

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BROADHEMPSTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 09 MARCH 2017 AT BROADHEMPSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Sutcliffe, Dowson, Hoyle, Isaacs, Jones and Stevens
 Cllrs Dewhirst (DCC), Stuart Barker (County Cllr for Ashburton and Buskfastleigh), John Nutley (District Cllr for Ashburton and Buckfastleigh)

Apologies: Cllrs Head and Southwood
 Cllr Smith (TDC)

Also present: Rachel Avery (Clerk)
 3 members of the Public

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chair will open the meeting and receive and approve any apologies.	Cllr Sutcliffe opened the meeting at 19.31. It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the apologies of Cllrs Head and Southwood.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	There were no interests declared.
	<i>The Council will adjourn for the following items:</i>	
3	<u>Public Question Time</u> : A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items that affect Broadhempston.	<p>Cllr Jones had received a letter from KEVICC regarding their budget reduction and raised concerns over a substantial cut in their funding. This is equivalent to a £33 loss per child, due to having to fund special needs requirements themselves. She asked for people to contact their district and county councillor and MPs to lobby over these drastic cuts. Devon children already receive less funding than the national average and wants to know why children living in Devon appear to be valued less.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the grant from Central Government is divided and there is a new category for high needs called EHCP. A large section of the budget for Schools has been lost due to this new category and this means that the money is no longer within schools.</p> <p>In terms of campaigns about averages and why Devon children receive less, there are many issues that work towards funding. For example, schools in large cities may have many different languages, which requires more funding.</p> <p>County Cllr Stuart Barker explained that no money has been removed from the budget, but funds have been moved around within it. He explained that there will be an increase in funding for education in the next financial year and there is a consultation taking place on changing the funding formula, which he agreed was not fair across the country. Thus, Devon would have slightly more money but the way that the budget is broken down would mean that some schools would lose and some would gain.</p> <p>Peter Sheridan explained that there is an old sign opposite the shop pointing to the Village Hall. He requested permission to paint over the sign as it is no longer correct. The Parish Council AGREED that this was acceptable.</p> <p>Cllr Hoyle asked about clearance of trimmings left on the road when hedges are cut. Cllr Sutcliffe explained that this is the nature of flail trimmers and the road is difficult to clear. He explained that there is a lot of catch up due to a wet season last year, meaning there is even more debris. Cllr Stevens explained that the trimmings end up in the gullies and buddle holes and blocks them. It was NOTED that there was no solution to this but it is an issue. The lack of a Parish Lengthsman means that the roadsides are rarely cleared properly.</p>

	<p><u>County and District Councillors' Reports</u></p>	<p>County Cllr Dewhirst introduced Stuart Barker and John Nutley – both candidates for upcoming election within the new County Council area. County Cllr Dewhirst stated that a small slice of the budget has been removed for children with special educational needs. There has not a moving around of money. The reality is that schools will receive less money whist the new EHCP plans are introduced.</p> <p>John Nutley introduced himself. He explained that he is not interested in heavy politics but wished to help local people, as he has done as a District Councillor. He attends regular Town and Parish Council meetings.</p> <p>Stuart Barker explained that he has been County Councillor since 2001 and is Cabinet Member for adult care. He looks after a £16 million budget, with more money being allocated. He regularly travels to Westminster in this role. He is also a District Councillor, and an Executive Committee member and has responsibilities to resources and assets. He is a member of Dartmoor Local Authority and the Police Crime Panel.</p> <p>District and County Councillor reports form part of the minutes.</p>
	<p><i>The Council will convene to conduct the following business:</i></p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following: 09 February 2017.</p>	<p>It was RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>To consider responses to the following consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Exeter Strategic Plan • South Hams Special Area of Conservation Mitigation Strategy for the Heart of Teignbridge and Bovey Tracey • NA1 Houghton Barton Draft Development Framework Plan 	<p>It was NOTED that an exhibition regarding this will take place at Old Forde House on Thursday 23 March, between 14.00 and 20.00. Action: Agenda item for April.</p> <p>Cllr Jones had been unable to obtain much information online and asked about a call for sites. It was NOTED that this is the same process as the SHLAA process. IF a site is put forward, it doesn't mean it will be developed.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens asked what consultation provisions there will be in the event of sites being proposed. The Parish Council were not consulted with during the Teignbridge Local Plan process and at least three sites were put forward. It was NOTED that District Cllr Smith was not in attendance, but County Cllr Dewhirst was sure that Cllr Smith would wish to make sure that the local community are adequately informed. It was NOTED that TDC had not consulted on this and have admitted to not doing so.</p> <p>The Parish Council RESOLVED to submit no comments.</p> <p>Cllr Jones suggested that the plan is positive in terms of layout and energy efficiency, but wished to clarify the location of the traveller pitches. It was NOTED that there may not be a site for these pitches within the application, and funds may go towards another site such as Haldon. This was NOTED. There were no further comments.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Kings Close Field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	<p>Cllr Sutcliffe explained that there is a lot of excess rubbish on the road. The bags are vulnerable to being opened. The Parish Council hoped that the bins would be taken by TDC on their round tomorrow. Action: Clerk to contact Teign Housing if rubbish is not removed.</p>

7	<p>Sale of Village Hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the request from Broadhempston Village Hall CIO that the Parish Council reimburse fees relating to the surrender of the old hall's lease 	<p>Cllr Jones requested confirmation of the breakdown of the sale of the site.</p> <p>It was NOTED that 50% of the auction price will be used to calculate the overage amount payable to the Diocese. From this 50%, 75% of the profit (after the Parish Council receives its costs in relation to the land's original sale) will be paid as the overage payment to the Diocese, the remaining 25% will be the Councils.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p> <p>Peter Sheridan asked when the sale would go ahead. It was NOTED that the Parish Council awaits written confirmation from the Diocese regarding the percentage split of both parties of land.</p> <p><i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i></p> <p>Action: Clerk would continue to contact Tozers on a regular basis in regards to moving the sale of the Hall forwards.</p> <p>A letter from Peter Sheridan had been circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Sutcliffe appreciated the CIO's request, however there are concerns regarding the sale price and the amount of money that will be received after all deductions.</p> <p>Cllr Stevens PROPOSED that this request be reconsidered when final costs have been finalised. This was SECONDED by Cllr Hoyle and APPROVED.</p> <p>Peter Sheridan reminded the Parish Council that they are in breach of their agreement that the money would be raised by 1 April 2017. It was AGREED that if the Parish Council have not received any further information by 16th, the Clerk would contact Tozers on Friday.</p> <p>Cllr Dowson explained that there should be no bullying tactics, but the facts should be stated since the Parish Council is in breach of the agreement.</p> <p>It was NOTED that there had been significant loss of time due issues with the bat survey, which had been unfortunate.</p>
8	Small Playing Field.	<p>Cllr Sutcliffe explained that he had not progressed any further with the repairs to the target wall. He suggested that the original manufacturer, Wickstead, be contacted to request that they come to assess the wall.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to contact Wickstead.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the Clerk had requested that Simon Birbeck trim the ivy as approved at the last meeting.</p>
9	Headlands.	<p>Cllr Jones had received the survey results. Gym equipment was most popular, with a skate park and bike trial being second in popularity. A meeting on site will take place at end of March to discuss possible layout. Action: agenda item for April to discuss funding outside gym equipment.</p>
10	Devon Air Ambulance landing site.	<p>Cllr Hoyle provided a summary of the meeting. His update and article for the Parish News forms part of the minutes.</p> <p>12 people had attended the public meeting. 3 people were undecided on the project, 2 against and 7 in favour.</p> <p>The next step is to gauge how interested people are in supporting the project financially. This would be an agenda item at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>
11	<p>To consider the implementation of a speed limit in the Village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the purchase of wheelie bin stickers advertising a 20mph limit 	<p>The Parish Council discussed the stickers for wheelie bins, and it was AGREED that these stickers were advisory with the wording '20 is plenty'.</p> <p>Cllr Isaacs PROPOSED that stickers be purchased. This was SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and APPROVED.</p>
12	Defibrillator.	<p>It was NOTED that permission for siting of the defibrillator from TDC would be requested. The Clerk awaited further information from BT in regards to adopting the phone box.</p>

13	To consider a new car park in the Village.	It was NOTED that the owner of the field had not been contacted. Action: Cllr Sutcliffe to make contact with owner.
14	Regular Village coffee morning.	Cllr Jones explained that numbers are varying, but those attending have provided positive feedback. More advertising would take place. It was NOTED that the Parish Council will receive cash made, and the Parish Council would pay for the hall hire directly.
15	Finance: • Accounts for payment	Cllr Stevens PROPOSED to APPROVE accounts for payment. This was SECONDED by Cllr Hoyle and APPROVED.
16	Annual Parish Meeting arrangements.	It was AGREED that the Clerk would book the meeting room for Saturday 29 April 2017, between 14.00 and 16.00. Agenda items would include the Air Ambulance landing site, the creation of an allotment association and the Church's renovation project. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would provide cream teas.
17	Allotments.	Cllr Dowson asked whether chickens could be kept on the allotments, and the Parish Council would be minded to approve such a request. It was NOTED that Cllr Sutcliffe would survey the vacant allotments, which are once again in a poor condition. Action: Agenda item for April.
18	Councillors Reports: to hear reports from Councillors on highways or other matters where action can be authorised by the Council without prior notice through the next Agenda).	Cllr Stevens asked about the transparency code, which the Parish Council is complying to with the new website. Cllr Sutcliffe explained that the road at Percombe Cross has been resurfaced by DCC, and an excellent job has been done. Concerns were raised over the disintegration of the road from Bow Mills to Bramblemoor. It was also politely requested that any posters advertising events within the Village be removed when it has taken place.
19	Clerks Report.	The Clerk had nothing to report.
20	Correspondence received.	There had been no correspondence.
21	To note the date of the next meeting: 13 April 2017.	This was NOTED.