

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BROADHEMPSTON PARISH COUNCIL
SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2017 AT BROADHEMPSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Sutcliffe (Chair), Head, Hoyle, Jones and Stevens

Apologies: Cllrs Dowson, Isaacs and Southwood

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk), 20 members of the public

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chairman will open the meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Sutcliffe opened the meeting at 14.05. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllrs Dowson, Isaacs and Southwood.
2	To approve the minutes of last year's APM (12 May 2016).	It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.
3	Presentation from Devon Air Ambulance regarding a new landing site at Headlands.	Cllr Hoyle reported that Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance had sent his apologies for this meeting. A consultation event had been held recently regarding the addition of a night time landing site and two locations are being considered; Headlands and the field directly behind the Village Hall. Cllr Hoyle highlighted the pros and cons for each site, including access, location and electricity requirements There was discussion regarding the work undertaken by the Devon Air Ambulance and how the installation of a night landing site would be beneficial to the village. The total cost of the project was in the region of £5000-£6000, half of which will need to be funded by the community. It was NOTED that more information would be made available should there be interest from the community and financial support and the project would be a recurring Parish Council agenda item.
4	To consider the creation of an Allotment Association.	Cllr Sutcliffe reported on how great it was to see so many allotment tenants in attendance. There was general discussion regarding the maintenance of disused plots, the poor state of some that are rented, and the difficulties the Parish Council faces with managing the field. It was NOTED that many other Local Authorities have handed over responsibility of allotment fields to Associations, who are in a better position to have a hands-on approach. The Parish Council would be able to lease the field to a newly formed Association, who would keep the rental fees (which they could change if they wished) and ensure that the field is kept in good order; this arrangement would not include the paddock. It was suggested that this arrangement should not solely be down to the Association. It was NOTED that a Parish Councillor would sit on the Associations committee and the Parish Council would maintain a relationship with the Association. It was suggested that the way forwards would be to consider a constitution for an Allotment Association, and to call a meeting of all tenants to make people aware of the current situation. It was NOTED that the Parish Council are not trying to offload the allotments in a bid to save money and accept that some financial commitments would remain as they do now. It was AGREED that the idea of an Association was in very early stages and would require further consideration in the future and consultation with tenants.
5	To receive information regarding future plans for the Church.	In his capacity as Church Warden, Chris Parker outlined future plans for the church.

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		<p>He reported that he was not requesting funds for a project, nor promoting the church building at the expense of the Village Hall and was keen not to establish a conflict of interest between the two. He stated that whilst not an expert in conservation, he had taken over the management of the church building and was undertaking an assessment of how to maintain the listed building in its current condition.</p> <p>The building's future is a community wide issue, if it has future within the village at all.</p> <p>The main issue is the ingress of water into the church, through hairline cracks in the render. To re-render the tower would cost in the region of £150,000 but may not be successful.</p> <p>So far, patching exercises to the lead and render have been sufficient, but there are now secondary issues such as dry rot in the south aisle, the poor condition of the west window and rotting foundation beams in the tower. Any further deterioration to the building may lead to the building becoming unusable.</p> <p>The church is looking to launch a renovation project over three to five years, and are looking to create a viable and credible plan for future activity within the church building. So far, its uses have been considered including a place of worship with the inclusion of weddings, funerals and bell ringing, along with discussions with the Archive Group about incorporating a heritage display within the building. Holding concerts and performance-based events have also been considered.</p> <p>The project cannot fall on one person's shoulders, and the PCC is yet to find someone willing to undertake the work involved.</p> <p>Without a volunteer, particularly to coordinate fundraising, it will not be possible for the project to proceed.</p> <p>It was NOTED that initial work to the rendering of the south wall must be done urgently, and PCC reserves will be used to undertake this work. It was NOTED that if the church is unable to offer a viable plan to the Diocese, it is likely that the building will slowly deteriorate and eventually be moth-balled.</p> <p>Chris Parker appealed to residents to fill out the questionnaire that has been circulated, to enable the PCC to understand what the village would like to see for its church.</p>
6	Public Session.	<p>The Parish Council has recently purchased wheelie bin stickers stating '20 is plenty' and these were available at this meeting or from the clerk or Cllr Jones. A petition has also been started asking for DCC to instate a speed limit within the village.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, and the lack of enthusiasm from residents to help create one. Bill Norton stated that a Neighbourhood Plan would not stop development but could shape where new developments could be placed and design and material considerations can be stipulated within the document. A Neighbourhood Plan would sit alongside the Teignbridge Local Plan. A committee would be required to push this idea forwards, and it is hoped that one could be formed to support the Parish Council in creating a plan for the village. It was NOTED that the Parish Council would meet with TDC to understand more about the process, with the view to holding a public meeting.</p> <p>It was asked if the plans submitted to TDC for the old village hall were final. It was NOTED that the Parish Council had only applied for outline permission and the plans could change once purchased.</p>

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