



**ROCKBEARE
PARISH COUNCIL**

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MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE 2018

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

Also, in attendance – eight members of the public and Cllr. S. Randall-Johnson (Devon County Council)

Carolyn Y. May: Clerk

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ray Bloxham (Devon County Council)

317.0 MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 16th May 2018**, at Rockbeare Village Hall were considered.

It was **proposed by:** Cllr. Please, **seconded** by Cllr. Allen and **RESOLVED** that 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)

318.0 REPORTS:

318.1 Chairman's Report

Cllr Wollen reported that, on Friday the 18th May 2018, he and Cllr. Please had attended at Rockbeare Primary School to present Royal Wedding commemorative mugs to all of the children in the Primary and Pre-Schools.

The mugs were well received by both the children and the staff and the Parish Council later received a portfolio of thankyou letters from the children.

Mugs were also provided to the children who attend the Mother & Toddler Group in the village.

318.2 County Councillor's Report (Cllr Bloxham):

- DCC corporate scrutiny has set up a task group of four councillors to look at speeding on Devon's roads. Cllr Bloxham is a member that group.

- Cllr Bloxham is continuing work with the Broadband and Mobile Phone task group, focusing now on mobile coverage.
- Further task groups have been set up to look at the Highway maintenance contract, gaming and air quality.
- Tour of Britain route will include the London
- The Local Action Group (LAG) at Cranbrook is looking at anti - social behaviour including boy racers. Clyst Honiton PC has asked to join in the work and the LAG would welcome input from other surrounding parishes.
- Cranbrook Town Council is trying to enhance youth services and again there is an invitation to surrounding parishes to join in that work.

319.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

319.1 To consider and make comment on planning applications.

Reference	18/1095/FUL
Application Validated	Fri 18 May 2018
Address	Ford Farm Gribble Lane Rockbeare Exeter EX5 2ER
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It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would not comment on these applications.

319.2 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS - Noted

320.0 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2017/18

320.1 Members considered the Annual Accounting Statements for 2017/18, presented by the Parish Clerk.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Please, **seconded** by Cllr. Readman and **RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance Statements for 2017/18 would be approved. Unanimous. **Carried**

320.2 Cllr Please, seconded by Cllr. Wollen thanked the Clerk for her work, enabling the Annual Return to be submitted.

321.0 Correspondence

321.1 Letter from EDDC – noted

322.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

322.1 Cllr. Readman reported that, after 4 years, it has been confirmed that the Rockbeare Neighbourhood Plan has now been approved. The [word] has confirmed that the Plan fits with both National Planning Policy and the Local Plan and that the process will now proceed to a referendum, which will **possibly** be held in August 2018.

322.2 During the referendum process, the Parish Council must be seen to actively lobby for an approval vote.

322.3 Cllr. Readman advised the Members that we should now be using the Planning Policies created within the document, and adopted by the Parish Council, when reaching planning decisions over the next 20 years.

323.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE:

323.1 To receive the I&E Statement for May 2018

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

323.2 To approve payment of the following invoices:

400705	Rockbeare Village Hall	5.00
400706	HMRC	18.00
400707	HMRC	16.00
400708	Clerk Salary	1,237.91
400710	Clerk Expenses	101.00
400711	Colin Please- Grass Cutting	125.00
400712	John Robertson – Grass Cutting	200.00
	TOTAL	1,702.911

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

324.0 Highways Issues

314.1 Cllr Forrest advised the Members that Wragg Lane has still not been entirely tarmacked. This may be as a result of a problem with a 25-35 ft long drainage pipe, which requires clearing. This task will require the services of a specialist drainage company. Cllr Forrest was of the opinion that the cost of such an operation should be borne by either EDDC or Devon Council Highways. It was **agreed** that Cllr Forrest would raise this with Helen Selby (Devon Highways Officer) at their planned meeting.

314.2 Cllr Forrest advised the meeting that, despite the views of Helen Selby, the roads at Westcott are too narrow for large lorries. Vehicles becoming stuck in the area, and unable to turn, can close the road at Westcott Green for many hours, before assistance can be obtained remove them. Cllr Forrest alluded to the closure of the airport road, once the FAB

Project construction commences. He stated that, because of access requirements, it was necessary to ensure that Quarter Mile Lane and the road at Westcott are kept clear.

325.0 YMCA

325.1 The Clerk advised Members that a cheque had been sent to the YMCA, in full and final settlement of outstanding accounts and that there had been no response, from the YMCA, to the covering letter. The Clerk stated that she intends to correspond with the YMCA finance department, in order to request a receipt for the cheque.

326.0 Turkey Lane Slurry Pit

326.1 The Clerk advised Members that EDDC had not responded to her enquiry relating to the Slurry Pit. She had spoken with the Environment Agency, which had in turn referred her to EDDC.

326.2 Cllr. Randall-Johnson (DCC) suggested that the Clerk should correspond with the Devon Farmers Union Committee about the matter.

327.0 Flooding Update

327.1 Mr Ivan Randall advised the Members that work was continuing at Parsons Lane, with drainage to the north side of the lane being addressed. Mr Randall explained that the work being carried out included herring-boning, to direct any water on the road to the ditch on the south side of the lane. A number of drains are also being installed to prevent water crossing the lane.

327.2 Mr Randall reported that the work carried out at Silver Lane had proven successful. The road had been raised approximately 6 inches and the Estate had cleared out the ditches. Therefore, the area did not experience any great problems during the recent rain.

327.3 It was noted that the A30 Bridge had been repaired.

327.4 The bridge at Gribble Lane has also been repaired and the feeling was that a good job had been done. It was suggested that a letter of thanks should be sent to Helen Selby.

328.0 Questions from the Public

328.1 One Parishioner requested to be advised permitted to access his property, with a mini-digger, through the Millennium Field at Marsh Green. Permission was granted by the Parish Council. However, the parishioner was advised that the fence of the property will have to be reinstated within the constraints of the original boundary posts. The condition was agreed to.

328.2 Another Parishioner raised the issue of a letter, sent by the Parish Council, to EDDC. This had resulted in their having received a visit from EDDC Officers. The Chairman alluded to a letter received from EDDC and stated that the matter was now closed.

328.3 The condition of the Millennium Field was raised. One parishioner stated that he had offered to cut the field, if the Parish Council would purchase a ride on mower. Cllr Wollen stated that the issue of the Millennium Field would be discussed under a Part 2 arrangement at the next Parish Council Meeting.

328.4 A discussion was initiated in respect of the trees on the Millennium Field. Cllr Wollen advised that the Parish Council arrange for a survey of the same to be carried out.

328.5 Cllr Randall-Johnson advised those present that a Road Warden scheme is in existence to encourage people to take ownership of the roads, in relation to day to day inspections etc. Training for the

volunteers will be provided by DCC. She also alluded to the Locality Budget and Capital Funding Schemes.

- 328.6 Cllr Forrest raised the matter of youth behaviour at Rockbeare Village Hall and suggested that the Parish Council considers installing CCTV. It was pointed out that the Manor Estates permission would have to be sought along with the permission of the Village Hall Committee.
- 328.7 Cllr Please stated that there is to be a meeting at Ottery St Mary Institute on 24th June 2018, about the Hospital being used as a Hub for clinics. There are two sessions organised for discussion, 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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