

# MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH  
COUNCIL at the MEMORIAL HALL  
on 16th MAY 2023 - follows APM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. B. Nelson (Chairman), Mrs E. Bradshaw (Deputy), N. Howgill, Mrs J. Rock,  
Ms S-A Bird and D. Hinshelwood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs J. Henderson (Clerk),  
and 1 member of the public.

## AGENDA

- 1. Apologies accepted by the Council:** As previous agenda (AMBPC)
- 2. Members to declare any interests:**  
**Resolved:** None declared
- 3. Correspondence received not already circulated, if any.**  
**Resolved:** None received
- 4. Public session - in relation to items on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair.**
- 5. Reports from Police, EDDC and DCC if any -**  
**Resolved:** None from Police and new EDDC Cllr Richard Jefferies only been in situ one week. A written report from DCC Cllr Iain Chubb was previously circulated.
- 6. PROJECTS: Allocation of Councillors**  
**Playgrounds - Kerswell:** The Chair passed the ROSPA report to Cllr Hinshelwood to look at and in particular an issue with the slide. It was suggested he liaise with Cllr Dunford-Brown in working on a solution.  
**Broadhembury -** It was felt a representative to replace Cllr A Powell, wasn't urgent at this time, but similar problems were highlighted with some outdated play equipment (slide and playhouse needing attention). No member of the Broadhembury Playground committee was present to discuss any further.

*At this point (7.55pm), a member of the public interrupted proceedings to report a major incident of serious pollution at the bottom of the hill, down by the Grange; with green foam in the river and a number of dead fish. The Chair thanked the gentleman who then left the meeting, and agreed to also report the incident to the Environment Agency.*

*Before returning to proceedings, the Chair welcomed newly elected EDDC Cllr Richard Jefferies who had also just arrived.*

## **Highway Liason** - Cllr N Howgill

Broadband - Cllr B Nelson

Housing Heat Loss project - Cllr S-A Bird

Maintenance of parish property - includes:

Millennium Garden - Chair proposed ordering 4 bags of woodchip and a bag of shingle (total approx. £140 + VAT) for upkeep in the gardens. All agreed to purchase.

Hedge between road and Memorial hall and grass cutting of the triangle - the Chair will ask the previous Clerk for contact of whoever is still cutting the hedge and then see if they might take on the triangle as well.

*Cllr R Jefferies then introduced himself at the Chair's request. The Chair looked forward to working with Cllr R Jefferies once he has had a chance to get to grips with his new role.*

## **7. Planning**

23/0495/FUL - LOCATION: Pulham Barn, Luton, Payhembury, EX14 3HZ

PROPOSAL: Proposed single storey garage to front.- SUPPORT

23/0574/PDR - LOCATION: Colliton Barton, Broadhembury, EX14 3LJ

PROPOSAL: Prior notification under Part 3, Class R for the flexible change of use from agricultural use to Class B\* and/or Use Class E(g) - SUPPORT

23/0710/FUL - LOCATION: Lane End Farm, Broadhembury EX14 3LU

PROPOSAL: installation of roofing over existing silage clamp - SUPPORT

23/0714/FUL - LOCATION: Land at Crammer, Broadhembury EX14 3LN

PROPOSAL: Single storey garage to front - SUPPORT

22/2414/FUL - LOCATION: Blackdown Barn, Kerswell EX15 2ES

PROPOSAL: external alterations to and raising height of existing building, change of use of land to form enlarged curtilage, installation of package treatment plant and laying of access driveway/track to facilitate a C3 (dwellinghouse) use (revised scheme to prior approval ref. 21/1508/PDQ). - Revisited - confirm minor alterations, no objection

## **8. Way Warden report**

Cllr J Rock reported on a very productive meeting with Ros Davies (PPP3) and the Clerk, during April. Cllr J Rock now had detailed footpath maps and a better understanding of the role, and how to get access to funds and footpath furnishings such as gates, stiles and path badges. Cllr J Rock will now be getting on with working her way through all the footpaths and was very grateful to Ros Davies for all the help and advice given. Contact details for the Way Warden have also been published in the Parish Magazine in order to encourage members of the community to report any problems.

## **9. Marsh Green footpath prevention of flooding proposal -**

Cllr J Rock reported there had been two pieces of correspondence, the first related to a bridle way from North Hill Farm going up to the Gliding club and a broken gate post. Inspection has been carried out and the post will be replaced in due course.

The second correspondence relates to the flooding and erosion of Marsh Green footpath

where severe damage had occurred creating an unsafe footpath. Cllr J Rock had attended a meeting of the residents and it was agreed that Richard Batten would reinstate the inner ditch to help alleviate the problem and then put right the footpath. No quote given as yet, but considered to be an afternoons work. Payment would be made from the PPP3 fund.

The main concerns: (i) ensuring no damage to any properties in carrying out the works, or (ii) causing flooding further down.

**Resolved:** The Council were in agreement that the proposal should go ahead.

All in favour.

*8.10pm The Chair welcomed our previous EDDCllr, Phillip Skinner who asked if he could say a few words. He then went on to thank everyone for the support he had received over the 24 years he had been our EDDCllr and that it had been a pleasure. He thanked the Chair in particular, for his expertise and valuable contributions. He finally emphasised to all that his door would always be open, and he would help whenever he could.*

*Cllr N Howgill and S-A Bird also thanked Phillip on a personal level for all he had done.*

*8.15pm Phillip Skinner left the meeting.*

10. **BHPN work plan** - already circulated. The Chair will send out the minutes to previous meetings held with Rebecca Pow and Marcus Fysh, so Cllrs can see what has been discussed
11. **Rural Poverty report** The precept was not increased this year and the previously circulated report on Rural Poverty shows why this was a good thing to do. The Chair also led on this issue in his annual report.
12. **CLT Affordable Housing proposal - to receive any comments**  
Included on the agenda in case CLT came to the meeting. They didn't. So the Chair explained some background to Cllrs, about the requirement for four affordable houses and two commercial and waiting for the outcome of a feasibility study from the CLT. They are currently looking at a site in Dulford.
13. **Repair Cafe - to consider and approve the Clerk relinquish responsibility of Repair Cafe accounts, to the Repair Cafe organisation.**  
On advice from DALC, the Clerk will be seeking to handover the accounts responsibility to the Repair Cafe, although we will still support funding initiatives. All agreed.
14. **Dulford Speedwatch report** - Cllr S-A Bird reported on the meeting held with Alison Hernandez (police & crime commissioner), EDDCllr Skinner & DCCllr Chubb and MP Mr Jupp.  
Discussions included Dulford joining other parishes to support each other and the requirement for gathering more data. Traffic calming is being considered as the way forward, but would need to go out to consultation. Cllr S-A Bird also thanked the Council on behalf of Speedwatch for the Go-Pro camera that is now in use and will help protect volunteers while monitoring dangerous/wreckless drivers.

- 15. Precept and Rates report** - of all the parishes, we have one of the lowest charges for all rateable values, and the Chair felt this was the right thing to do, especially with the cost of living problems felt by many parishioners.

Cllr S-A Bird and the Chair have worked on the copy for an updated Guidance for Households booklet. The Chair asked for agreement to get the booklet printed and then distributed by hand. All agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to set the booklet and get a price from printers.

- 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 18th July 2023 at 7.30pm**

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Signed:  
(CHAIR)

DATE: 16th May 2023

Meeting closed: 8.35pm

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