

**MINUTES of the
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 4th April 2011 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Chair: Cllr Pepper Vice-Chair: Cllr Massey
Councillors: Arthurs, Bowden (DCC/EDDC), Button (EDDC), Byers-Coleman, Davidson, Elkins, Jackson, Morshead, Newman, Rylance, Stiff and Cllr Wardle
IN ATTENDANCE: PC Cavin
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

OPEN FORUM

Police and County reports were given, council advised that

- The Data Protection Act prevents the Police from alerting residents to names or addresses of convicted paedophiles in the area.
- In re-organisation, the parishes of Broadclyst and Whimble will be served by the Exeter based teams for highways and waste management provision in future.
- Introducing charges for items such as rubble for landfill at waste centres, causes concern that fly tipping may increase, negating the cost-efficiency of the scheme. This will be monitored by DCC.

MEETING CONVENED WITH STANDING ORDERS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Phillip Smart (NT) sent his apologies.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS Relating to agenda items:

6b Broadclyst Toddler Group grant funding application

Cllr Massey declared a personal interest.

7 Planning application **11/0602/FUL**

Cllr Rylance declared a personal & prejudicial interest; Cllr Morshead and Cllr Stiff declared personal interests.

7 Planning application **11/0506/FUL**

Cllr Elkins declared a personal interest.

7 Cllr Button declared an interest in all planning items, as a member of the EDDC development management committee.

Part B Cllr Wardle declared a personal interest in discussing a temporary Sports Pavilion caretaker.

3 MINUTES of the MEETING:7th March 2011

Cllr Massey proposed the minutes be accepted as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Stiff, accepted by all and signed.

4 COMMUNITY ISSUES

a) Traffic Group update

- Highways are unable to provide repeater signs in Old Coach Road as this is already designated a speed restricted zone.
- Speed monitoring group will have the opportunity to undergo 1 day official training for monitoring speeds in the parish and group may be authorised to send letter to offender via Police
- Post vans speeding around village will be addressed (not all are local vans).
- Stagecoach has been monitoring their buses and have found just one speeding; a significant improvement.

The Traffic Group was thanked for their pro-action and the following discussed:

Investigate whether Old Coach Road can be removed from the GPS system.

Station Road is still being used as a race track; previous issues with condition of signage & adherence to weight limit will be followed up.

Old A30 issues passed to Traffic Group.

The possibility of some meetings being held in a public domain was suggested, with expense being factored into Parish budget.

ACTION: Cllr Button will provide copies of Station Road monitoring correspondence to Cllr Arthurs. Clerk to chase for data spreadsheet and Station Road signage with Highways. Cllr Button, as chair of traffic Group, will provide a written report to Parish Council following their monthly meetings.

- b) Blackhorse Road closure was reported as still not working and reports of Travellers' arrival at Science Park is being investigated.

5 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Owing to the directive from government that all District Councillors likely to be standing for election should avoid participating in proactive events, this year's APM will not be able to attract the main speakers needed unless it is postponed until after 5th May elections.

Cllr Massey proposed postponing the APM until May 26th (after elections & AGM); this was seconded by Cllr Pepper and agreed by council.

ACTION: Clerk will notify speakers, guests and public.

6 FINANCE

- a) Acceptance of the monthly report was **proposed by Cllr Button, seconded by Cllr Newman and agreed; 1 abstention**

- b) Report for Finance Committee meeting held 30/03/11 was considered.

BMX update: we have an acceptable quote for insuring the track plans drawn up and council had previously been advised that planning permission would not be required for a temporary earth track; however, this will be confirmed in writing. SPMC VAT is itemised on our financial spreadsheet; their VAT reclaims have to date not been reimbursed to the SPMC, as repayment for some of the annual monies budgeted to offset shortfall of income in their early years.

Council decided to amend the wording re handyman in Part B, then **Cllr Massey proposed acceptance of the report recommendations, seconded by Cllr Button and agreed by all.**

7 PLANNING

- a) Recent applications were discussed and the following recommendations made to EDDC

Cllr Elkins, having declared an interest in 11/0506/FUL, took no part in discussion or decision:

11/0506/FUL 2 Elm Close: single storey extension to rear of property

No objections received from neighbours: 9 councillors in favour, 2 cllrs abstained - SUPPORTED

11/0508/FUL Construction of front porch.

No objections received from neighbours: - SUPPORTED

Cllr Rylance, having declared an interest in 11/0602/FUL, left the room at 7.55:

11/0602/FUL Construction of extensions to garage and house

No objections received from Neighbours. This is not a listed building, nor is it easily visible from the road: 7 councillors in favour, 3 cllrs abstained - SUPPORTED

Cllr Rylance returned to the meeting.

11/0364/FUL Amendments Conversion of chapel into 3no residential flats, with construction of porches and 4no. dormer windows and installation of roof lights

The amendments are NOT SUPPORTED, as they deal only with parking space for Wheelie bins and do not address the more serious concerns we have over parking for additional residents' vehicles. Our comments submitted for the original application last month still stand:

The Parish Council finds the conversion plans for the church acceptable on the whole; assuming that the windows at ground level and basement conversion conform to current building regulations.

However, it CANNOT SUPPORT this application, unless private off-road parking is allocated the 3 new dwellings for the following reasons:

- 1 This conversion will be in an area already suffering constant traffic snarl-ups and parking issues. The justification that additional residents may use the "village Public Car Park" is not valid, as the car park is ¼ mile away and for visitors only – EDDC will not allow 24 hour or residential parking there. This car park is in constant use during the day and night: serving school peak times & for the vibrant community facilities in Broadclyst.

The Baptist Church had a long-standing agreement with Clyst Vale Community College to use their car parking facilities to park off-road on a Sunday (when college was not in use) – this arrangement would not be viable in this instance.

- 2 Police, DCC Highways, Community Safety Partnership, Community College pupils and residents are painfully

aware of the existing traffic issues and a Local Traffic Group is actively seeking ways to improve safety around this area. To encourage additional on-road parking here would be unacceptable, particularly in view of the other 4 new dwellings which have been built recently here – also increasing the parking issues.

- 3 Pedestrian footpaths are not continuous around this busy area and despite having allocated parking spaces for the recent 4 new-builds, cars are still thoughtlessly parked on the limited stretch of pavement in the area – already contributing to safety concerns for school pupils.
- 4 Cycle Path safe Crossing Point in the planning stage too: ref. HPE 43492A & HPE 43492A/066
The Parish Council has serious concerns that, although providing a safe B3181 crossing point, in fact it will concentrate even more pedestrians and cyclists in this very area the developers are proposing to introduce 3 new dwellings with associated vehicles. Furthermore, the Cycle Crossing plans are also proposing to remove existing residential parking from the stretch of road outside the Baptist Church, to make the crossing point safer. This has already raised the issue of where the existing residents' cars will park, if moved away from parking outside their properties.
- 5 There is a designated off-road car park for the residents of Woodbury View, which is used to capacity now that extra dwellings have been added to Woodbury View itself & Cobb Row residents are able to use it too (spaces permitting).
- 6 There have been incidents where the Cobb Row residents (parking on the road, due to no parking spaces assigned their properties) had their cars damaged on the Station Road bend outside their properties. This serves to highlight that already there is a serious shortage of safe & legal on-road parking in this immediate vicinity, without introducing another 3 – 6 cars wanting on-road parking close to their dwellings.

CLERK to write to EDDC expressing our concern again that no public notice of these amendments was posted in the vicinity.

8 **CLERK'S REPORT**

ACTIONS:

- ♦ The Dog Waste bin in Elbury Lane at start of FP14 will be monitored and the bin could be emptied more than once a week if necessary.
- ♦ Chase up highways for long overdue report on damaged 30 mile sign still not fixed in Station Road
- ♦ Request highways inspections for: Greentree lane sunken repair of pothole; unsatisfactory Station road repairs beyond Wishford farm.

ACTION TRACKER

- ♦ NT events already organised for 29th April Bank Holidays; VIP's will not organise anything in addition. .

ACTION: discussions between PC & NT should begin to explore the options of joint Queen's Jubilee celebrations for Broadclyst next year.

9 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Invite Mr Dixon to APM to update us on superfast broadband possibilities in the South West; Cllr William Mumford is the member to contact in DCC.

10 **POINTS OF INFORMATION & AGENDA ITEMS FOR AGM, 16th MAY 2011**

Agenda items sent to clerk by Monday 9th May 2011

Meeting closed at 9pm

NEXT PARISH MEETING MONDAY 16th MAY 2011 – 6.30pm Victory Hall

PLANNING COMMITTEE THURSDAY 28th April – 8pm Sports Pavilion