



**ROCKBEARE
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY
19TH DECEMBER 2018 AT VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Jonathan Allen and Ron Forrest.

Also, in attendance – three members of the public, Cllr Eleanor Rylance (EDDC)

Parish Clerk: Carolyn May

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mark Readman; Cllr Colin Please; Cllr Ray Bloxham (DCC); Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (DCC)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest made.

Public Participation Session:

- A member of the public requested to address the Parish Council in relation to flooding in the area of Palmers Farm, Rockbeare Hill EX5 2EY. Councillors were advised that water, draining from Palmers Farm, is being forced onto the lane as a result of the flood channel being blocked with debris. The problem has resulted in the parishioner having to take action (during the hours of darkness) in order to avoid her property being flooded. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would report the matter to Devon County Council Highways Department. (Action completed 20th December 2018 – reference : **W181186052**).
- A request was made, on behalf of un-named parishioners, for 'No Dog' signs to be placed on the Millennium Field and at Quarter Mile Lane grass area. The signs placed at Birch End, Rockbeare were referred to as being of the type requested.

The Chairman advised that the situation at Birch End was different to the areas highlighted. The Millennium Field is an area used for exercising dogs and it was felt that it would be unfair to withdraw that right. The member of the public who raised the matter stated that he believed 'Please Pick up After your Dog' signs were really what was meant. The Chairman advised that failure to clear up after pets was a perennial problem and that a notice would be placed in the Parish Magazine.

- The Clerk was asked if she had drawn up areas of responsibility for each Councillor. She responded by stating that Cllr Bloxham (DCC) had explained that the DCC website provided ample opportunity to report road surface defects and, therefore, areas of responsibility were not required. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council will consider the proposal.
- A Member of the Public enquired if the sleepers from Westcott Green had now been sold. He was advised that they were still available. The Member of the public then suggested that the sleepers could

be utilised for seating at Marsh Green. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would consider the proposal.

AGENDA

373.0 MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 21st November 2018** at Rockbeare Village Hall were considered. It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the minutes would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Two in favour; 1 abstention. **Carried.**

374.0 REPORTS:

374.1 Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that he, along with Cllrs Readman and Forrest, had attended the Strategic Planning Meeting at EDDC on 27th November 2018, in order to articulate the Parish Council's views on the proposed Cranbrook Expansion Plan. The Members were courteous towards the Parish Councillors and listened to their views. There will be a further Strategic Planning Meeting on 29th January 2019.

374.2 The Chairman reported that he had attended an Exeter Airport Consultative Committee meeting on 5th December 2018. It had been reported passenger numbers had increased by 2% overall at the airport and that Flybe represented 2/3 of the Airport's revenue. It was confirmed that whilst the airline (Flybe) is seeking a purchaser, positive plans were being made for the future, which is optimistic.

374.3 Cllr Eleanor Rylance (EDDC) - Cllr Rylance addressed the meeting, referring to the Strategic Planning Meeting attended by RPC Members. She stated that Neighbourhood Plans and green wedges should be protected and recommended that Parishioners should be encouraged to write to the Planning Inspectorate once the consultation process commences. It is imperative that as many people as possible make their views known. It was **agreed** that the matter would be addressed in the village magazine/ PC website.

374.4 There was a discussion about the alterations being made to the roundabout at Clay Hill and the impact on the Parish Council's bus shelter. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should discuss the process for moving the same, with the Clerk at Aylesbeare.

375.0 To consider and make comment on planning applications as follows:

375.1 PA18/2798/FUL Construction of a Single Storey Extension

It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Allen and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not object to this application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

375.2 PA18/2604/ADV – Keyline Builders Merchants

It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not object to the application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

375.3 18/2710/VAR - Land East of High Bank, Bridge View, Rockbeare - it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would not comment on this application.

375.4 Planning Violations

Cllr Allen raised the issue of the erection of 15ft high notice boards having been erected, without planning permission, at Greenbank, Rockbeare. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would raise the matter with EDDC Planning Department.

376.0 Correspondence

376.1 The Clerk advised Members of an application to join the Membership of the Parish Council. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements with EDDC to advertise the available places on the Parish Council.

377.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE:

377.1 To receive the financial statement for November 2018

To be forwarded to Members.

377.2 To approve payment of Invoices as follows:

400733	Clerks' Salary	£478.35
400734	Clerks Expenses	£82.70
400735	RVH (M&T)/ PC	£30.00
400736	Clerk (Unclaimed Salary)	£785.94
400737	The First Federation Trust (Rockbeare PS – Project)	£558.29
400738	Pollards	£360.00
400739	J. Robertson	£80.00
	TOTAL	£2,375.28

It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the payments would be agreed. Unanimous. **Carried.**

378.0 Updates

378.1 **Village Signs** – on-going.

378.2 **TPO** - Cllr Wollen advised the meeting that a response had been received from EDDC. Planning are not prepared to lift the TPO on the Monterey Pine at Bridge View/ Parsons Lane, stating that it does not present a danger to the public.

378.3 **Telephone Box Usage** - ongoing

378.4 Youth Hub

No further information/ contact has been received from the Clerk at Cranbrook on this matter. We are awaiting details of a further meeting with the service supplier and partner parishes. It seems that two adjoining parishes do not intend to participate in the project.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with the service representative in order arrange an attendance at a Parish Council Meeting.

378.5 Highway Issues

The issue raised by Cllr Forrest, relating to tarmac and the blocked pipe at Westcott have still to be resolved.

The latter issue presents a cause for concern to the occupants of the Coach House at Westcott, as the overflow from the (Highways) ditch backs up into the pipe, which runs under the Coach House. The residents of the property have previously experienced internal flooding to their home as a result of the problem.

Further to the above, Cllr Forrest reported that the surface water, caused by the blocked pipe, had now lifted tarmac in the area.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would report the matters to DCC Highways again.

379.0 **Flooding Update**

379.1 Mr Ivan Randall advised that;

Clayhill Roundabout – Para 374.4 refers.

Rockbeare Village – Members were advised that the drains in the village (4 x 600mm square) will require maintenance in order to prevent debris collecting on the covers, thus compromising the efficacy of the drains themselves.

Silver Lane – Highways are currently ploughing the edge of the road. Works carried out in the area have prevented surface water entering the village. However, the flow into Ragg Lane has increased.

Lyons Farm to Manor Gate

Debris tends to gather on the first and last drain covers of the run (from west of the Old Rectory – to east). This tends to choke the drains and results in water remaining in the vicinity. The water becomes a danger if it freezes. It is therefore necessary to ensure that the drains are kept free of debris.

Gribble Lane – no flooding in Gribble Lane.

Rewe Lane - approximately 1 ½ inches of water from Rewe Lane, has created a substantial problem on the south side of the old A30, close to the 'Listed Bridge'. The standing water at the location poses a danger to traffic using the road.

Marsh Green - Flooding at Marsh Green was reported. There is rubbish on the road, which presents a hazard to traffic.

Trash Screen – A resident of Marsh Green had agreed to regularly visit the site of the trash screen in order to ensure that it is free from debris. A visit will be undertaken after the hedges have been cut and when the leaves have fallen. The sum for the service is £25.00 p.a. The gentleman will arrange his own insurance cover for this work.

Early Warning System (EWS) – The Parish Council had not received any notification of sums due for the maintenance of the EWS. The responsibility for the payment now falls to the Parish Council.

Due to the necessity of the EWS, it was **agreed** that the Clerk would contact the relevant authority and arrange for the annual payment for the EWS to be made.

The Chairman closed the Public Meeting at 20.55 hrs

Part 2 Deliberations

Members discussed a confidential matter, relating to an area of the Parish and to an on-going matter. It was **agreed** that the matter would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs

Next Meeting: 16th January 2019