



**ROCKBEARE  
PARISH COUNCIL**

## Appendix A

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### **MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

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

**Also in attendance** – Two members of the public.

**Carolyn Y. May: Clerk**

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Mark Readman

**258.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Please declared an interest in matter 7.1 on the agenda.

**259.0 MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**, at Rockbeare Village Hall were considered.

**259.1** It was **proposed by:** Cllr. Allan, **seconded** by Cllr. Please 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)

**260.0 REPORTS:**

**260.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported the resignation of Cllr. Janette Kirk-Willis, who has elected to leave the Parish Council due to work commitments.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Exeter Airport Consultative Committee meeting on 21 February 2018. The following matters were discussed:

- Airport usage figures are well up at present;
- The issue of Long Lane was alluded to, with EDDC, Cornwall Council and Highways England undertaking to widen and repair the road.

- The FAB Project has been placed on hold for a minimum of twelve months and may not go ahead at all. This is due to the current situation surrounding BREXIT.
- Noise complaints have been received from residents. It has been maintained that there is an unacceptable level of noise and light pollution emanating from the airport during the hours of darkness. It was suggested by the complainant that the noise is a result of engine testing. The Airport Executive has confirmed that such testing is not undertaken at night but that the noise may result from tarmac operations being undertaken to resurface the runways, resurfacing work at the airport will be completed by the third week in March 2018.
- Problems with regards to Flybe bookings were discussed. A new system is to be installed.
- The Flybe fleet is to be reduced.

260.2 Cllr Allan reported that he and Mr Ivan Randall had undertaken a survey of areas in the parish, which are prone to flooding. They had also met with Helen Selby (Cornwall Council Highways). It was reported that Helen Selby had been extremely helpful and had been predisposed to assist with matters as the parish was willing to 'do things for ourselves'.  
Mr Randall thanked Cllr Allan for his attendance.

260.3 No other reports had been received.

### 261.0 Planning

	<b>18/0257/FUL</b>
<b>Application Validated</b>	05 Feb 2018
<b>Address</b>	Rockbeare Retreat, London Road, Rockbeare, Exeter EX5 2EA
<b>Proposal</b>	Construction of orangery extension

It was agreed that the Parish Council would make no comment in relation to this matter.

	<b>18/0334/LBC</b>
<b>Application Validated</b>	16 Feb 2018
<b>Address</b>	Home Farm, Rockbeare Manor, Rockbeare, Exeter EX5 2FE
<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed change of use of estate workshop into managers accommodation including external alterations and formation of glazed link to existing squash court/ games room.

	<b>18/0333/FUL</b>
<b>Application Validated</b>	16 Feb 2018
<b>Address</b>	Home Farm, Rockbeare Manor, Rockbeare, Exeter EX5 2FE
<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed change of use of estate workshop into managers accommodation including external alterations and formation of glazed link to existing squash court/ games room.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr. Please and **RESOLVED** that the applications would be supported. Unanimous. Carried

	<b>18/0300/FUL</b>
<b>Application Validated</b>	16 Feb 2018
<b>Address</b>	Land east of Highbank Bridge View, Rockbeare, Exeter EX5 2UJ
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of 5 dwelling houses, construction of access and associated works.

The application was considered by the Members. Cllr. Allan highlighted two issues:

1. The proposed underground absorption tank. This is an underground pit, designed to absorb water. However, there is a likelihood that this will fill with mud and create an on-going maintenance problem, resulting in a greater amount of run-off water flowing into Rockbeare.

Members were advised by Mr Ivan Randall that the composition of the ground in the area is clay, to a depth of approximately 2 feet. This would result in water being unable to drain from the absorption tank until the same is full and overflows.

2. The proposal to keep the access as a private road. This would result in the road never being adopted by EDDC which, may result in problems later.

It was **agreed** that a straw-pole on the matter would be held, with all views being forwarded to the Clerk by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

It was further **agreed** that the Clerk would ascertain the answer to the following question:

a. How long is the maintenance agreement for the access to last?

It was also **agreed** that the Parish Council is to request that it is made the custodian of a Restrictive Covenant on the road.

**262.0 Planning Determinations – noted**

**263.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE:**

**263.1 To receive the I&E Statement for February 2018**

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

263.2 **To approve payment of the following invoices:**

400515	Rockbeare Village Hall - Paid	10.00
400515	Rockbeare Village Hall - Paid	20.00
400526	Marsh Green Village Hall Hire	90.00
400527	Pollards	238.00
400528	Clerk Salary	421.95
400528	Expenses	82.70
400529	HMRC	56.40
400530	YMCA	1375.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2264.05</b>

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

263.3 The Clerk advised Members that she had received a letter and invoice from the YMCA, relating to historic charges for provision of the Youth Club service in Rockbeare. The invoices had not been provided to the Clerk previously and represented the Parish Council's contribution for April/ June 2017 and July/ September 2017.

Cllr. Forrest stated that that the provision of funding for the Youth Club represented a major problem. He maintained that the Parish Council is spending £11,000 p.a. of parishioner's money but that Members do not know where that money is being spent. Cllr Forrest stated that it was his contention that the money was being utilised for children in other parishes. He suggested that no monies were paid to the YMCA until such times as the Parish Council receives a cohesive plan, setting out where the money is being spent.

Cllr Allan pointed out that the cost of the service to the Parish is £5,000, not £11,000. The latter is the total cost of the service, with £7,000 being raised by the YMCA. He added that he and Cllr Readman had met with Gareth Sorsby to discuss and agree on a short-term re-vamp of the Youth Club in the village. It was, however, conceded that the Parish Council has received no recent activity reports from the YMCA and that the Parish Council requires an accurate document, accounting for both activity and attendance.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Allen, **seconded** by Cllr Please and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should show good faith to the YMCA and make a payment of 50% of the invoice (£1,375.00). Three in favour, one against. **Carried**. (Cllr Forrest requested that it be recorded in the Minutes that he opposes any payment to the YMCA, until the Parish Council is advised of who to, how and where the service is being provided).

It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk should correspond with Gareth Sorsby, outlining the Council's position and requesting the information referred to above.

## 264.0 Correspondence

- 264.1 The Parish Clerk read out a request for funding from Marsh Green Village Hall Secretary. The need for new fire-doors and flame-retardant seating for the facility was highlighted.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Allan, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and RESOLVED that the sum of £3,384.00 should be awarded to Marsh Green Village Hall. The necessary purchases to be made by the Parish Council, so that VAT can be recovered. Three in favour, one abstention. **Carried.**

- 264.2 The Clerk advised the Members that the contribution of £1,000 had been received from the FAB Project, in relation to the damage to Westcott Green.

## 265.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted. A 6-week external examination of plan prior to appointment of independent reviewer, has commenced.

## 266.0 Highways Issues

- 266.1 Cllr Forrest reported that Highways appear to have made a start on the road repairs. Ditches have been dug out and the road has been marked.
- 266.2 Cllr. Forrest reported that two drain pipes of approx. 12 inches in width are blocked at the Westcott side of Ragg Lane, across from The Coach House; causing flooding to the road and threatening the property. He felt that these could have been compromised by clippings from the hedge.

Cllr Forrest suggested that the pipes might require jetting (30 – 40 feet in length). It was **agreed** that Cllr Wollen would contact Helen Selby in relation to this proposal.

It was suggested by Mr. Ivan Randall that a solution to the problem would be to dig a 'catch pit' at either end of the stretch, to collect mud/ debris. This would allow any water to flow along the pipe unhindered, the pressure from the water keeping the pipe clear. The catch pits could be easily cleared out.

- 266.3 Cllr Forrest reported that Devon Highways had dumped approximately 80 Tons of ploughings (contaminated soil) on a verge at Westcott. He added that he felt that the action had been illegal. Cllr Forrest requested that the Parish Council should correspond with Highways, stating that the position is not accepted and requesting that they place topsoil on the area, re-seed the same and undertake not to dump ploughings out the site in the future.

Mr. Ivan Randall asked who the site belonged to, suspecting it was owned by the Highways Department. He added that this was a practice used frequently.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Allen and RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk would contact the Environment Agency and determine the legality of Devon Highway's actions and ascertain whether the authority has the right to move ploughings from one place to another. Unanimous. **Carried**

266.4 Cllr Forrest raised the issue of the naming of Westcott Lane and Watery Lane on local maps. He suggested that the maps should reflect the accurate names of the areas.

#### **267.0 The Marriage of HRH Prince Henry of Wales**

267.1 Cllr Please raised the possibility of a commemorative mug being commissioned by the Parish Council and each child at Rockbeare Primary School receiving one.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk would follow this matter up, obtaining quotations for the same and establishing how many children attended Rockbeare Primary and Pre- school.

#### **268.0 Flooding Update**

268.1 Mr. Ivan Randall addressed the Parish Council, referring to his report, circulated prior to the meeting. He alluded to the successful meeting with Helen Selby and advised the Members of a quotation for the work to the ditches, that had been agreed to by Helen Selby.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should contact Kennford Tarmacing in order to arrange for the work to be carried out. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr Wollen asked for the thanks of the Parish Council to be extended to both Cllr Allan and Mr. Randall and for the same to be recorded in the Minutes.

#### **269.0 Questions from the Public**

269.1 Mr Ivan Randall stated that his comments had not been recorded in the Minutes for the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The Clerk advised Mr Randall that there was no obligation for comments made in the Public Section of the meeting to be recorded as these did not form part of the meeting proper. The Clerk referred to Knowles on Local Authority Meetings: Eighth Edition; Para 8.3.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.