

## **BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL.**

Minutes of Meeting of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council Thursday February 2nd 2017 at  
7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Mills, Mrs Boughton, Elliot-Smith, Hannaford, Perring,  
Hooper, D. Cllr Green, C.Cllr Vint

Also present:

Jayne Owen, Clerk, Steve Jolly & Ian Baker (PPS/Baker Estates)

1. (2.17) **APOLOGIES:** None

2. (2.17) **MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING:**

Amendment of amount donated by C. Cllr Rosemary Rowe to £300.  
Otherwise AGREED as a true record and duly signed off.

3. (2.17) **MATTERS ARISING**

- Tree Warden , information received from SHTWNC to introduce Tom Hutchinson as the tree warden for Berry Pomeroy.
- Update required on Village Seat repair, clerk to contact Steve Holley
- C. Cllr Vint offered £250 towards repair, clerk to submit request for funding.
- New Notice Board has now been delivered.
- Adoption of Telephone Box, clerk to assess where we are with this process
- PC Website, clerk to contact Vision ICT to get estimated date for going live and any work required from the Parish Council.
- Tree for the late Reg Nicholls, it was thought appropriate to purchase an oak tree and to contact Geraldine Nicholls to see if she had any thoughts of where she would like it to be planted.
- Councillor vacancy, clerk to advertise and inform Electoral Officer

4. (2.17) **POLICE**

No crimes were reported on the police incident website.

## 5. (2.17) REPORTS

### Report of Cllr. R. Vint, Devon County Council:

- Essential highway maintenance to be carried out for drainage in Berry Pomery between the 6<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February weather permitting, speed restrictions and temporary traffic lights will be in operation.
- Informed of a Pot Hole fund of between £3-£4K per parish for urgent requests
- Tesco bags of help - Community Fund, funds available for community projects. Suggested Parish Council identify nearest store and apply for funding, up to 5k available.

### Report of Dist. Cllr Green:

- Reported that the Councillors on a Joint Steering Group Council to assess the risks and opportunities of establishing a Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) have voted to abandon the proposals due to the risks and uncertainty.
- Advised that the joint local plan would be available online from the 20<sup>th</sup> February for 6 weeks.

## 6. (2.17) PLANNING

### 3715/16/ARM - Great Court Farm

- Ian Baker (Baker Estates) took the Council through the proposals and amendments that have been made following the January meeting which had resulted in the Parish Council filing an objection to SHDC.
- Drainage issues had been identified across the site and in Park Field, he was confident that the scheme that has been submitted will pass engineer scrutiny and improve the situation, they have included additional drainage in the plans for the green lane issues.
- Allotments have been relocated in one place, in a rectangular format and a landlord water supply has been included.
- Courtfield 7/8/9, the Coach house has been removed and is now garages with a pitched roof, after discussions with neighbours the pitched roof was still unacceptable, but would approach planners with the proposal for a flat roof and if agreed by planning would change.
- Plans were shown of before and after the amendments, they felt that they had tried to accommodate everyone. There had been criticism that the plan was denser than the original proposal, but actually it was the reverse. The flats in

the original proposal have been turned into houses. The planners were supportive of the development.

- Community benefit would come from the new homes bonus to SHDC, and once the scheme started more money would become available.
- The site would be run by a management company, there would be a service charge where each resident would become a shareholder, it was stated the Allotment Association could run the allotments for free, suggestion that the plan should be shown to them to enable them to adopt the allotments.
- There was a query on the number of trees to be retained on the site - Baker Estates to look at this and contact David Hooper
- In light of the changes made to the plans, Baker Estates were asking support from the Parish Council to approve the plan and remove the objection with SHDC

Acceptance of plan proposed & agreed (Abstention by M Hannaford)

Action - Clerk to write letter to Baker Estates & SHDC to confirm to accept plan with condition that agreed changes and actions are adhered to.

## 7. (2.17). FINANCE

### CLERK INVOICE for February Meeting 2017

			£
SALARY	6-1-2017 to 31-1-2017	Clerk salary January net	141.79
Office Use			9.00
MILEAGE	16.4 miles @ 45p		7.38
PAYE		January	35.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Cheque 1</b>	<b>salary + expenses</b>	<b>158.17</b>
<b>PAYE</b>	<b>Cheque 2</b>		<b>35.40</b>

Payment of the above sums was AGREED unanimously.

Balance on Business A/C	26 Dec 2016	£6,723.76
Balance on Savings A/C	4 July 2016	£4,190.45

The Clerk's Salary was agreed at £11 per hour

## **8. (2.17) CORRESPONDANCE**

- Double yellow lines at Burton lane, lines not gone in yet but process in hand
- Letter received from resident complaining about the amount of litter around, the Parish Council felt that an increase in commuter traffic and dumping of household and builders waste was contributing to this of which we have little control. Cllr. Green suggested contacting the Totnes Litter Group and for particular issues to inform the localities officer. Clerk to reply to resident to confirm Parish Council actions.

## **9. (2.17) ITEMS AT CHAIRMANS DISCRETION**

- Bus Shelter, Steve Holley had been instructed by Mike Hannaford to look at the damaged shelter.
- Potholes were reported at Weston Lane, Cllr Vint suggested reporting potholes on the DDC website - report a problem or contacting the Neighbourhood Highways Office
- Neighbourhood Plan, there was a concern raised that the neighbourhood plan was not progressing and with 1 financial year left to complete the project, it is on schedule? The community had been asked what they wanted, and that was affordable housing. It was felt that the process was being held up by land owners coming forward with decisions on land available. It was agreed to put on the agenda for next months meeting and ask neighbouring villages how they are moving forward with their neighbourhood plan. Cllr Green suggested approaching Devon Communities together for advice, and there was a £9k locality fund available for access to help.

## **11(1.17) NEXT MEETING**

Will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the **VILLAGE HALL**.

Signed .....2-3-2017 (J. Mills, Chairman)