

BROADHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Broadhembury Parish Council on Tuesday 19th January 2016 7.30p.m. at the Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors, B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs. E. Bradshaw, P. Chowles, V. Game, Mrs. S. Howgill, Mrs. V. Jones, A. McArdle, L. Roberts, Mrs. K. Rowan, P. Diviani (DC), P. Skinner(EDDC) K. Granger (Clerk), and approx. 25 members of the public

Agenda

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting signed correct.

3. Matters Arising: (not dealt with elsewhere)

- a. **BMX Kerswell: (To consider next action).** Invite BMX group to March PC meeting
- b. Clerk to write a letter to re Marsh Green

4. Public Discussion, Reports, D.C.,E.D.D.C., Police

DC: Cllr. Diviani said County were about to get busy after the break with devolution proposals giving autonomy to local government, in the past County had collected £28m in business rates, now with the change of rules County should be able to retain more than the 4 million that has been coming back in the past.

EDDC: Cllr. Skinner reported on the impending move of EDDC to Honiton and Exmouth and of their shared working with County, other district and Parish Councils. When asked about Broadband UK he said they were supporting County and District. ED Local Plan and the removal of boundaries would mean very little new-build in and around our villages and hamlets in general, there could be exception sites if proved a need. Philip went on to say with an NP in place it would give more power to Parish councils to achieve possible new-build, and in acceptable sites to local people, District would listen to individual NPs'. Cllr. Diviani said there would be a full Council meeting at the end of the month when it was likely the Local Plan would be adopted. Cllr. Diviani said a NP identifying a site or sites thought suitable for small scale development would be advantageous as without this parishes would receive little help in the future.

Questions from the public concerned policies associated with affordable houses and the criteria used by EDDC to evaluate sites.

Police: 1 crime of assault since the last meeting.

5. Correspondence: Cllr. Nelson was nominated to be put forward to join the BHPN Management Committee

6. Planning report: Cllr. Bradshaw reported no applications since the last meeting..

7. Parish Precept: It was agreed an increase of 2% for our precept.

8 PTF Fund 2016/17: The Clerk had applied for our project of grass cutting and general maintenance of churchyards and open spaces.

9. Kerswell drainage project proposal: Cllr. Vyv Game reported that residents had asked for help and we and Mr Keith Bone were looking at the possibility of slowing down the flow

of water coming down into the hamlet by means of a series of lagoons. Cllr. Game and Mr Bone were awaiting a study by the flood risk management team and there would be a public meeting then held to discuss the situation. The proposal was to install a trial dam with funds from the PTF and then after appraisal apply for funding to install a series of more permanent lagoons.

10. Water Management road Colliton/Cross Broadhembury (Report): Cllr. Game said the ditch to take water away inside the Grange estate field no longer existed and he was waiting for a response from the estate to have it re-installed, he thought the cost would be 6-8 hundred pounds.

11. Community Land Trust (To receive report): Cllr. Bradshaw said an exploratory meeting was held 6 weeks ago with Devon communities Together and the Wessex CLT in attendance, it was decided that at the moment it was too early for us to proceed but if a new build was possible **with** a portion of affordable housing, a CLT would plough profit back in to the local community in perpetuity.

12. Broadhembury and Kerswell playgrounds: Cllr. Chowles reported on fund raising projects for new plastic bark covering in the village playground and reported that it would be installed before the next ROSPA report and Cllr. Jones said Kerswell were setting up a rota for grass cutting in the hamlet play area.

13. Broadhembury Housing (to decide further action): The Chairman said 127 surveys had been hand delivered to everyone on the Electoral Roll within the 400 metre criteria of amenities with a 59% response, 37% for the proposed new build opposite the Memorial Hall and 61% against, 1.5% didn't know. Cllr. Nelson went on to say he, Cllr. Roberts and the Clerk had met with Mr. Drewe over his offer of a site for 3 affordable homes and a meeting with Mr. B. Anderson over his offer to buy the land below the hall for an enlarged car park and recreational area, if the land ever came on to the market, had been arranged for Monday 25th January.

In the light of the survey response and the fact that there were now effectively two sites (see minutes of meeting with Mr. Drewe for explanation) which could meet EDDC criteria he felt that the PC was obliged to acknowledge that a majority of those closest to the sites thought that the volume of housing required to support the 'affordable' element was too great at the entrance to the village. He went on to say that the PC had not been able to persuade people that more housing would help to support community services. He proposed therefore that the section in the Neighbourhood Plan identifying a specific site should be rewritten to support the principle of affordable housing without endorsing a particular site. It should also emphasise that development in the other hamlets was still favoured when the policy permitted. This proposal was endorsed by the Deputy Chair and second unanimously. The NPSG would discuss how to proceed on 21st January.

14. Standing Orders review: The Chairman said that he had asked Cllr. Chowles to advise on how the Standing Orders could be brought up-to-date, particularly on protocols to allow electronic approval.

15. River Weaver Environmental condition: Cllr. Nelson thanked Cllr. Rowan for looking into this, Katy said under the EU Water Framework Network series 1 2009-2012 the river had a bad ecological status too many nutrients etc. due to modern day farming practise but in

2014 it had improved slightly too poor' Cllr. Rowan would continue to research this and suggest what action if any could be taken depending on the seriousness of the pollution.

16. Neighbourhood Plan (update): The next meeting of the NPSG to take place on Thursday the 21st January and the Chairman once again thanked Parish Councillors and steering group members who had hand delivered the summary of the NP to all parishioners.

17. A.O.B. (For information only) It was decided to follow up the purchase of a defibrillator to be placed outside the hall, Cllr. Jones asked for CPR training for some residents of Broadhembury and Kerswell. Cllr. Howgill said the felling of trees by the forestry commission was in order and Cllr. Roberts asked the Clerk if his new contractor for parish paths work was insured, the Clerk to look into this. Cllr. Game said the felling of the trees at Wilderness had destroyed some of the flood alleviation work done there, he would contact Grange Estate to see if they would remedy this.

The meeting closed at 8.52p.m.