught a few out, so make sure you put your waste out the night before. Do report any waste not collected within 3 days of it happening by going to the Council's website and 'report it' or please contact me.

Now we are going into lockdown for the second time officers have cancelled some of the members meetings which may cause small delays on some matters.

Sadly after eventually getting our swimming pools open they will close again on Thursday, however the pool's water temperature will be kept ticking over so once allowed to open it will be quicker.

Those experiencing hardship must contact SHDC who will do their best to help.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can help with any issues.

168/20 Planning Issues

168/20.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals

Decisions noted:

- 0700/20/FUL Dartmouth Grove The Dartmouth Hotel, Golf and Spa Blackawton TQ9 7DE. Re-siting of existing Green Keeper's outbuilding and compound and construction of 12 short term holiday lodges (lawfully caravans) and associated parking and landscaping. Conditional Approval.
- 3239/20/COM Stone Farm Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7DE. Notice of intention to install 1x 8m wooden pole (6.2m above ground). Permitted development.
- 3279/20/AGR Watsons Farm Buildings Blackawton TQ9 7AZ. Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed new road to access farm buildings. Prior Approval Not required.

168/20.2 Review of New Applications

- 3185/20/FUL Barn At SX 803 499 North Millcombe Farm Blackawton TQ9 7AE. Conversion of traditional stone barn to dwelling.
Support (Resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Cllr Thomas).
- 3243/20/ARC Blacksmiths Cottage Woodford Blackawton Devon. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 9 of Planning Application 0263/19/FUL.
No comment.

169/20 French Furze Project & Business Units

Cllr Thomas reported on the meeting with representatives from Linden Homes/Vistry. Timescales have been updated. They have slipped due to an increased shortage materials. Completion of the business units is expected to be at the end of November, and the remainder of the development by 16 December. It appears that the MUGA will be transferred to the School's ownership. It was agreed that the meeting requested by the School to discuss a community use scheme should be attended by Cllrs Rake and Wilson.

Cllrs Thomas and Rake have looked at the path to Main Street. The meeting wondered if the Management Body might install a staggered entrance at the top – to improve safety by slowing bikes/skateboards accessing Main Street. Cllr Mallyon said that about six vehicles per day access the workshop raising concerns about risk to pedestrian users of the access.

Cllr Mallyon asked for the Clerk to follow up the need for the hedges near Trench First corner to be cut, and to ensure French Furze Management Body is aware of this obligation.

170/20 Parish Lengthsman Report

The report from the Parish lengthsman was reviewed and the meeting agreed as follows:

Leave works to the lane to Collaford Bridge until the spring. Leave Bow Wood – A good result has been achieved and this area is not a priority for further works. The Woodford grit bin will be left in its current location: because the surface under it is unknown, there is already a passing place, and it protects the wall of the bridge from damage by vehicles. At Pruston Barton to Cotterbury, there are two blocked drains about ten paces before the junction to turn to the residences and the road surface from Red Hill Barn up the hill is in poor condition. The road surface from Bow Bridge to Millcombe is damaged: Clerk to ask for it be added DCC's list of roads for potential repair. Near Pruston Barton, the landowner's soakaway inside the hedge is not working and they have asked if there is a blocked pipe next to the cattle track? Clerk to follow this up.

171/20 Possible sites for EV Charging Points

The Village Hall, French Furze car park, and French Furze business units have been suggested to DCC as potential sites for its funding bid. Clerk to raise with the Village Hall. Clerk to advise DCC that the Village Hall has surplus electricity during the day.

172/20 Churchyard Wall

The project to repair extensive loose stones on the churchyard wall's capping, Cousins Cross entrance, and small area on Main Street wall has been carried out over the half-term holiday.

173/20 South West Water Sewage Overflow Incident

SWW has advised that if the village experiences any sewage flooding to please notify them at the time so SWW can build up a history - 0344 346 2020. Once a year has passed after completion of the French Furze development, SWW will start to consider the adoption of the new pipework. The modelling to confirm if there is sufficient capacity within the sewer would commence once SWW adopts the pipework. Regarding an increase to the storm tank capacity, this is to be constructed in 2022/2023 and SWW will try to bring it forward into 2021/2022.

174/20 Finance

174/20.1 Update on Current Financial Position

The report showed a total balance of £61,096.13 and unearmarked reserves of £20,857.05.

174/20.2 Payment for approval:

Payments approved by the meeting:

- Parish Lengthsman, Works to 5/10/20, £240.00
- Defibrillator, Maintenance agreement, £198.00

Payment approved by the Chair and Clerk and reported to the meeting:

- Grounds Maintenance Contractor, October cut of Churchyard and Cemetery, £210

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- Grant of £25 to the Royal British Legion – Approved by the meeting.
- Grant Application - Community Shop for transfer of its website
It was resolved to approve the request for up to £120 of an estimated cost of £100-£200 to move the Community Shop from its current website to be fully located on the Parish website (Resolution proposed Cllr Rake, seconded Cllr Mewes, Cllr Coe abstained).
- Grant Application to support the initial operations of the Blackawton Business Units - Deferred.
- Grant Application Blackawton Playing Fields Committee for tree removal - Deferred.

175/20 Correspondence

- 17/10/20, Local electricity bill, Suggestion for councillors to organise an online visit to MP's constituency surgery.

Cllrs Coe and Mewes will attend, and Dittisham Parish Council will be invited to send two Parish Councillors.

- 26/10/20 DCC, Safety tested reused TVs, vacuum cleaners and lamps available from some recycling centre resale shops
 - 26/10/20 Libraries Unlimited, Request funds to refurbish the mobile library van
- The Clerk was asked to send Libraries Unlimited a grant application form.

176/20 Remembrance Sunday

It was agreed that Cllr Rake would be BPC's representative in the Service.

177/20 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens

Cllr Perry raised the problem of potholes on the road between Millcombe and Bow (to be added to DCC's list) and that the hedge outside Shepleigh Cottage needs to be cut (Clerk to advise).

Councillors will assist in the location of a local trustee for the West Dart Bus Ivybridge IDCTA.

178/20 Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed to be Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 21 12.