

**DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Blackawton Parish Council held using public videoconferencing on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Open Forum**

**a. Repair of Lane to Dallacombe**

Two members public explained that over the last 12 months the road has deteriorated and become pretty much impassable. The oil sump on their car has been cracked. They are requesting BPC's assistance in getting the road repaired by DCC.

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

**130/20 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Perry and Mallyon.

**131/20 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**132/20 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2020 were approved.

**133/20 COVID-19 Response**

The project to ensure that residents and visitors have access to support and information was discussed. Cllr Rake noted that there is now the risk of things getting worse before they get better. The situation will continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Cllr Rake will get in touch with the COVID 19 volunteers on his list. BPC decided to continue to meet virtually, and that this will again be reviewed by the December meeting.

**134/20 Report from South Hams District Council Councillor**

Workshops have taken place on the COVID-19 recovery, budget, and climate change. An officer can visit a meeting of BPC to describe the new recycling system. Some waste collection days will be changing in October 2020. SHDC is working to manage fly tipping and illegal campers. Cllr Coe raised a problem experienced when Torr Quarry staff refused to accept clean plastic food containers for recycling. Cllr Reeve will take this issue back to SHDC and respond to Cllr Coe.

**135/20 Report from Devon County Council Councillor**

Deferred pending the arrival of Cllr Brazil, after another meeting.

**136/20 Planning Issues**

**136/20.1 SHDC Planning Approvals/Refusals**

The following decisions were noted:

- 1708/20/FUL Woodford Farm Blackawton TQ9 7AA. Installation of solar array consisting of 96no. panels on ground-mounted frames. Conditional Approval.
- 1387/20/FUL Shearstone Barn Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7DG. Amendments to Class Q approval 4052/17/PDM. Conditional Approval.
- 1838/20/AGR Pruston Barton Blackawton Totnes TQ9 7AJ. Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed replacement entrance to farm. Ag Determination details not required.
- 1568/20/VAR Lower Dimes At Sx 815 508 Blackawton TQ9 7DA. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 0073/19/FUL. Conditional Approval.
- 1634/20/HHO 28 French Furze Road Blackawton TQ9 7FN. Householder application for single storey rear extension. Conditional Approval.
- 3088/19/FUL Field near Shearston Dartmouth TQ9 7DG. Creation of new field access. Conditional Approval.
- 1819/20/HHO Sea View Church Hill Blackawton TQ9 7BQ. Householder application for proposed first floor kitchen extension with toilet and door to garden. Conditional Approval.
- 2013/20/HHO Broadley Farm Blackawton TQ9 7AJ. Householder application for proposed conversion of integral garage to existing dwelling. Conditional Approval.

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- 2144/20/HHO Woodcott Blackawton TQ9 7AA. Householder application for alteration and extension. 2144/20/HHO. Conditional Approval.
- 2541/20/AGR Middle Wadstray Farm Lane To Middle Wadstray Farm Blackawton TQ9 7DD. Agricultural prior notification for proposed equipment shed. Ag Determination details not required.

**136/20.2 Review of New Applications**

- 1585/20/FUL Land adjacent to Dartmouth Park and Ride site Wessex Way Dartmouth. READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received) Construction of new two storey Health and Well-being Centre and associated external works.  
Support (Resolution proposed Cllr Wilson, seconded Cllr Coe, unanimous).
- 0700/20/FUL Dartmouth Grove The Dartmouth Hotel, Golf and Spa Blackawton TQ9 7DE. e-siting of existing Green Keeper's outbuilding and compound and construction of 12 short term holiday lodges (lawfully caravans) and associated parking and landscaping.  
Support (Resolution proposed Cllr Coe, seconded Cllr Thomas).
- 2573/20/ARC Dreyton Cross Barn A3122 Blackawton Devon. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 8 and 9 of Planning Consent 0656/20/FUL.

No comment made by BPC

*Cllr Brazil joined the meeting*

**137/20 Repair of Lane to Dallacombe**

Cllr Rake – introduced the residents and requested a site meeting. Cllr Brazil confirmed he will ask the Neighbourhood Officer to do a site visit.

**138/20 Recycling of Plastics at Torr Quarry**

Cllr Coe restated the problem with Torr Quarry last week refusing to take clean food containers for recycling. Cllr Brazil confirmed that there has been no change to the system, and they should take it. Cllr Brazil said that if refused again, please phone him at the time and he will speak to officers.

**139/20 Report from Devon County Council Councillor**

Cllr Brazil had a Children's Scrutiny meeting this morning. DCC received an inadequate Ofsted regarding vulnerable children just before lockdown. The issue with higher turnover of Social Workers is being addressed – with a career path implemented. Cornwall received an outstanding Ofsted evaluation.

The Devon Outbreak Management Plan for COVID-19 is in place. There were three cases in and around Loddiswell. Because Devon has so few cases, about five people are involved when we have a new case. It is local officers who are doing the tracing. There is a very low number of cases in the South Hams. Cllr Brazil said that he is confident that the Director of Public Health for Public Health Devon, Dr Virginia Pearson, is on top of this.

**140/20 Consultations**

- England Tree Strategy. Closes 11 September 2020
- SHDC Parking Permit Review. Closes 11 September 2020
- NALC proposed changes to the current planning system. Closes 17 September 2020
- NALC White paper - Planning for the future. Closes 15 October 2020
- NALC Transparency and competition (land control). Closes 16 October 2020
- DCC 2021-2027 Updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Devon. Closes 15 October 2020
- SHDC Licensing Act 2003 – Licensing Policy Consultation. Closes 16 October 2020

No comments are being made by BPC on the above consultations.

**141/20 French Furze Project**

A member of the public was permitted to pass on feedback received by them from residents of French Furze, concerned about the lack of safe pedestrian access between French Furze and the rest of the village. This matter is being actively addressed by BPC. An update will be on the Agenda for the October meeting of BPC.

**142/20 French Furze Business Units**

BPC met with the developer in July. The meeting was were told that works would commence to the interior of the units after electricity and water connections to the area are installed on 28 July, and the developer will provide four weeks' notice of completion – likely to be the end of August. The meeting was told that completion of the footpath access to Main Street is expected by the end of September, and completion of the development is expected December 2020.

**143/20 Blackawton Drainage off the Highway**

The meeting noted that councillors had met to discuss management of drainage of water off the Highway in Blackawton and considered that meeting's recommendations. Regarding the recommendation asking DCC to sweep up after roadworks as a measure help prevent the blockage of drainage, Cllr Brazil asked for an example of the problem. The request for DCC's lengthsman to work on the Strete road and Five Mile Lane was agreed to. Cllr Thomas will report on DCC's website a hazardous passing place.

**144/20 Hazardous Pole on School Lane**

The meeting considered any action available to BPC to address this hazard. It was agreed to ask the Neighbourhood Officer's view, and to identify the landowner.

**145/20 Finance**

**145/20.1 Update on Current Financial Position**

The Report, which showed a total balance of £54,672.36 and unearmarked reserves of £14,108.28 was read.

**145/20.2 Payments and Receipts**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

- Grounds maintenance contractor, July cemetery & churchyard cuts, £210.00
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- TJD Construction, Repair of churchyard wall, £192.00

Receipts noted:

- Resident, new memorial, £60
- Co-op Funeral Services, Interment, £125
- Adrian Mundy Memorial Mason, new memorial, £60

**145/20.3 National Clerk's Pay Agreement** - The new national Clerk's pay agreement with effective date 1 April 2020, under which the Clerk is employed, was noted.

**145/20.4 Grant application** - It was unanimously resolved to approve the application for up to £240 for a community photographic history project. BPC will be provided with an archive electronic copy.

**146/20 Reports from Parish Councillors and Wardens**

Cllr Wilson described works to the Blackawton Playpark – being arranged by the Blackawton Playing Fields Committee. They are looking into using a carpenter for maintenance works, rather than a speciality playground provider. An application for a grant for removal of a tree will be on the next BPC Agenda. They are awaiting updated quotes for resurfacing the tennis courts and for a skatepark – for which s106 funding has been earmarked.

Cllr Mewes will write an article for the Beacon about Recycle Devon's "buy less, wear more" campaign.

**147/20 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6 October 2020 at 7:30 p.m.