

BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council Thursday 6th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mills, Mrs Boughton, Elliot-Smith, Hooper, Hannaford, Hooper, Perring. Dist. Cllr. Pennington, Birch. County Councillors Hawkins, Hodgson. Also present Jayne Owen, Clerk.

1. (7.17) **APOLOGIES:** None

2. (7.17) **MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING:**

Amendment: It should be noted that Totnes Town Council were in control of the Air Ambulance landing sites as they had invested funds into it and that the Parish Council were in agreement with this. Otherwise these were **AGREED** as a true record and duly signed off.

3. (7.17) **MATTERS ARISING**

- Adoption of telephone box, clerk reported the form has been completed and sent off.
- No movement on Councillor appointment.
- Great Court Farm, Baker Estates have been in discussion with SHDC for affordable bungalows which are in demand. They have taken on board issues with heights of planned houses and submitted revised planning application reducing height and adding bungalows. Invite Baker Estates and residents in the vicinity to next meeting to present new plans.
- Provision of Give Way sign at Berry Pomeroy roundabout, ongoing.
- No Right Turn at True Street, met with officer and in favour of plan with the exception of agricultural vehicles. Totnes & District Transport forum informed that the Parish Council supported with the revision. Cllr Hodgson to take to HATOC meeting in Sept.
- Double yellow lines Bourton Lane, still not appeared, Clerk to contact Lisa Edmonds.
- Notice Board Condensation - Company informed awaiting response.
- Southfields Handrail -
- Low flying aircraft, letter received from Sarah Wollaston giving contact details of who to report incidents to.

4. (7.17) POLICE

No incidents were reported on the Police website.

5. (7.17) REPORTS

Report of County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins:

Introduced himself to the Parish Council, on the council for 16 years for Dartmouth & Kingswear but due to the boundaries changes this now included Berry Pomeroy.

He assured the Council that he will do all he can to help and is here to work for the community and is contactable by email: jonathanhawkins387@yahoo.co.uk, and is looking forward to working together for the next 4 years.

Report of County Councillor Jacqi Hodgson

Currently attending training and lots of meetings. Very keen on equality of access and no duplication. Lots of issues within the local area getting involved in, including: Waste, Community projects, air quality management and traffic congestion, money issues and the limited amounts available for capital investment.

Cllr Elliot-Smith queried what is being done to traffic increase flowing through Totnes? Lots of plans have been put forward, DCC are not supporting. To be brought to HATOC, there is a lack of funding in this area, and need to find ways to fund alternative projects to ease congestion. Cllr Hodgson would welcome thoughts on this subject.

Report of Dist. Councillor Pennington

Recently attended SHDC Scrutiny Committee meeting about 106 agreements. Informed that SHDC has 4.143m in S106 monies but can only be spent on new or improving facilities, these monies can only be accessed when development is first started or in completion. There is a time limit of when can be spent usually 3 years. Consultation to take place with Parish & Ward Councillors on details of projects to be submitted.

Stages for application

1. Identify amount of money available and suitable sites
2. Email ward member/parish council and inform Neighbourhood plan, consultation to take place
3. Application form completed and money should be spent within 3 years.

It is vital that there is consultation and liaison to avoid monies being unutilised. There are 2 lists of 106 monies, one with received monies and one with monies to be received. These are updated every quarter and will inform Councils of money available.

Cllr Hannaford stated that the monies should be spent of relevant issues in surrounding areas affected.

One area highlighted as a current issue was the Playing fields and swings on the playing field which were unavailable for use by lots of families with young children during the day in term time as being used by the school. New developments now include play areas.

There are also various grants and funding which Town Councils and Parish Councils can apply for, which can be an alternative source of funding for projects.

Report of Dist. Councillor John Birch

Reported on the proposed merger of South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Councils and the implications of this move. The proposal will be discussed later this month. South hams are also considering investing in commercial property.

6. (7.17) PLANNING

1695/17/HHO - Revised plan to 18 Courtfield , Totnes TQ9 5RQ - approved

7. (7.17) FINANCE

Payments

The following items were submitted for approval and duly AGREED:-

	£
1. Clerk net salary and expenses for June	175.84
2. PAYE for June	38.20
3. Stephen Holley Lengthsman	389.64
4. South West Internal Audit	100.00

Balance on Business A/C 31 March 2017 £6,479.22

Balance on Savings A/C 3 July 2017 £4,206.57

8. (7.17) CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read out the letter of resignation from the Parish Clerk due to study commitments, and thanked her for her work during her time in employment. Position to be discussed with Marldon Parish Council and advertised.

9. (7.17) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The previously arranged meeting initial meeting has had to be postponed to next month.

10. (7.17) HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- Lengthsmans duties, DCC don't do verges and hedges. Causing problems as can't walk along the footpath, the lengthsmen is trimming areas within the village but concern that this is using money which should be used for all areas. SHDC don't cut/trim unless a road safety issue. Cllr Pennington said the SHDC do work in Marldon when requested. Cllr Hodgson to check with Lisa Edmonds re position, if costs incurred then consider to increase precept next year to include the costs.
- Restricted the use of spraying because of danger to children and pets.
- Footpaths should be a priority for the lengthsmen , and Clerk to speak to him to see what his duties currently are.
- Hedges etc, if SHDC are not undertaking then need to get a quote for the job.

11. (7.17) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

- noted that there was an increase in the Reed Bunting since the decrease in spraying.
- local social media indicated a rumour of substantial housing development in the village, people around doing surveys.
- suggestion that 15 mins for public question time be put on the agenda
- church clock is back

12. (7.17) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

- none

13. (7.17) NEXT MEETING

Will be on 3rd August in the **VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30pm

Signed3-8-2017 (J. Mills, Chairman)

