



**ROCKBEARE
PARISH COUNCIL**

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MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Also, in attendance – Two members of the public.

Parish Clerk: Carolyn May

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ray Bloxham (Devon County Council)

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation Session:

Mr Ivan Randall asked if, considering the Public Participation Session having been moved to the start of the meeting, the public will be able to participate in discussions during the meeting proper. He was advised that such action was not permissible.

Mr Randall referred to a recent Planning Application which has been approved by EDDC but was objected to by the Parish Council.

Mr Randall suggested that the Parish Council should erect street names to avoid confusion. He referred to local lanes. Mr Randall suggested that the matter should be placed on the Agenda for discussion. Members advised that the onus for erecting street signage did not fall upon the Parish Council. Rather, it was the duty of EDDC to maintain the same. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to EDDC requesting that suitable signs be erected.

Mr Randall raised the matter of the construction of an attenuation pond on the Millennium Field at Marsh Green, to store storm/ flood water. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would discuss the matter with both the Environment Agency and the Parish Council's insurers. It was pointed out that a previous suggestion to build a pond at the site had raised objections from local people. There are also issues of Health & Safety. Therefore, local s would have to be consulted with in relation to the same.

Mr Randall stated that the public turnout for Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was disappointing, given the time, trouble and cost incurred in the formulation of the same. Cllr. Readman pointed out that a 31% turnout is higher than that in many other areas.

AGENDA

338.0 MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th July 2018, at Rockbeare Village Hall were considered.

The following corrections to the Minutes were noted:

- Para 362.2 Helen Selby is employed by Devon County Council, not EDDC.
- Para 327.1 – *ibid*.

It was **proposed by**: Cllr. Please **seconded** by Cllr. Forrest and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes, with the amendments referred to above) 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)

339.0 REPORTS:

339.1 **Chairman's Report** - No report made

340.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

340.1 **To consider and make comment on planning applications** - None

340.2 **PLANNING DETERMINATIONS** - Noted

341.0 Arboriculture Services – Millennium Field

341.1 Cllr Wollen reported that the required work had been carried out at the Millennium Field, with the cost of the same having been met, in the short term, by Mr & Mrs Jarvis. It was **agreed** the Cllr Wollen would request the Arboriculturalist's invoice from Mr & Mrs Jarvis and that, upon receipt of the same, the Parish Council would reimburse them for the cost of the work.

342.0 Correspondence:

342.1 **Youth Services Discussion** – The Clerk reported that a meeting of all interested parties is to be set up. Apparently, several Parishes have expressed an interest in the discussions. Cllrs Wollen and Forrest have been registered as the parties attending any meeting on behalf of Rockbeare Parish Council.

342.2 The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the occupier of Danson House, requesting that the tree, which is overhanging his boundary, is trimmed. It is alleged that the tree is the property of the Parish Council. It was **agreed** that Cllr Wollen would investigate the matter.

342.3 The Clerk advised the Members that Mr Mark Cornish had acknowledged the cessation of part payment, by the Parish Council, of the hall hire costs for the M&T Group.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would continue to pay the contribution towards the hall hire charges for the M&T Group. Unanimous. **Carried**.

343.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

343.1 Cllr Wollen requested that a round of applause be given to Cllr Readman for all the work that had been undertaken and for the success of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

343.2 The results of the Referendum are recorded as follows:

Turnout	31.51% (225 parishioners)
Ballot Papers Issued	225
Spoiled Ballot Papers	01

Question

Do you want East Devon District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Rockbeare to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

Votes Recorded	Percentage
Number cast in favour of a Yes 204	91.07
Number cast in favour of a No 20	8.93

And it was declared that more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan.

344.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE:

344.1 To approve the Finance Statement for August 2018

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

344.2 To approve payment of invoices as follows:

400720	Clerks' Salary	345.48
400721	Clerks Expenses	82.70
400718	Pollards (Printing)	184.00
400717	C.J. Please (Grass Cutting)	100.00
400719	RVH	15.00
	TOTAL	£727.18

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

345.0 Highways Issues

- 345.1 Cllr Forrest reported that several of the previously discussed matters still have not been addressed. The blocked drain pipe at Westcott is still a matter of concern. Cllr Please suggested that a Jetter could be hired to have the pipe cleared. However, Cllr Forrest advised that the pipe was the responsibility of Devon Highways and that there was no way of knowing if the pipe would collapse if jetted. It was agreed that the matter should be addressed by Highways.
- 345.2 The Clerk advised the meeting that she had been in touch with Helen Selby and had attempted to set up the requested meeting. Unfortunately, Helen has been on leave for a fortnight. Helen wished to bring her line Manager to the meeting and was trying to arrange this. She will correspond with the Clerk in early course.
- 345.3 Cllr Forrest raised the matter of a CCTV Camera being placed at Rockbeare Village Hall. It was asked if there was a diminished reason for siting a camera, now that the problems appear to have been resolved. The Clerk advised that the permission of the RVH Committee would have to be sought, prior to the installation of a camera. Cllr. Allen raised the issue of funding for the same.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would ascertain if the funding stream, offered by Devon and Cornwall Police, was time constrained/ available and would contact Mr Mark Cornish to determine the views of the RVH Committee, in relation to the installation of a camera.

346.0 Flooding Update

- 346.1 Mr Ivan Randall reported that the drainage issues from Lyons Farm to Manor Gate have now been addressed, with seven gullies having been dug on the southside of the road and three on the opposite side. It is hoped that these will pick up the water that currently covers the trash screen. A 'herring boning system' has been created and ditches re-dug to direct water away from the area and into the stream.
- 346.2 Mr Randall stated that he had spoken with a representative from Kennford Tarmacadam Ltd, and with Helen Selby, about ditch clearing in the area. Helen Selby had given permission for work to be done (within the budget sum held by the Parish Council). Mr Randall stated that work would not be carried out in the area, until the hedges have been cut.
- 346.3 Mr Randall raised the issues of;
- the amount of litter in the area;
 - The manhole cover outside the allotments not having been replaced;
 - The handrail on the north side of Parsons Lane bridge is still in a state of disrepair;
 - Road signage.
- 346.4 Cllr Forrest asked if the Clerk would correspond with Devon County Council and the FAB Project (Chris Jenner) to request the Plan for the FAB Project, including;
- Schedule of Road Closures;
 - Alternative Access;
 - The plans for Back Lane

The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Cllr Allen raised the issue of the Public Session being rescheduled to the beginning of the meeting.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

347.0 Public Session

- 347.1 It was **proposed** by Cllr Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Please and **RSOLVED** that the Public Session would be held at the beginning of Parish Meetings. Cllr Allen requested that his opposition to the proposal was noted by the Clerk. Four in favour, one opposed. **Carried**

The Meeting closed at 08:42 pm

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 17th October