

MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2020

**This was a 'Virtual' Meeting, conducted through the medium of Video Conferencing.
The Parish Clerk advised the Meeting that the proceedings would be recorded.**

PRESENT: Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Colin Please, Susan Wollen, Phil Franklin, and Simon Brodie

Also: Cllr Ray Bloxham (Devon County Council) and Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (Devon County Council)

Parish Clerk: Carolyn Y. May

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Readman and Forrest

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: None

AGENDA

510.0 MINUTES

510.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on Wednesday 17th June 2020 were considered. It was **proposed** by Cllr Colin Please, **seconded** by Cllr Simon Brodie and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting of the 17th June 2020 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

511.0 REPORTS

511.1 Chairman's Report – None for this month. However, there is an Airport Meeting scheduled for August, which is likely to be lengthy as it will be based on the current situation at the site and the situation with Flybe, Covid -19, etc.

511.2 County/ District Councillors – substantial information has been received and disseminated to Members. Cllr Randall-Johnson advised the Members that she had attended a newly formed 'Local Outbreak Engagement Board' Meeting. This forms part of the Covid Activity strategy (group named 'Team Devon').

511.3 There have been no Covid-19 deaths between 6th and 13th July 2020. There have been 11 cases of Covid -19 reported in Devon and Torbay. The confirmed cases, in last 14 days (in East Devon) - 7, Exeter - 5, Mid-Devon 2, North Devon – 0, South Hams – 0, West Devon – 0, Teinbridge – 4, Torbay -6.

511.4 There is a substantial amount of information about Covid-19 on the Devon Council website, that is where the updated information and advice to people will be posted.

- 511.5 Wearing of masks – key issue is to refrain from touching the front of the mask, by removing the same from the sides of the face. It is imperative that we all continue to observe the social distancing advice, continue to wash our hands, and do not put our hands over our face.
- 511.6 Cllr Bloxham added that the County Council is focused on recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic, with consideration being given to mental health, issues of poverty and hardship and job loss.
- 511.7 The on-demand bus service for the village has, so far been used once by a parishioner, to travel into Exeter (cost £1.50). Cllr Susan Wollen felt that there was a need to advertise the service on the Rockbeare Facebook page, as not enough people seem to be aware of the service. Clay Hill is now totally closed, and pedestrians are being asked to find alternative routes to London Road.
- 511.8 The Chairman raised the point that the full closure of Clay Hill was creating extreme difficulty, particularly for people who line on London Road and are required to take their children to Rockbeare Primary School. This group have no pedestrian route into the village, except by either Gribble Lane or Parsons Lane – a huge distance. Cllr Bloxham agreed to investigate the matter the following day. He stated that he would speak with the contractor.

512.0 PLANNING

512.1 PA20/1231/FUL

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

513.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 513.1 The Parish Clerk advised the meeting that a comprehensive application for a grant, to purchase a finishing mower for the parish field, had been received from Mr Mark Cornish.
- 513.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Colin Please and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would grant the sum of £1,045 to Mr Cornish, for the purchase of the finishing mower, that would become the property of Rockbeare Village Hall. Unanimous. **Carried**.

514.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- 514.1 It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Phil Franklin, and RESOLVED that the schedule of accounts payable, plus one additional invoice for work carried to Marsh Green Village Hall, would be accepted, and discharged. Unanimous. **Carried**.

515.0 UPDATES

- 515.1 The Chairman advised the meeting that there had been a number of comments made by Parishioners about the demise of the Rockbeare Roots Newsletter. It was suggested that Members consider approaching Cllr Readman and asking if a newsletter could be produced (for remuneration) on a quarterly basis. It was **agreed** that the matter should be considered by Members and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk to provide a back-copy to Members.
- 515.2 The Clerk advised the meeting that she had been contracted by TRIP, with some proposals for future creation of a small community group for Parishioners. Members felt that there

would have too be some consultation with Parishioners to ascertain potential uptake of the schemes discussed.

- 515.3 Cllr Brodie raised the issue of the FAB Project and advised the Meeting that planning documents had been published at the site. The building appears to be large and will be visible across the village, but outline Planning Permission has already been granted. The Chairman suggested that there was little comprehension in relation to the size of the trench required for the cable.
- 515.3 It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would hold a virtual meeting on 19th August, but that the same would commence at 1700 hrs.

The Meeting Closed at 1955 hrs

Next Meeting 19th August 2020