

## **BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL.**

Before the meeting started there was a meeting of a working party of the **Neighbourhood Plan** group consisting of Cllr. Mike Hannaford (Chairman), Cllr John Mills, and Cllr. Mark Elliot-Smith, with D. Cllr Birch observing.

The group considered ways forward for the Plan. The Chairman felt they needed the involvement of the Duke of Somerset. The clerk reminded them that Lord Seymour was a member of the NP Committee so could contribute to a full meeting of that body. John Mills reported that he had spoken to the Duke about the need for affordable housing and the Duke had said he agreed but said that this could only happen if enough full-price houses were built- more than 10- to enable the cheaper houses to be subsidised. Obviously the aspirations of the Estate regarding future housing in the Parish had been revealed by the Duke's development agent, Mr Mays. However the outcome of the questionnaire survey and the feedback at the planning meetings for Great Court and the Riverside had indicated that the majority of parishioners were against further development of green field sites in the Bridgetown area in particular. This was also the view of the Totnes Town Council. The clerk suggested that members of the committee make a site visit to the village and other areas of the parish where small-scale housing development might be possible to identify potential sites.

The possibility of the Longmarsh area becoming a dedicated and therefore protected "Green space" was discussed. However it is already a nature reserve. Cllr Birch suggested the involvement in the NP planning process of the lady who had written the Totnes town Plan - Mary Coughlan-Clarke - might be useful as she clearly had experience of this sort of thing. Cllr Birch AGREED to make further enquiries about this to Ms Coughlan-Clarke and report back. The meeting concluded.

Minutes of Meeting of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 at  
7.30 pm in Berry Pomeroy Village Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs Boughton, Elliot-Smith, Hannaford, Hooper, Perring  
C. Cllr Rowe, D. Cllrs. Green and Birch.

Also present,

David Eeles, Clerk.

Vice- Chairman David Hooper assumed the Chairmanship of the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Mills.

**1(11.16) APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Nicholls and Mills

**2. (11.16) MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING:**

These were AGREED as a true record and duly signed off.

### **3 (11.16) MATTERS ARISING**

The planning application for 8 extra houses at the Riverside development had not yet been determined; Cllr Birch will advise when this happens.

### **4 (11.16) POLICE**

Some incidents from the police incident website were reported.

### **5 (11.16) REPORTS**

Report of County. Cllr Rowe:

We have been enjoying some wonderful Autumn Weather which has considerably helped to set us all up for the winter. Some items of interest which I think you should know about that have come from meetings and events which have been held during the last month have included as follows.

I trust that all of you that are eligible to have Flu Jabs have done so and particularly if you are susceptible to chest infections, bronchitis etc... It is well worth having it done.

Which leads me into the round of meetings which have been taking place ref. The closure of our local Hospitals. Fortunately Totnes is not on the list and it is likely to be used as a Central Hub for more parts of The South Hams. The Hospitals under threat are Ashburton, Dartmouth and Paignton which are used by Parishes and Towns within this area. I personally feel that whilst to do nothing is not an option (so we are told) alternative facilities for basic treatments and nursing needs must be in place before these Hospitals are allowed to be closed. We have a large proportion of residents who are very much in need of care facilities and I know that it is not always possible to get care packages in place to look after people in their own homes and there is no option but for them to be looked after in suitable accommodation, be it our Local Hospital or a Suitable Home for care and nursing if needed. Aspects of care are very important to The Old and Vulnerable People. Cuts should not be made in these areas; it is false economy as problems can be sorted before more expensive care is needed to be put in place. Please make sure you have your say if you have not done so already.

A group of Young Refugees from Calais arrived in the North of the County and there may be a group arriving locally. They will need care and help. Offers of support from a wide section of The Community to help with language skills and translation ,medical assistance from retired Doctors to name but a few of the

necessities that are needed. All kinds of clothes from trainers, jeans, sweat shirts T Shirts , Coats, underwear ,rucksacks, holdalls and anything which youngsters need and like to have. I am sure there will be plenty of gear coming forward as people are always so generous in times of need. Donations are being collected via The Red Cross.( I believe.)

The Farm Wise event took place in October at West Point when 1200 Primary School Children had the chance to connect with Farming and the Countryside. It is organised by Devon County Council and The Farm Estates tenants take part.

With the dark nights now upon us please do be careful to make sure you can be seen when out walking in your local areas after dark, wear something florescent and take a touch with a bright light!! Watch out for Scams,there a plenty of them around.

Keep Safe.

#### Report of D. Cllr John Green

##### Key messages:

- Draft of Joint Local Plan now expected to be published for consultation in Feb. 2017.
- SHDC is organising a public consultation in Spring 2017 for 8 weeks on the proposed creation of a Devon and Somerset Combined Authority under Devolution.
- SHDC has had issues with its telephone system but a new system should be operational mid-November.

In addition he has attended about 15 meetings in Sept. and October..

#### **6(11.16) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The report on the Committee meeting earlier in the evening is given above.

#### **7(11.16) NOTICE BOARD**

The clerk presented various alternative notice boards and the members AGREED to support the purchase of one from the parish Notice Board company in Cheshire for £550 which Cllr. Vint had very kindly agreed to pay for out of his locality budget.

#### **8(11.16) PHONE BOX IN VILLAGE**

Following Cllr Boughton's publicity for the proposed closure of the old phone box in the Square there had been a significant response of villagers keen to retain the box although no-one thought it needed to be kept operational. It was AGREED to ask to keep the box which would be maintained by villagers. Accordingly clerk to arrange purchase for £1 from BT.

### **9(11.16) STANDING ORDERS**

The clerk reported the difficulty he was having in locating a digital version of these which could be adapted for use by the Council. Cllr Rose agreed to see if she could get the Stoke Gabriel clerk to forward theirs.

### **10(11.16) PLANNING**

*1330/16/FUL: readvertisement (revised plans) change of use from of agricultural land to residential curtilage with access, parking and all other associated works, Uphempston Farm*

Members voted to SUPPORT this application.

### **11 (11.16). FINANCE**

#### **Payments**

The following items were approved:-

£

1. Clerk net salary and expenses for October -	<b>181.74</b>
2. PAYE for Oct.	<b>39.20</b>
3. Konica Minolta photocopying (40%)	<b>16.40</b>
4. Duncan Irwin replace hinges and latch on schoolfield side gate onto road: materials £25, labour £30	<b>55.00</b>
5. Lengthsman Stephen Holley 6hours @15	<b>90.00</b>

Balance on Business A/C 27 June 2016	£7,259.40
Balance on Savings A/C 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	£4,190.45

### **12 (11.16) CORRESPONDANCE**

A request for a financial donation to help keep the service going was received from the Citizens Advice Bureau. The Council has helped this body in the past and AGREED to donate £50 this year.

### **13 (11.16) ITEMS AT CHAIRMANS DISCRETION**

1. Cllr Boughton reported that the Church was facing a bill of £1,645 for essential maintenance of the clock. She asked if, in view of the service the clock provides to the community, any financial help might be forthcoming. It was AGREED to pay £250 from the PC and Cllr Rowe agreed to match this from her locality fund. It was also AGREED at the suggestion of the clerk that the bill should be routed via the PC so that there would be no liability for VAT.

2. It was reported that some parishioners had complained at the activity of the Hunt on the Nature Reserve at Long Marsh. As this is in SHDC's ownership it is not something within the jurisdiction of the Parish.
3. The house known as Highlands in Jubilee Road has a hedge which is obstructing the pavement.

**14(11.16) NEXT MEETING**

Will be on 1st December in the **VILLAGE HALL** at 7.30pm.

Signed .....1-12-2016 (J. Mills, Chairman)

