

BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council Thursday 3rd August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Mills, Mrs Boughton, Elliot-Smith, Hooper, Hannaford, Perring. Dist. Cllr. Pennington, Green. Also present Jayne Owen, Clerk and representatives from Baker Estates.

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

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

Amendment: It should be noted that there was an increase in reed buntings due to the increase in spraying. Otherwise these were **AGREED** as a true record and duly signed off.

3. (8.17) **MATTERS ARISING**

- Adoption of telephone box, No further correspondence as yet.
- Councillor appointment, new notice to be put on board advertising vacant post
- Provision of Give Way sign at Berry Pomeroy roundabout, no further update.
- No Right Turn at True Street, Cllr Hodgson to take to HATOC meeting in Sept.
- Double yellow lines Bourton Lane, update from Lisa Edmonds due to take place mid-end Sept.
- Notice Board Condensation - Cllr Elliot-Smith has looked at the board, seems to be installed correctly, will check with level and take photos before going back to company.
- Southfields Handrail - No update
- Barton Leys - confirmation that plans are in place for Meadow and grass banks

4. (8.17) **POLICE**

No incidents were reported on the Police website.

5. (7.17) **REPORTS**

Report of County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins: None

Report of Dist. Councillor Green

Joint Local Plan had been submitted to inspector, SHDC to discuss with inspector any representations, and decision to be made, expected early in the new year.

West Devon/SHDC proposed merger will have an impact on SHDC council tax costs, consultation taking place from August to the end of September. The decision will be made in October with a likely date to go ahead in April 2020, this will mean an extra year for district councillors who are due for re-election in 2019, and there will also be a boundary review at this time. Concerns over reduced Community representation, information available on website during consultation.

Air quality management around Bridgetown and True Street - SHDC & DCC looking at solutions.

Report of Dist. Councillor Trevor Pennington

SHDC/West Devon merger - against it. Will mean increase council tax for SHDC residents, three levels of service currently provided statutory, essential and desirable, through the review only essential services will be provided relying on community investments and discretionary grant funding for other services. Will also impact on local democracy with councillors having too big an area to be able to represent and not consult with local and parish councils. It should be local people and local democracy, this will be lost with the proposed scheme.

6. (7.17) PLANNING

2325/17/ARM - Reserve matter application for Great Court Farm.

- Reserve matters agreed for 74 houses, realised still issues for some residents and SHDC need for affordable bungalows as part of the mix. Plot 39 change from house to chalet bungalow, Plot 40 reinstated a house. Provision of 5 affordable houses and 4 affordable bungalows on the site providing 43% affordable housing . Issues around works undertaken with removing hedges and issues with flooding, work starting to alleviate flooding.
- Issue with footpath into Parkfield being removed from plan, concerns that people have to walk a long way around to get to services or use cars impacting on environment. Highways not keen on Parkfield link deemed not essential and Baker Estates do not own land on which footpath would sit, so not in control.
- Parish Council are in approval of the overall plan but with the condition that the footpath into Parkfield be reinstated.

2159/17/OPA - Camomile Lawn 8 Chalet Bungalows

- Refused on not in character of area, affects skyline and dominates Lansdown Park. Will impact on existing amenities, high density and increased traffic, combined negative impact, interfere on infrastructure. Lack of material planning consideration.

Improvements for Weston Hall - the Parish Council was asked to consider the proposal to improvements for the hall providing a better community meeting space, this was agreed in principle, plans and funding to be sourced.

7. (8.17) FINANCE

Payments

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

	£
1. Clerk net salary and expenses for July	201.23
2. PAYE for July	38.00
3. D Irwin, Grass Cutting	180.00
Balance on Business A/C 31 March 2017	£6,479.22
Balance on Savings A/C 3 July 2017	£4,206.57

8. (8.17) CORRESPONDENCE - None

9. (8.17) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Martin Parkes gave a brief overview of the role of Devon Communities Together in terms of support for Neighbourhood Plan (NHP). The Joint Local Plan has now set a framework which sets out strategic policy eg affordable housing which the NHP can follow. Next step is to create a project plan - going to community events/questionnaire to get opinions on what people want for the future of the community, plans to fit in with SHDC strategic policy, local planning and conservation work. This will identify aims and what local community hoping to achieve. Once completed the NHP can support and define future planning applications in the local area. Grant available to undertake NHP process, and Devon Communities Together can help with applying for grants and producing a project plan to take the NHP forward. The previous questionnaire had a poor response so need to look at alternative methods to engage community. Clerk to send previous documents to Martin, and a meeting has been arranged for the 7th September to start work on the project plan.

10. (8.17) HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- Concerns over effectiveness of road cleaning after Totnes Show, footpaths covered in mud. Cllr Hooper to speak to Show organisers
- Poor signage meant that people were not using the permissive path on Show day, query re better permanent signage for path.
- Pot holes in Weston Lane, Higher Weston Farm & Community Centre, between Castle Lodge and Hangmans Cross.
- Reported that there were no white lines by Weston House

11. (8.17) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR - None

12. (8.17) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS - None

13. (8.17) NEXT MEETING

Will be on 5th October in the **VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30pm

Signed5-10-2017 (J. Mills, Chairman)