



**ROCKBEARE
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**MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2019
AT
MARSH GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Colin Please, Jonathan Allen, Simon Brodie

Also, in attendance –six members of the public.

Parish Clerk: Carolyn Y. May

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ron Forrest, Cllr. Mark Readman, Cllr. Ray Bloxham (Devon County Council); Cllr. Sara Randall-Johnson (Devon County Council)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

441.0 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

441.1 The Parish Clerk requested the permission of the Chairman to address the issue of co-option of two new Members to the Parish Council. Permission was granted.

441.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr. Brodie and **RESOLVED**, that Mrs Susan Wollen and Mr Philip Franklin would be co-opted as Members of the Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Public Participation Session:

Mr Ivan Randall provided the meeting with a quotation from Kennford Tarmacadam Ltd, relating to the resurfacing and edging of the parking area, adjacent to Rockbeare Primary School.

Mr Randall advised the Members that the proposed work would benefit the village. The area is presently covered with gravel, which is washed away when surface water is present. The area is owned by the Parish Council and the proposed works would establish the Parish Council boundary.

Members felt that it was appropriate for a decision to be made on the proposal at the extant meeting. It was **agreed** that the matter would be placed on the October meeting agenda, for discussion. Mr Randall undertook to advise the contractor accordingly.

The Clerk advised the Meeting in relation to an email, received from Mr Steve Gillon, which related to the Millennium Field.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk should advise Mr Gillon of the difficulties being encountered in finding a suitable contractor to maintain the area.

AGENDA

442.0 MINUTES

- 442.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday, 17th July 2019** at Marsh Green Village Hall were considered.
- 442.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Please, **seconded** by Cllr Brodie and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting held on 17th July 2019 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

443.0 REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- 443.1 The Chairman advised that he had no formal report to present.
- 443.2 The Chairman advised the Members of the decision of Cllr Mark Readman, in relation to his membership of the Parish Council. As a direct consequence of his being obliged to work away from home, Cllr Readman will not be able to attend regular meetings of the Parish Council, he will however, continue as a Member, to advise on matters (such as the Neighbourhood Plan).
- 443.3 Cllr Readman advised that he was no longer in a position to collate items and edit the Parish Newsletter, unless paid to do so. It was recognised that Cllr Readman had expended much time and effort in relation to the publication. However, it was **agreed** that a Rockbeare Facebook page should be created, for the dissemination of information. Cllr Franklin agreed to manage the same.
- 443.4 There were no other reports for consideration.

444.0 ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT

- 444.1 The response to the Annual External Audit, carried out by PKF Littlejohn was considered.
- 444.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Brodie and **RESOLVED**, that the recommendations would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

445.0 PLANNING

19/1920/FUL – The Parish Council does not object to this application.

- 445.1 Planning Decisions were noted.

446.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 446.1 Members considered a Grant Application, received from Mr Mark Cornish, relating to necessary works at the Rockbeare Village Hall. The Chairman emphasised the importance of the village halls to the community and recognised a need for the Parish Council to assist with their retention.

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- 446.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen (Chairman), **seconded** by Cllr Franklin and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would grant the sum of £2.350 to the Rockbeare Village Hall, for the purpose of undertaking the required works. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 446.3 The Rockbeare Village Hall Committee is to provide the Parish Council with a VAT invoice so that the tax can be reclaimed by the Parish Council.
- 446.4 The Clerk advised the Members that Marsh Green Village Hall requires assistance in order to effect repairs to the flat roof. It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen (Chairman), **seconded** by Cllr Brodie and **RESOLVED** that the sum of £210.00 would be granted to Marsh Green Village Hall, for the purpose of carrying out the repairs. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 446.5 The issue of defibrillators at both Rockbeare and Marsh Green was raised. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would make enquires in relation to the purchase of the same. Mrs Myers agreed to contact Rockbeare Estates in order to ascertain whether approval would be given for a defibrillator to be installed at Rockbeare Village Hall. This matter is to be placed on the October Agenda for discussion.

447.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE

- 447.1 The monthly payments schedule was considered. It was proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments would be approved. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 447.2 Members were provided with a comprehensive list of cheques drawn against the Parish Council Account, for the current financial year.
- 447.3 Members were advised that the Parish Council Bank Account contained £86,923.03, as at 20/08/2019. The Chairman inspected and initialled the Bank Account document.

448.0 FLOODING UPDATE

- 448.1 Mr Ivan Randall alluded to the tour around the area, taken by the Chairman, Cllr Allen and himself.
- 448.2 The Chairman stated that he had not been provided with relevant facts in respect of the Waddeton Estate plan. This had been turned down previously by Planning and it appeared that no new application for the same had been made. The Chairman was concerned that he had been led to believe that the plan had been resurrected.
- 448.3 Mr Randall alluded to the perceived benefits of supporting the Waddeton Plan. Highlighting the fact that 100 acres of land would be donated to the area for the purpose of creating a country park. Cllr. Susan Wollen asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of such an area? It was felt that the task would likely fall to the Parish Council, along with the costs for the same. Mr Randall alluded to a charge being levied against householders, for the maintenance of the area.
- 448.4 Mr Ivan Randall requested that a copy of the Hydro-Logic Report be placed on the Parish Council website. **Agreed.**

The Public Meeting closed at 20.15 hrs

449.0 The Parish Council entered into Committee in order to discuss a confidential matter.

The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs

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