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**MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER AT MARSH GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Colin Please, Jonathan Allen and Ron Forrest.

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

**Parish Clerk:** Carolyn May

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mark Readman, Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (DCC)

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

**Public Participation Session:**

One Member of the Public enquired if the sleepers from Westcott Green had now been sold. He was advised that they were still available.

Mr Philip Bybee asked to address the Members on the matter of PA18/2364/OUT. He commenced his address by stating that he was representing the family of the applicant, who is a long-time resident of the Parish. The purpose of the application is to enable a disability friendly property to be constructed in the grounds of the existing residential property, thus enabling the applicant to remain living in the area.

Mr Bybee explained that Devon Highways had appraised the proposed entry/ exit from the property and had suggested that the same be re-sited. That amendment will be made to the plans (driveway to be moved and widened). It was explained to the Members that the proposed construction was; Sited in a sustainable location, within the Parish Boundary; the design of the proposed construction would blend in with existing village structures and that the purpose of the application was to enable the applicant to continue to live independently (as set out in the Independent Living Audit).

**AGENDA**

**359.0 Urgent Business**

359.1 The Chairman raised the matter of the next EDDC Strategic Planning Meeting, scheduled to be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at The Knowle, Sidmouth. The Chairman advised Members that, despite undertakings to the contrary, the latest Cranbrook Development Plan shows development to the south side of the A30.

359.2 Cllr Forrest advised that there was a prediction that the expansion would generate a further 18,500 people in the area and a further 2,500 vehicles. A copy of the report is to be disseminated to all PC Members.

- 359.3 It was **agreed** that several Members of the Parish Council would attend the meeting and request to speak during the public session. Cllr Rylance voiced her concern at the EDDC Plan, as has Cllr Bloxham. Cllr Rylance stated that she would object to the same.
- 360.0 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018** at Rockbeare Village Hall were approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting.
- 361.0 **REPORTS:**
- 361.1 **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman stated that there was little to report this month. However, he reported that, on 8<sup>th</sup> November, there had been a Remembrance Service at Rockbeare, attended by the children from the Primary School, who had sung a hymn and said prayers, prior to laying crosses for each of the parishioners named on the memorial. The Chairman added that it had been a lovely service and that the children had done well. He thanked the Parish Clerk for playing the pipes at the service.
- 361.2 The Chairman advised the meeting that, through the sale of poppies and other merchandise, Rockbeare and Cranbrook had raised the sum of £1,888.82 for the Royal British Legion. Cllr. Please advised that the sum of £117.20 had been raised at Marsh Green for the Royal British Legion.
- 361.3 It was reported that passenger numbers had increased at the airport. Cllr Allen alluded to the recent media coverage and the fact that Flybe was to be sold. The Chairman stated that the company had been on the market for a while and that it had acquired too many aircraft, therefore, there was a need to reduce the same.
- 362.0 **To consider and make comment on planning applications as follows:**
- 362.1 **PA18/2364 OUT**
- Cllr Allen suggested that the proposed construction might amount to over-development of the site. He asked if it would be possible to prevent the properties being separated in the future (tied-ownership). This would require a condition (not to separate the properties) being placed on any planning approval.
- It was noted that the Planning Application before the Parish Council was for a separate dwelling.
- It was **proposed** by Cllr Allen, **seconded** by Cllr Please and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would support the application in principle. However, the support is provided on the basis that the facilities are developed as one property that cannot be separated or sold independent of each other. **Carried.**
- 362.2 **PA18/2930/GPD – Construction of Conservatory**
- It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not object to the application. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 362.3 **PA18/2454/PDQ – Change of Use**
- It was **proposed** by Cllr Please, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not object to the application. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 363.0 **To consider planning determinations:** None
- 364.0 **Correspondence**
- 364.1 The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Julian Turnbull, written on behalf of the Marsh Green Village Hall Committee. Mr Marshall requested a grant for the purchase of new tables at the venue.
- It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would provide the sum requested. Unanimous. **Carried.**

365.0 **BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

365.1 **To receive the financial statement for October 2017**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Wollen and RESOLVED that the Financial Statement would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

365.2 **To approve payment of Invoices as follows:**

**RESOLVED:** That payment of invoices for November 2017 was approved.

400732	Rockbeare Village Hall (M&T)	20.00
400730	Carolyn Y. May (Salary)	478.35
400731	Carolyn Y. May (Expenses)	82.70
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£581.05</b>

It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Please and RESOLVED that the Financial Statement would be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

366.0 **Precept Setting**

366.1 Members considered the current financial situation of the Parish Council. Having determined the forward budget for the remainder of the financial year, along with current reserves, it was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED that there would be no increase to the precept for the financial year 2019/2020. UNANIMOUS. **Carried.**

367.0 **Asbestos Waste**

367.1 Cllr Forrest reported that an amount of asbestos waste has been dumped on the right-hand verge close to Lower Southwood Farm. The detritus has been in that place since February 2018, was covered with soil and is now grassing over. This is hazardous waste and requires removal. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with the owner of Southwood Farm and request the removal of the waste.

368.0 **Village Signs**

368.1 Cllr Please raised the issue of missing/ unreadable village signs at the entrances to Marsh Green. The Clerk had corresponded with both Devon Council and EDDC, neither of which wished to accept responsibility for replacement of the signs. It was **agreed** in principle, that the Parish Council would fund replacement signs subject to the cost of the same.

369.0 **TPO Reversal**

369.1 Cllr Wollen raised the issue of the rejection of an application to reverse a TPO, placed on a tree at the junction of Bridge View and the main road into the village. The tree in question is perceived to be inherently dangerous as the roots are ripping up the footpath, the wall and the gate close to it. Also, the branches extend across the main carriageway and pose a potential danger to both pedestrians and traffic. It was highlighted that, should an accident occur, EDDC would be deemed liable.

369.2 It was **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with EDDC on the matter.

370.0 **Telephone Box Usage**

370.1 Cllr Wollen raised the matter of the old telephone box in Rockbeare. He suggested that it might be used as a 'read and return' bookstore. This would require shelving to be installed (at a cost to the Parish). Mrs Wollen has volunteered to manage the facility.

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370.2 It was **agreed** that the telephone box would be utilised in the manner described and that Cllr Wollen would arrange for shelving to be installed into the same. The facility would be advertised on the Parish Council website.

371.0 **Youth Hub**

371.1 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.

371.2 It was **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with the Clerk at Cranbrook in order to ascertain what is happening and to determine when the service provider would be attending a meeting.

372.0 **Flooding Update**

372.1 Mr Ivan Randall advised the meeting that ditch clearing would take place once the hedges had been cut. He added that Gribble Lane ditches had now been cleared and that concreting at the ditch in Parsons Lane would be undertaken by DCC Highways when monies became available. All ditches from the Manor Gate to Rockbeare Village have been cleared.

372.2 Mr Randall has suggested to DCC Highways that paving stones could be placed at the twenty drains in the area, to facilitate location identity. The cost of the purchase of the stones to be borne by the Parish Council.

**The meeting closed at 21:15 hrs**

**Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**