

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY **6th JUNE** 2011 AT **7.00PM**

PRESENT: Chair: Cllr Pepper Vice-Chair: Cllr Massey
Councillors: Arthurs, Bowden (DCC/EDDC), Byers-Coleman, Jackson, Newman and Rylance
IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

During the Open Forum, reports were given from the Police, District and County Councils

MEETING CONVENED WITH STANDING ORDERS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Button, Cllr Stiff and Cllr Morshead sent their apologies.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS - none

3 MINUTES of the MEETING: 16th May 2011

It was decided to defer ratification of these minutes until next month's meeting when more of the council will be present.

4 CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

The applicant sent apologies for this meeting; council will consider the application at next month's meeting.

5 COMMUNITY ISSUES

a) Dog Fouling

The parish handyman will monitor the situation reported along the footpath from Acland Road into the village.

b) Blackhorse:

- ◆ overgrown footpath from Blackhorse Lane through to Endsleigh Crescent has been reported to Highways
- ◆ Soil dumping in the area has been reported
- ◆ Bonfires are causing a nuisance to some
ACTION: An article will be published in the parish magazine reminding householders of their responsibilities and consideration of neighbours
- ◆ Cllr Byers-Coleman will attend a meeting update on the Science Park N-S infrastructure road

6 PARISH LENGTHSMAN PROGRAMME 2011 -2012

County reorganisation of Highways' resources has combined us with Exeter's programme; the schedules are still being 'fine tuned'. At present, we are scheduled for only 2 visits, rather than the 3 visits we are used to. We are provisionally scheduled for cuts in May & November.

The PC understands the need for all services to be scrutinised in order for economies to be made, however, there is a strong argument for County Highways to reconsider its plan to reduce the Lengthsman's work schedule from 3 visits to 2 visits per year, on the basis that it could cost county more in the longer run, as blocked gullies etc would exacerbate the road flooding problem, contributing more quickly to road surface damage and pot hole formation. We would suggest it worth considering re-focusing money on preventative measures, as more cost-effective in the longer term.

ACTION: Clerk will send our response to DCC Highways

Cllr Bowden left the meeting

7 CONSULTATIONS

a) Consultation on Regulations under the Sustainable Communities Act

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/scaconsultation2011>

The proposed regulations aim to simplify the process relating to the making of proposals by local authorities; however this could undermine the original policy ambitions of the 2007 and 2010 Acts to require local authorities to formally involve representatives of their local communities in the consideration and agreement of proposals to be submitted.

Response: Broadclyst Parish Council whole-heartedly DOES NOT support the proposed regulations which would remove the legal requirement for local authorities to formally involve representatives of the local community in the consideration and agreement of proposals. We appreciate that the proposed regulations aim to simplify the process; however, in simply stating that the letter of 15 December 2010 issued by the secretary of State confirms an 'expectation' that the authorities will engage with local people is not sufficient.

This amendment would fly in the face of the Government's Localism Bill which intends to involve local people more in decisions which affect them.

b) Consultation on Relaxation of Planning Rules for Change of Use from Commercial to Residential

The Government is committed to changing the planning system so that it can contribute much better to economic growth and free up more land for housing. The Government wishes to create a planning system which responds more effectively to market signals, with decisions being taken at the right level and where communities are the recipients of the benefits of wider growth. A key barrier to increasing housing supply is the lack of available land available for suitable development. In an attempt to rectify the situation the Government has issued a formal consultation.

Response: Broadclyst Parish Council does NOT support the relaxation of planning rules for COU from commercial to residential.

c) Consultation on Planning for Traveller Sites

The Government has launched a consultation on the matter of Planning For Traveller Sites.

"Principal local authorities will have greater freedom to determine provision of sites for the travelling community ... local consultation in this new process will be imperative with communities, at the same time as ensuring fairness in the planning system."

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1886164.pdf>

Response: Broadclyst Parish Council believes that parish and town councils should be involved in the process of locating permanent travellers' sites which are small and permissive sites (controlled and registered).

8 FINANCE

a) Acceptance of Monthly report was proposed by Cllr Byers-Coleman, seconded by Cllr Jackson and agreed by all.

b) Internal Auditor's report stated:

In order to carry out the internal audit a financial risk assessment was carried out and the Council was assessed as a low risk. The testing as appropriate from the attached list was carried out and all tests were satisfactory:

The records tested were well ordered and documented.

There were no issues arising from this year's testing to draw to the attention of the Council.

c) Audit Commission

The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2011 was scrutinised by council.

Cllr Jackson proposed that it be signed by Chair and RFO as a correct return, this was seconded by Cllr Rylance and agreed unanimously. Chair and RFO duly signed the form in the presence of full council.

d) SMPC & Bowls Club

Work on the irrigation system at the Bowls Green has been completed but unfortunately the irrigation heads themselves are now failing (3 aren't working properly and the others are deteriorating and need manual help to get them to cover the right areas).

Replacement costs have been quoted at £650 +VAT. Both the SPMC and the Bowls Committee agree that the work has to be done in the very near future as the green will/is deteriorating through lack of water in certain areas and will pay for the work, but recent expenditure has left both in a tight financial position in the short term.

They request that the PC pay for the work initially, with the SPMC and the Bowls Club then repaying the amount over a period of time, 6 - 12 months.

ACTION: This will be discussed by Finance Committee for recommendation to council.

- 9 a) **PLANNING** – The plans for these were not available for the meeting; **council deferred the discussion and decisions to planning Committee to be held with delegated powers.**

Application No.	Location	Application Details
11/1006/LBC	National Trust Killerton House	Replacement of the flat roof materials and incorporation thermal of improvements
11/1104/FUL	Cycle Path Killerton To Broadclyst	Construction of cycle path between Killerton and Broadclyst (amendments to application 09/1323/FUL).
11/1119/FUL	Gateshayes Farm Whimple	Installation of Solar PV array
11/1176/FUL	Channons Farm Westwood	Construction of dirty water storage tank
11/1199/ADV	Co-Operative Group Lodge Trading Estate	Display of non-illuminated post mounted sign

- b) DC Development Management Cttee will meet Tues 14th June 2pm at Knowle, Sidmouth
The 2 matters which relate to Broadclyst parish are:

- Baptist Chapel conversion to 3 flats
- Intermodal Freight development ... re-application with minor amendments. There are lots of docs associated with this on EDDC planning portal - updated Consultee reports. Highways don't expect any relevant increase in road haulage traffic, despite the removal of original requirement for train transportation to be in place.

ACTION: PC will be represented by Cllr Byers-Coleman

10 CLERK'S REPORT & ACTION TRACKER

Recycling Survey: APM responses highlighted the need for a local facility to recycle cardboard. The location of Recycling Cardboard Bank was discussed and APM responses identified the Sports Pavilion car park as a possible location. The Council accepts that recycling cardboard locally would be a good community resource and agreed that the Sports Pavilion Car Park would be a central location, whilst recognizing that regular movements of skips may damage the car park surface.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

12 POINTS OF INFORMATION & AGENDA ITEMS FOR 4th July 2011

- Review and update our STANDING ORDERS – deferred
- Discuss organising a Community Litter Pick
- Fun Day

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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FULL COUNCIL meeting Monday 4th July 2011 – 7 pm Wiltshier room, Victory Hall

Finance Committee Meeting 23rd June 2011 – 7pm Wiltshier room, Victory Hall