



**ROCKBEARE
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**MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019
AT
ROCKBEARE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Colin Please, Jonathan Allen, Ron Forrest, Susan Wollen, Phil Franklin

Also, in attendance –two members of the public

Parish Clerk: Carolyn Y. May

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Mark Readman, Cllr. Simon Brodie, Cllr. Ray Bloxham (Devon County Council)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

Public Participation Session:

One member of the public raised an issue relating to safety on Rockbeare Hill. The Meeting was advised that the traffic speed is dangerous and that safety measures were required.

Cllr. Wollen (Chairman) advised the Meeting that the Parish Council had previously requested that a 20-mph speed limit be imposed in the village but that the request had been turned down.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would send a letter to Devon County Council (Highways Department) outlining the problem and highlighting the increased volume of traffic from West Hill and Cranbrook, via Clay Hill, into Rockbeare.

The Meeting was advised that a 57-acre solar farm is to be constructed at the boundary between Rockbeare and Aylesford.

Mr Ivan Randall reminded the Meeting of the successful improvement of Parsons Lane and asked whether areas on Rockbeare Hill could be widened, in order to accommodate heavy traffic. It was agreed that some of the said traffic was comprised of, heavy, farm vehicles.

The condition of the roads following harvesting etc. was also alluded to and it was felt that the plant operator's requirement to clean the roads is not being carried out until complaints are made to either the County Council or the Police.

AGENDA

459.0 MINUTES

- 459.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on **Wednesday 23rd October 2019** at Marsh Green Village Hall, were considered.
- 459.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Allen, **seconded** by Cllr Susan Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting held on 23rd October 2019 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried**.

460.0 REPORTS – There were no reports presented

461.0 Defibrillator Update

- 461.1 The Clerk advised the meeting that, as a last resort, the power supply for a defibrillator at Marsh Green could be taken from the closest property, provided that the Parish Council made proper arrangements for metering of the supply and undertook to cover the bills incurred by the same. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the householder, who consented to the action.
- 461.2 Members felt that this was a positive development and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should progress the matter. Manor Estates has given consent for a defibrillator to be installed at Rockbeare Village Hall.

462.0 Recording of Parish Council Meetings

- 462.1 Cllr Allen raised the issue of the previously agreed resolution, relating to the purchase of a voice recorder, for the purpose of recording Parish Council Meetings. The Clerk stated that the purchase of the recorder had slipped her memory and that she would arrange for a device to be purchased immediately.

463.0 PLANNING

- 463.1 PA19/1809 – Claranbeth, Rockbeare Hill. Exeter EX5 2EZ – it was **agreed** that there would be no objection to the application as there was no contravention of the terms of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 463.2 PA19/2387 – Cedars Lodge, Cedar Court, London Road Exeter EX5 2EA -- it was **agreed** that there would be no objection to the application
- 463.3 Planning Decisions were noted.

464.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 464.1 The Clerk read out a letter of thanks from TRIP
- 464.2 The Chairman provided the Clerk with a document received from Mr Gerald Knowles, which related to Lowbrook Culvert Copse. This article is to be placed on the Parish Council website and on the village Facebook page.
- 464.3 The Clerk advised the Members that an email had been received from Rockbeare Primary School, relating to the previous application for funding towards the creation of a school garden. Three quotations have now been obtained and these range from £2,500 to £5,000.

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- 464.4 It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen (Chairman), **seconded** by Cllr Please and **RESOLVED** that the sum of £2,500 would be granted to the School for this project but that funding would only be released once the quotation documents have been received by the Clerk. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 464.5 It was **agreed** that the Clerk would contact Mr Mike Peake (Gardener) and request that he procure spring flowering bulbs and plant the same on the bank at Stoneylands. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 464.6 It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be re-scheduled for the 11th December.

465.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE

- 465.1 The monthly payments schedule was considered. It was **proposed** by Cllr Please, **seconded** by Cllr Allen and **RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments would be approved. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 465.2 Members were provided with a comprehensive list of cheques drawn against the Parish Council Account, for the current financial year.

466.0 FLOODING UPDATE

- 466.1 There were no items to report on, in relation to flooding.
- 466.2 The issue of road traffic speed was alluded to. In particular the stretch from Pound Cottage to the Primary School was discussed. It was felt that there would be a benefit from the creation of a 'waist' in the area, which would, slow traffic down.
- 466.3 The lack of a footpath between Rookwood and the Primary School was discussed, and the danger of the situation highlighted. Members felt that a 'priority passing' system could address the problems and it was **agreed** that as a starting point, the Clerk would request that Helen Selby (Devon Highways) meet with Cllrs Wollen (Chairman), Allen and Mr Randall, in order to discuss the idea.

The Meeting closed at 20.20 hrs

Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th December at Marsh Green Village Hall – Budget Setting Meeting