



**ROCKBEARE
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**MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
19 AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30PM AT ROCKBEARE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr David Mason (in the chair) and Cllrs Dave Mace, Colin Please, Mark Readman and Jeremy Wollen

Also in attendance: Cllr Chris Pepper (EDDC) and 1 member of the public.

Mrs J Morris: Clerk

- 39. APOLOGIES accepted from:** Cllrs Jonathan Allen and Naomi Allen (personal) and Cllrs: Maria Hale (EDDC) and Peter Bowden (DCC)
- 40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Wollen declared a personal interest in respect of planning application no. 15/1466/FUL as he lives close to the application site.
- 41. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 15 July 2015** were approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

NOTE: Cllr Wollen confirmed that the notice board attached to the primary school wall is secure. To make it more secure would mean drilling the wall and he is reluctant to do this as the wall is the school's property.

42. REPORTS

- (i) Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's report included:
- Archants, publishers of the Cranbrook Herald were unable to assist with parish newsletter.
 - Along with other members of the Exeter Airport Consultative Group had been on a conducted tour of Cranbrook, Skypark and the Science Park to see the development surrounding the airport: airport passenger numbers gradually improving, back to 800,000 per annum.
 - Approached EDDC to establish how the Appeal against refusal of planning application for housing development on land at High Bank, Rockbeare is being dealt with. There will now be a hearing and another inspector will need to be appointed who will need to visit the site.
- (ii) Police Report:** None.
- (iii) County/District Councillor Reports:** East Devon District Cllr C Pepper has previously circulated a written report to members, his verbal report included:
- Building of a new primary school at West Clyst going ahead.
 - Broadclyst Parish Council has secured the services of two lengthsman, establish whether it would be possible to buy time for them to carry out work in Rockbeare.
 - Devon County Council will no longer be cutting grass verges, discussion ensued about ensuring that poisonous weeds such as ragwort are removed.

- (iv) **Cranbrook Scrutiny Review Meeting on 11 August:** Cllr Noami Allen had attended to represent the Parish Council, she had sent a written report which was circulated to all those present. Issues raised and discussed at the meeting had included: traffic and parking problems, anti-social behavior, isolation, lack of adequate health provision, lack of jobs and public transport.

43. PLANNING

- (i) **To consider and make comment on any planning applications received since the date of this agenda.**

15/1312/FUL	Erection of 3 no. dwelling at the Old Forge, London Road	The Council noted that the previous application was for 4 houses and that this one was for only part of the site. Whilst it does not have any sustainable objections to the proposal in view of the recent history, it has some concerns as to the future of the remainder of the site which is affected by a sewer running beneath it.
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- (ii) **To receive details of planning applications that required a response before the date of this meeting**

15/1466/FUL	Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to garden at 20 Rookwood Lane	The Council responded to a similar application no. 15/00551/COU for 22 Rookwood expressing concern that, if the application was approved then a precedent would be set as the agricultural land is outside the development boundary. As the application was approved the precedent has now been set and the Parish Council feels that there would be little point in objecting to this application.
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- (iii) **Determinations: To receive details of any planning decisions**

15/1459/CPL	Certificate of lawfulness for the construction of an outbuilding for storage at Southside, Rockbeare Hill	Approved
15/1013/FUL	Retrospective application for retention of chalet building, parking area and septic tank at Pebbleoak, Rockbeare	Refused
15/1414/LBC	Remove concrete render and replace with lime plaster at Yeomans Cottage, Marsh Green	Approved

- (iv) **East Devon Villages Plan: To approve response on consultation for defining built-up area boundaries for villages and small towns:** The consultation identifies settlements where built-up area boundaries are to be defined in the Village Plan. Rockbeare is not included in the list and, when considering development proposals the policies relevant to development in the countryside will apply. The Council is happy to accept this status quo.
- (v) **Gypsy and traveller accommodation – Development Plan:** Discussion included preference for small sites pepper potted across the east Devon area. The Chairman offered to draft a response for circulation and approval at the next meeting.
- (vi) **Neighbourhood Plan: To approve draft questionnaire and agree way forward:** Draft questionnaire was circulated and discussed. Estimate obtained for printing, a second estimate to be obtained. Freepost labels have been organised. Clerk to contact Rockbeare Primary School to find out if they would be willing to act as a drop-off point for completed questionnaires, they can also be left at the Chairman's home.
- (vii) **Any other planning matters.** None

44. BUSINESS & FINANCE

- (i) **To receive financial statement for July 2015**

RESOLVED: That the financial statement for July 2015 is approved.

(ii) **RESOLVED:** That payments for August 2015 are approved as follows:

400352	Mrs J Morris (salary)	360.04
400353	Grant Thornton (audit)	240.00
400354	Broadclyst Parish Council (youth project)	100.00
	TOTAL	700.04

(iii) **Annual Audit: To receive the External Audit Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2015**

RESOLVED: That the completion of audit and the external auditor certificate and opinion 2014/15 is noted.

(iv) **TAP Fund 2015.16: To consider suitable projects:** Defer until the next meeting.

(v) **Grant:** To consider request from Rockbeare Primary School to fund the purchase of commemorative coins to mark the occasion for our longest reigning monarch.

RESOLVED: That 100 commemorative coins costing £1.99 each (plus £7.50) carriage are ordered for the pupils at Rockbeare Primary School to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II becoming Britain's longest reigning Monarch. Proposed Cllr Colin Please, seconded Cllr Jeremy Wollen.

45. **PARISH NEWSLETTER: To receive update and consider ways to provide Rockbeare with a community newsletter.** Both Cranbrook and Aylesbeare have been approached about a joint newsletter but neither are able to help. Consider writing a newsletter ourselves and organise delivery arrangements.

46. **EAST DEVON REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES: To approve response to consultation.**

RESOLVED: That the two venues currently used i.e. Marsh Green and Rockbeare Village Halls are the most suitable premises in the local area for the purpose of polling stations.

47. **HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS: To accept items to report.** None

48. **ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

48.1 **Health and Safety:** To accept items for action

48.2 **Any other environment/community facility matters:**

(i) **Sandbags: To consider whether a further supply is required:** No additional sandbags are needed as we still have the ones given to the parish by EDDC last year.

(ii) **Hedge cutting: To receive response from Devon County Council:** It is the responsibility of the land owner to cut back the hedges, Devon County Council will not undertake this work. Letter of thanks to be sent to the owner of the Manor for regularly cutting back the hedges etc.

49. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) **South West Highways:** Road closure due to essential highways works being carried out in Southbrook Road 1-11 September.

(ii) **Cranbrook Town Council:** Invitation to attend a Joint Parishes social event on 26 August.

50. **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

SIGNED _____ Date: _____