



**ROCKBEARE  
PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman: Jeremy Wollen

Clerk: Carolyn May  
A2, Victoria Advent House, Station Approach. Victoria,  
Roche, Cornwall PL26 8LG  
Telephone: 01726 210135  
Email: [clerk@rockbeare.eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rockbeare.eastdevon.gov.uk)  
Web: [clerk@rockbeare.eastdevon.gov.uk](http://clerk@rockbeare.eastdevon.gov.uk)

## MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Ron Forrest, Susan Wollen,

**Also:** Cllr Richard Lawrence (EDDC) and three members of the public

**Parish Clerk:** Carolyn Y. May

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Colin Please, Cllr. Simon Brodie. Cllr. Sarah Randall-Johnson (CC)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

Two members of the public attended the meeting in order to discuss the Parish boundary, at London Road.

A recent notification to householders in the area of London Road, indicated that their properties now come into Cranbrook, rather than Rockbeare Parish. The parishioners questioned when this had happened, and clearly indicated that they did not wish to be subsumed into Cranbrook.

Members, and Cllr Lawrence, discussed the matter. It is clear that there is a lack of clarity in respect of the properties bordering the 'Green Wedge', with the border itself being irregular. Cllr Lawrence advised that properties would not be taken from one parish and placed in another jurisdiction, without some consultation being undertaken with householders, by EDDC.

### **AGENDA**

#### **640.0 MINUTES**

640.1 The Minutes of the meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were considered.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Forrest, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

#### **641.0 REPORTS**

#### 641.1 **Chairman's Report –**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Forrest for his substantial contribution to the Ford Oaks Solar Farm debate, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. The research and presentation of questions by Cllr Forrest went above and beyond. The Chairman requested that his thanks be recorded.

#### 641.2 **District Councillor Report**

Cllr Lawrence reported that, despite his objection to the same, the Planning Application for the establishment of a dog walking field, next to the Old Rectory, Rockbeare, had been approved by the Planning Committee of EDDC.

Members felt that the decision had not properly considered the objections raised, particularly in respect of site management and the removal of dog waste.

**County Councillor Report –** Received after the meeting (attached).

#### **642.0 PLANNING**

642.1 Planning Matter 21/2236 MRES- The Parish Council objects to this application.

642.2 Planning Matter 22/0173/FUL- The Parish Council does not object to this application.

642.3 Planning Matter 21/3041/FUL- The Parish Council does not wish to comment on this application.

642.4 Planning Decisions - Noted

#### **643.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk read out a letter received from Mr Chris Parker, a resident of Westcott, who set out his objections to the proposed Ford Oaks Solar Plan. The objections were predicated upon the scale of the proposal; the mechanics of the projects' fulfilment and the impact of the transportation of materials on the local infrastructure.

A copy of the letter was provided to Cllr Lawrence (EDDC).

#### **644.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

644.1 Members considered the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation.

**It was proposed by Cllr Susan Wollen, seconded by Cllr Forrest, and RESOLVED that the schedule of payments would be accepted, and the liabilities discharged. Unanimous. Carried.**

644.2 The Bank Reconciliation was accepted.

#### **645.0 PROPOSED CPRE MEMBERSHIP**

645.1 Cllr Forrest advised the meeting that Membership of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) was an organisation that could assist the Parish Council in respect of matters which threaten the countryside in the Parish. The organisation can provide good advice and support.

- 645.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr Forrest, **seconded** by Cllr. J Wollen and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would seek Membership of the CPRE Organisation as soon as possible. Unanimous. **Carried**
- 646.0 PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE AN APPROPRIATE SOUND/ RECORDING/ VOTING SYSTEM –** deferred until March 2022 meeting.
- 647.0 TRIP FUNDING APPLICATION**
- 647.1 Members discussed the application made by TRIP, for financial support. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had, as requested at the Parish Councils' January 2022 meeting, sought the further information requested by Members.
- 647.2 It was felt that the lack of Members present was not conducive to a balanced decision being made at that juncture. It was agreed that the matter would be deferred until the March 2022 meeting.
- 648.0 PLAYGROUP FUNDING –** deferred indefinitely, due to discussions being held between the Playgroup and Rockbears Primary School.
- 649.0 PARKING UPDATE**
- 649.1 Cllr Susan Wollen advised the meeting that she had been approached by a parishioner, who had enquired about the possibility of the Parish Council placing 'board-walks', at the back of the Church, in the field from the Vet's Practice, on London Road, to the road by Rockbears Primary School. To reduce the amount of traffic entering the village at the beginning and end of the school day, an arrangement has been made with the Vet Practice, which allows parents to park in the Surgery car park, so that the children can walk through the field to school. This is the route taken by many of the children from Cranbrook, who attend Rockbears School (that group comprises almost 80% of the school roll).
- It was stated that the field in question belongs to the farmer, and it is not within the remit of the Parish Council to place such structures on the land without the permission of the farmer.
- 650.0 STREET LIGHTING UPDATE**
- 650.1 The Clerk is still awaiting the list of addresses for tenants to be consulted with, in respect of the matter. Cllr. Susan Wollen undertook to supply these.
- 651.0** It was **proposed** by Cllr J. Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr. Forrest, and RESOLVED that, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Parish Council would enter into Committee Discussion. This decision was made in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Unanimous. **Carried**

**At 6.55 p.m the Public and the Press were requested to leave the venue.**

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS (Part II)**

- 652.0 Appointment of Vice Chairman –** It was **proposed** by Cllr J. Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr S. Wollen and RESOLVED that Cllr Ron Forrest would be appointed to the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**652.1** It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would seek to fill existing vacancies as soon as practicable. Mrs Fan Ratcliffe has been nominated to serve with the Parish Council and her application will be progressed.

7.06 pm The Meeting exited the Confidential session.

7.10 pm The meeting closed

**Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Rockbeare Village Hall, commencing at 6 pm.**