



**ROCKBEARE  
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## **MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Colin Please, Mark Readman (remote), Ron Forrest, Susan Wollen, Simon Brodie and Phil Franklin

Also: Cllr. Richard Lawrence (EDDC) and two Members of the Public

**Parish Clerk:** Carolyn Y. May

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (Devon County Council)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

**Cllr. Richard Lawrence (EDDC)**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Richard Lawrence to the meeting, congratulating him on his becoming the EDDC Councillor for the area.

Cllr Lawrence thanked the Chairman and provided a brief resume of his Parish Council background and duties at EDDC (Planning Committee Member).

Cllr Lawrence emphasised his commitment to conservation and village life.

**Mrs Sharon Thorne (TRIP)**

Sharon addressed the meeting to provide an update to the Members.

Sharon advised the Members that an electric vehicle had been ordered three months ago. She also advised that several Parishioners availed themselves of the opportunity to have Christmas Lunch delivered to them on Christmas Day, 93 families have received a food delivery, and a Parishioner has put himself forward as a volunteer.

It is hoped that the Hub Project, for Parishioners of Rockbeare PC area, will commence in September 2021. Plans had to be placed on hold, due to the pandemic lockdowns. However, discussions have started with the Marsh Green Village Hall Chairman, and it is anticipated that (initially) a monthly event will be held at the hall. Parishioners wishing to attend events will be collected from home and returned later in the afternoon. The events will be of a social nature with opportunities to engage in some activities.

Sharon advised that many of those Parishioners, who would likely benefit from the events, may be too shy or cautious to participate, if approached directly by TRIP. It was, therefore, **agreed** that the Clerk would write a letter from the Chairman of the Parish Council, and that this would be delivered to every household in the Parish, along with the next Parish Newsletter. It was hoped that such a course of action would provide reassurance to the more vulnerable Parishioners, who may wish to avail themselves of the services offered by TRIP.

Sharon agreed to provide a suitable poster to place in the telephone box library.

### **Mrs Adele Roberts**

Mrs Franklin raised the issue of speeding vehicles on Silver Lane, Rockbeare. As a result of the current roadworks, there has been an increased number of vehicles using the lane and there have been two recent incidents that could have been serious.

The lane itself is not suitable for heavy vehicles and the lack of passing places, in the first ½ mile (between Higher Southbrook Farm and the Little Silver Hamlet) has caused vehicles to use residents' driveways for reversing.

Cllr Franklin suggested that it would be appropriate to request Devon Highways to place road signs at the entrances to the lane, advising that the road has no passing places/ access only.

A second matter discussed was the establishment of a route between South Wood Farm and Exeter Airport. It is understood that this is intended for use by pedestrians and cyclists. A corollary of this will be an increase of pedestrians and cyclists on Silver Lane. Mrs Roberts requested that clarification of the designation of the route should be sought. She also requested to be advised if there is an intention to permit traffic in both directions on Silver Lane.

It was noted that, during the lockdown period, residents of the area identified no less than 65 species of wild flowers, including a wild orchid, in the lane. This may be germane to the designation of the lane as part of Clyst Valley Park as a cycleway - for which more information is required - especially in relation to the expectations re: traffic restrictions.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would draft a letter for approval, prior to the document being forwarded to Devon Highways.

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**AGENDA**

### **588.0 MINUTES**

- 588.1 The Minutes of the meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on Wednesday 21st April 2021 were considered. It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Simon Brodie, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

588.2 The Minutes of the meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 were considered. It was **proposed** by Cllr Philip Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr Ron Forrest, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday 28th April 2021 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**589.0 REPORTS - None**

**590.0 PLANNING**

**590.1 Planning Matter 21/1281/FUL**

590.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Pease, **seconded** by Cllr. Forrest and **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to the application. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**591.0 Correspondence – none**

**592.0 BUSINESS & FINANCE**

592.1 Members considered the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation.

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

592.3 The Bank Reconciliation was accepted.

**593.0 Parish Council Response to Cranbrook CGR**

593.1 It was **agreed** that Cllr Readman would forward the same to the Clerk for dissemination to all Members.

**594.0 AOB**

594.1 The Clerk advised the Members that the Parish Council's laptop computer was no longer fit for purpose. The machine is now 10 years old and no longer functions. I was **agreed** that Cllr Brodie would identify appropriate replacement machines and obtain three quotations.

594.2 Cllr Susan Wollen raised the matter of a verge within the village of Rockbeare, that required maintenance. She enquired if the verge could be included in the grass cutting agreement with Colourscape Gardeners.

594.3 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr. Jerry Wollen and **RESOLVED** that the grass verge identified would be included in the grass cutting contract. Unanimous. **Carried.**

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm

Next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

