



**ROCKBEARE  
PARISH COUNCIL**

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## MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

**This was a 'Virtual' Meeting, conducted through the medium of Video Conferencing.  
The Parish Clerk advised the Meeting that the proceedings would be recorded.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jeremy Wollen (Chairman) and Cllrs: Colin Please, Susan Wollen, Phil Franklin, and Simon Brodie

**Also:** Cllr Ray Bloxham (Devon County Council) and; Cllr Peter Faithfull

**Parish Clerk:** Carolyn Y. May

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Readman, Cllr Forrest and Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (Devon County Council)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:** There were no requests to address the meeting.

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**AGENDA**

**532.0 MINUTES**

532.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were considered. It was **proposed** by Cllr Colin Please, **seconded** by Cllr Simon Brodie, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**533.0 REPORTS**

533.1 **Chairman's Report** – The Chairman was unable to attend the Airport Consultative Meeting this month. However, there has been some encouraging news over the past few days. Flybe has now been purchased by another company and it is hoped that flights from Exeter will

resume shortly. The Engineering department has been purchased by Dublin Engineering and the Flybe Academy has been purchased by Exeter College and is to be run as an Engineering Academy.

533.2 **Cllr Bloxham (DCC)** – Reports forwarded and appended

533.3 **Cllr Randall-Johnson (DCC)** – Report forwarded and appended

#### 534.0 **PLANNING**

534.1 **Applications**

534.2 **Decisions** - Noted

#### 535.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

535.1 **Grant Funding Application** – An application for grant funding had been received by the Clerk and disseminated to Members. It was noted that the applicant was requesting funding to support her business. It was deemed by the Members that it would be inappropriate to finance private enterprise from public funds and to do so would likely set a precedent. It was, therefore, **agreed** that the request would be declined.

535.2 **Hydro-Logic Services** – members considered the Maintenance Renewal Contract (Ref: QT12312-9) which appertains to the Early Warning Flood System. Members who are registered for the alerts have advised that no warnings have been received and that there is some concern in relation to the efficacy of the system. The quotation for annual renewal is £1,024, plus VAT.

535.3 It was **agreed** that Cllr Brodie would address the issues raised with Hydro-Logic Services. The Clerk is to forward the email and quotation to Cllr Brodie in early course.

535.4 **Community Buildings Fund** – the Clerk advised the meeting that she had received notification advising that the Community Buildings Fund was open for applications. This notice had been forwarded to both Rockbeare and Marsh Green Parish Hall secretaries.

535.5 **Whimble Parish Council – Planning for the Future Consultation.** Members considered the submission from Whimble Parish Council. Cllr Franklin stated that a great deal of work had been put into the Response from Whimble PC and suggested that Rockbeare PC should record its support of the document. Members **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with Whimble PC Clerk in to confirm our support.

#### 536.0 **BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Cheque	Payee	Sum
400824	Colourscape Gardening Services	90.00
400825	The Payroll Bureau	23.64
400826	Clerk – Salary & Expenses	695.00
400827	PAYE	406.00
400289	Colourscape Gardening Services – outstanding invoices	60.00
		<b>£1,274.64</b>

It was **proposed** by Cllr Susan Wollen, **seconded** by Cllr Please and **RESOLVED** that the accounts presented, plus two additional, outstanding invoices totalling £60.00, would be approved for payment. Unanimous. **Carried.**

#### **537.0 UPDATES**

537.1 The issue of the Parish Newsletter is to be placed on the November Agenda for discussion.

537.2 **MONTEREY PINE, BRIDGE VIEW/ MAIN ROAD, ROCKBEARE** – Cllr Wollen (Chairman) reported that several villagers have indicated that the Monterey Pine, situated at the junction of Bridge View and the main road should remain. It was therefore **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with EDDC again about the proposed site meeting and that the recommendation would be that works are undertaken to ensure that the tree is made safe.

537.3 **Cranbrook Expansion Response** – it was noted that this had been submitted to the appropriate person.

Cllr Bloxham advised the meeting that the Cranbrook hearing will re-commence on 16<sup>th</sup> November and is scheduled to last for three days.

Other matters of importance include the three White Papers, relating to Planning Reform and;

The Revision of the East Devon Local Plan. He added that SANGS were being planned in order to compensate for additional housing pressure.

537.4 Cllr Please advised the meeting that Mr. Gerard Noel had passed away. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would send a condolence card to the family, on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **The Meeting Closed at 17:42 hrs**

Next Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, to commence at 18.30 hrs. This will be the annual budget meeting.