

**MINUTES of the
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 7th MARCH 2011 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Chair: Cllr Pepper Vice-Chair: Cllr Massey
Councillors: Arthurs, Byers-Coleman, Davidson, Elkins, Jackson, Morshead, Newman, Rylance, and Cllr Stiff
IN ATTENDANCE: PC Cavin
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 9

OPEN FORUM

Police and County Council reports were given

- Members of the public requested that they be kept informed of any planning applications for 30 acres of farmland to become a solar farm.

MEETING CONVENED WITH STANDING ORDERS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bowden (DCC/EDDC), Cllr Button (EDDC) and Cllr Wardle sent their apologies.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Agenda item 8 **11/0423/FUL** Cllr Jackson declared an interest as a near neighbour and took no part in decision-making.

3 MINUTES of the MEETING:7th February 2011

Cllr Morshead proposed the minutes be accepted as a correct record, seconded by Cllr Rylance, accepted and signed.

4 COMMUNITY ISSUES

- a) Community events proposed for the Bank Holiday 29th April – PC & NT
Council is not aware of community events being organised.

ACTION: Cllr Wardle to update clerk

- b) It was discussed and agreed that providing the parish children with a Royal Wedding commemorative mug would not be good use of public money.
- c) Preparation building work has begun at the Science Park development. Some Blackhorse residents are experiencing: vibrations from the ground work preparations, ongoing traffic problems with vans & HGV and potholes restricting traffic flow along a narrow road..
**ACTION: PC Cavin to check on the legal status of residents monitoring traffic movements.
Clerk to report potholes and contact Skypark site manager.**

5 REPORTS

- a) Concerns or questions regarding the Airport should be with Cllr Morshead by 22 April 2011, to meet Exeter International Airport Consultative Group agenda deadline
- b) Traffic Safety Group: an update was given.
ACTION: Clerk to report 20mph sign on Old Coach Road obscured
- c) Community Safety Partnership Plan 2011-12: This will be continuing the same 5 priorities from 1st April; these include monitoring/reducing anti-social behaviour and tackling traffic issues.

6 LOCAL ELECTIONS 5th May 2011

Council preparation

- Information for the public is available on our website or copies maybe requested from the clerk
- Election papers for Parish Council candidates will be available from the clerk from Tuesday 22nd March.
- Deadline for submitting to East Devon no later than noon Monday 4th April.

ACTION: PC request that Parish election count be carried out at Victory Hall following the close of voting.

7 FINANCE

- a) Acceptance of the monthly report was **proposed by Cllr Massey, seconded by Cllr Jackson and agreed.**
- b) New notice boards to be sourced for Blackhorse and Westwood. Finance Committee will discuss options and cost at their next meeting in March and Councillor Byers-Coleman will advise on the Blackhorse location.

8 PLANNING

- a) Report/discussion on recent applications

Application No.	Location	Application Details	PC comments
11/0209/LBC	National Trust Killerton House	Installation of two internal doors to restaurant	SUPPORTED
11/0356/FUL	Culmleigh Broadclyst	Installation of 6no solar panels to garage roof	SUPPORTED
11/0394/TCA	Hellings Cottages	1 x Holm Oak - Fell. 1 x Thorn - Fell. 1 x Sweet Chestnut - Crown lift and slightly re-shape.	The oak is heavily weighted toward the road and has a dead crown. SUPPORTED by a majority 7. Supported 1. Against 1. abstained
11/0423/FUL	16 Poundsland Broadclyst	Change of use of land from amenity land to private gardens and siting of 1.8m timber fence	SUPPORTED by a majority. 5 supported 1 against 4 abstained
11/0445/TRE	Hellings Cottages Broadclyst	T3 - Chestnut: Remove limb on western side.	Chestnut needs dead wood removed. SUPPORTED
11/0446/TCA	Hellings Cottages Broadclyst	T1 - Red Cedar: Fell.	SUPPORTED

11/0364/FUL Baptist Church Broadclyst

Conversion of chapel into 3no residential flats, with construction of porches and 4no. dormer windows and installation of roof-lights.

Comments

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 ¾ 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 [**details in the PDFs attached**]

We draw your attention in particular to:

The works involve widening of the footway from Cumberland Way to the boundary of Exeter, where the footway has recently been widened over its length to Dog Village in order to accommodate cyclists. At the bus layby within Dog Village, a toucan crossing for pedestrians and cyclists would provide safe means of access to the village, with a new path provided through the orchard owned by the National Trust.

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.

NB No public notice has been posted in the vicinity, clerk to investigate.

- b) Cranbrook Joint Parishes: Cllr Massey will attend the next meeting (date to be confirmed). He will also attend & present a holistic overview at the EDDC Special Development Management Committee meeting to debate the Local Development Framework – Tuesday 15 March, 2pm, The Knowle, Sidmouth
- c) Reference 11/0053/MRES, First Phase of the major Cranbrook Development - council submitted a response in February as required. Since then amendments were introduced with only 4 working days for council to respond. (Deadline was set at a date before the planning committee meeting, not even allowing time to convene an emergency meeting). This was unrealistic given that 300 of the 360 original documents contained amendments. We have concerns that this does not follow a full democratic process and could be conceived a waste of public money to courier the documents with no extension allowed for a prepared response. Council expects to receive an explanation from EDDC.
ACTION: Council will write a letter to EDDC planning, explaining our frustration with the time-span allowed for responding to recent amendments and the lack of support from EDDC planning.

- 9 **CLERK'S REPORT & ACTION TRACKER** - there were no matters arising from the reports. Council will register their concern at Sure Start finishing in Broadclyst due to cutbacks. Too little is being spent on pre-schoolers and supporting rural families. Rural housing survey forms will be distributed throughout the Parish with the quarterly

Broadsheet.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

- APM: invite EDDC Streetscene rep.to update on waste/recycling collections in the parish, in addition to John Hart, Christine Channon and Paul Diviani.

11 POINTS OF INFORMATION & AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 2011

- Speeding on Station Road
- Meeting closed at 9.07pm

NEXT PARISH MEETING MONDAY 4th April 2011 - 7 pm Victory Hall

PLANNING COMMITTEE THURSDAY 31st MARCH – 8pm Sports Pavilion