



**ROCKBEARE
PARISH COUNCIL**

Appendix A

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MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2018

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

Also in attendance – Four members of the public.

Carolyn Y. May: Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Jonathan Allen

270.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

271.0 MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 21st February 2018**, at Rockbeare Village Hall were considered.

271.1 It was **proposed by:** Cllr. Please, **seconded** by Cllr. Readman and **RESOLVED** that, (with three amendments – changing 'Cornwall' to 'Devon' and one to identify 'topsoil depth') the Minutes represented a correct record of that meeting and should be accepted by the Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

The Minutes were duly signed by Cllr. Wollen (Chairman)

272.0 REPORTS:

272.1 Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that both he and Cllr. Forrest had attended

272.2 District Councillor's Report: The Parish Clerk read out the report submitted by Cllr. Eleanor Rylance (EDDC).

272.3 No other reports had been received.

273.0 YMCA/ Youth Club

- 273.1 Cllr Forrest requested that the discussions relating to the Youth Club should be brought forward, as there were two members of the public present, who wished to address the Parish Council on the matter.
- 273.2 The Members considered the behavioural issues and conduct of a number of youths, who had attended at Rockbeare Parish Hall on the evening of the 13th March 2018. It was accepted that not all of those in attendance were Youth Club Members, but some were.
- 273.3 The group referred to above, engaged on a course of abusive and intimidating conduct towards members of the public, who were using, or attending at, Rockbeare Village Hall, prior to the commencement of the Youth Club meeting.
- 273.4 The hirer of the hall (a dancing teacher), her pupils (some aged 2-3 years) and parents/grand-parents were targeted with verbal abuse. Although the conduct described has been experienced in the past, on the night of the 13th March, it was particularly bad.
- 273.5 Mr Mark Cornish, Rockbeare Village Hall Treasurer, advised the Parish Council that the situation has now become intolerable and that the Dancing Teacher (a key client of the Village Hall Committee – providing approx. 20% of hall income) is now considering moving classes to another venue. This is a matter of concern to the committee.
- 273.6 On the evening of the 13th March, the police were called but did not attend at the location. The Youth Leader elected to close the Youth Club meeting down early, due to the fact that she could not cope with the situation. Mr Cornish stated that he did not wish to stop the service but that the situation, as it stands, is not ideal.
- 273.7 The Clerk advised those present that she had, on receipt of Mr Cornish's communication (14th March), spoken immediately with the Chairman of the Parish Council and a decision was made to suspend youth club meetings until the Parish Council had been provided with an opportunity to discuss the situation. This decision was relayed to Mr Gareth Sorsby at the YMCA (Exeter). Mr Sorsby wrote in response to the request to suspend the service. That response was read out by the Clerk.
- 273.8 Cllr Forrest stated that he was supportive of a facility for youth in the village but that he was unhappy that there appeared to be a lack of transparency in relation to the manner in which the Parish Council funding provided was being used. It was acknowledged that there had been problems with the group on previously and the fact that the service had been reconfigured on two occasions was alluded to. Reporting conditions were not being observed by the YMCA and the inability to obtain information relating to attendees has resulted in a situation whereby the Parish Council is unable to audit the service provided.
- 273.9 It was noted that many of the young people in the village do not attend the Youth Club. Cllr. Please stated that the service did not seem to provide the Parish Council with 'best value'.
- 273.10 It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and **RESOLVED**, that suspension of the Youth Club meetings should be continued until the Parish Council is sure of the direction in which it will travel, with regards to the Youth Club and that payment of any outstanding invoices should be withheld until the Parish

Council is provided (by the YMCA) with a set of proposals, outlining how the situation can be changed and which are acceptable to the Parish Council. Unanimous. **Agreed.**

273.11 It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk would write to Mr. Sorsby.

274.0 Planning – None

275.0 Planning Determinations – noted

276.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE:

276.1 To receive the I&E Statement for February 2018

It was **proposed** by Cllr Please, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and **RESOLVED** that the I & E Statement for February should be accepted. Unanimous. **Carried.**

276.2 To approve payment of the following invoices:

400531	Rockbeare Village Hall – Youth Club	55.00
400532	Rockbeare Village Hall - M&T	15.00
400533	Pollards	238.00
400534	Clerk Salary	345.68
400535	Expenses	82.70
400536	HMRC	56.40
400537	YMCA	1375.00
Total		£2,167.78

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Please, **seconded** by Cllr. Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the payment schedule for March 2018 should be approved. Unanimous. **CARRIED**

277.0 Correspondence

277.1 Mr Jonathan Ruscoe – Defibrillators

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Jonathan Ruscoe. Members considered the matter and elected to consider the matter at a later date.

277.2 Mrs Jarvis - Trees on the Millennium Field

It was **agreed** that the Chairman would contact Mrs Jarvis and inspect the trees. The Clerk is to provide the Chairman with the parishioner's contact details.

278.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan has been passed by EDDC to the Independent Examiner.

279.0 Highways Issues

- 279.1 Cllr. Forrest reported that the meeting with Sir Hugo Swire MO will take place on Friday 20th April 2018, between 11 am and 4 pm at Rockbeare Village Hall. The Parish Clerk is to book the venue.
- 279.2 Cllr Forrest reported that Devon Highways had undertaken repairs to Ragg Lane but that this work needs to be finished. He also reported that the bridge had not yet been repaired, nor had the 7.5 Ton weight restriction between the Ridge and Westcott been implemented. This has resulted in a substantial number of very large lorries entering the village.
- 279.3 It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Please and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk should correspond with Devon Highways in to request that the works are carried out. Unanimous. **Carried.**

280.0 The Marriage of HRH Prince Henry of Wales

- 280.1 The Clerk advised the Members that she had received two quotations for commemorative mugs from Brand Impressions.
- 280.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Please, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should accept the lower of the two quotes and purchase 144 mugs for the sum of £403.56 plus VAT. Unanimous. **Carried.**

281.0 Flooding Update

- 281.1 Mr. Ivan Randall addressed the Parish Council, that both Gribble Lane and Westcott Lane had now been tarmaced. He added that he had asked Devon Highways to build a camber on the road and, as a result, 50 – 60% of the water on Rewe Lane was now entering the ditch.
- 281.2 Mr. Randall reported that he had cleared the trash screen. He added that a Marsh Green resident has offered to keep the screen clear, if a rake is provided at the site.
- 281.3 Mr. Randall requested that a letter of thanks should be sent to Helen Selby (Devon Highways).
- 281.4 It was **agreed** that the Clerk would provide Kennford Tarmacadam with an order number for works to be carried out.
- 281.5 It was reported that the drain cover, at the entrance to the allotments in Rockbeare, is sinking. The cover itself is a pedestrian grade cover. However, there have been a substantial number of vehicles being driven over the same. Therefore, it is suggested that Devon Highways should be asked to install a 'Highways' Grade cover at the site. A broken drain cover, on the west side, going into Rookwood Drive, was also alluded to.

281.6 It was reported that the ditches at Parsons Lane have been cleared. The litter-pick was organized by Delia Noel. It was **agreed** that a letter of thanks should be forwarded to Mrs. Noel.

269.0 Questions from the Public

287 Mr Ivan Randall asked why all children at Rockbears Primary/ Pre- School were being given a commemorative mug, when some of the children do not live in the Parish. He was advised that Members felt that it would be unfair to give mugs to some children and not to others.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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