



**ROCKBEARE
PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY
27TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT MARSH GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also, in attendance – three members of the public

Parish Clerk: Carolyn May

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ray Bloxham

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 the need for drains in the area to be cleared. He added that there was a need for improved street lighting from the new roundabout at Clayhill, into the village.
- The Chairman requested that it be noted in the Minutes that the Parish Council wished to thank Mr John Ward-Wyatt for his hard work in relating to the collecting of litter in the area. It was stated that Mr Ward-Wyatt was to be commended for his efforts.
- It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would investigate the purchase costs for suitable, heavy duty plastic bags and litter pickers (grabbers) for groups who undertake litter collection around the village.
- A member of the public stated that he was concerned at the number of occasions that the Parish Council was entering Private Session. **Noted.**

AGENDA

386.0 MINUTES:

386.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 16th January 2019** at Marsh Green Village Hall were considered.

386.2 Cllr. Allen raised several issues relating to the Draft Minutes. Inter alia, he alluded to the way the Clerk had recorded a comment made by the Chairman to Mr Ivan Randall; the lack of accounts listed on the draft Minutes and the interruption of Cllr Allen by Cllr Forrest.

- 386.3 The Clerk advised the meeting that the Minutes of any meeting was not a verbatim record, rather that the minutes provided a flavour of the discussions.
- 386.4 It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and RESOLVED that the meeting would be recorded from that point. All in favour. **Carried**.
- 386.5 Cllr Readman stated that the matters raised amounted to 'nit-picking' and that there was a need to move on with the meeting.
- 386.6 It was **proposed** by Cllr Please, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and RESOLVED that the minutes for the meeting held on 16th January would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Four in favour; One objection (Cllr. Allen asked that his objection be minuted). **Carried**.
- 387.0 REPORTS:**
- 387.1 **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that on the 13th February 2019, he had attended the Exeter Airport Consultative Committee, where the takeover of Flybe by a consortium was discussed.
- 387.2 The Consortium comprises of Sirius 40%, Virgin 30%, and Stobart's 30% completion being on 22 of Feb initially called Connect Airways P.L.C. actual trading name has not been decided upon yet, but it will not be Flybe, could be Virgin Connect or similar, all Technical and Training facilities will remain at Exeter.
- 387.3 Because of new routes passenger numbers at the airport are heading towards One Million.
- 387.4 The continued growth and expansion of the airport was praised by attending EDDC councillors as it was vital to the region.
- 387.5 Plymouth 2020 was also discussed for the Mayflower celebrations, visitors are expected up to three million; a large proportion of which will arrive at Exeter Airport, expecting reliable forward links by road or rail to Plymouth. This was considered to be a great opportunity for coach operators.
- 387.6 On Tuesday 19th of Feb the Chairman and Cllr. Forrest attended the new East Devon District Council offices at Honiton, for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting regarding Cranbrook DPD. The Chairman was the first to speak in the public section where he the Parish Council's view forward, namely that; that although the Grange section has been significantly altered it is still contrary to Rock06 which is set out in our Neighbourhood Plan, and the EDDC plan (strategy 12). The Chairman also reiterated that proposed plan was south side of old A30 which EDDC Officers had assured the Parish Council, would never happen.
- 387.7 Cllr Readman added that, based on what arose from the Cranbrook Plan/ Consultation, the Parish Council should encourage Parishioners to provide individual comments upon the same. It is expected that the appointed Inspector for the consultation will be announced on 23rd April 2019.
- 387.8 Cllr Forrest reported that the Council for Rural England would meet on the 21st March 2019, in order to discuss new housing requirements. It would appear that the continued development is a 'done deal' and, therefore, there is a need for the Parish Council and neighbouring parishes to maintain pressure on EDDC. If necessary, Judicial Review (group action) could be a possibility. Cllr Readman added that there was a plan for 50,000 homes to be built on the Rockbeare side of Exeter
- 387.9 On a personal note the Chairman stated that, whilst the new EDDC building looks very smart, he found the acoustics in the Council Chamber to be very poor and that he had been obliged to move and position himself directly under one of the Loudspeakers mounted in the ceiling at the back to enable him to hear any of the people speaking.

388.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE:

388.1 To approve payment of Invoices as follows:

400744	Rockbeare Village Hall (Parish Council) – Inv. 2018/19-73	15.00
400744	Rockbeare Village Hall (M&T) - Inv. 2018/19-66B	15.00
400745	Office Furniture Online – re: Marsh Green Village Hall – Inv.-SN328614	546.00
400746	First Federation Trust - Rockbeare Primary School (Sovereign Invoice 0000102352)	2233.14
Total		2809.14

388.2 It was agreed that the Invoices would be considered under Part II

389.0 Updates

389.1 **Village Signs** – on-going.

389.2 **Telephone Box Usage** - ongoing

389.3 **Youth Hub** - Mr John Oliviero will attend the March 2019 meeting in order to make a presentation to the Members.

389.4 Sleepers at Westcott – It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Readman and **RESOLVED** that the sleepers would be transferred to Cllr Wollen for the proposed garden project. Unanimous. **Carried.**

390.0 Flooding Update

390.1 Mr Ivan Randall advised that;

Only a certain number of ditches can be cleared, given the funds available. These include:

- Clayhill;
- Lyons Farm to Glebe Land (re-levelling);
- The Manor to Ragg Lane – Cuttings require removal; On the North side of the ditch, water is travelling from north to south.

390.2 Mr Randall asked about the agreement for the clearing of the Trash Screen. The Clerk stated that she had now contacted the relevant person twice by email but had received no response. Mr Randall provided a postal address and the Clerk undertook to write to the gentleman.

390.3 Cllr Forrest advised the meeting that the ditch at Westcott is deemed to be the responsibility of the owner and not the Devon Council Highways Department. He added that, in view of the conflict surrounding previous work undertaken at Westcott, he was not inclined to do anything to address the issue.

391.0 Grass Cutting

391.1 Cllr Please advised the meeting that he will no longer undertake grass cutting at Marsh Green.

The Chairman closed the Public Meeting at 20.15 hrs

Part 2 Deliberations

Members discussed a confidential matter.

The meeting closed at 21:00 hrs

Next Meeting: 20th March 2019

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