

**Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9th July 2019
at 7.00pm in The Manor Hall, Berrynarbor.**

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), S Barten, A Coppin, C White, L Lowe and M Johns.
Mrs Kate Graddock, Parish Clerk.
Devon County Councillor A Davis and North Devon Councillor J Tucker.
13 members of the public.

090701 Apologies

As recorded on the attendance sheet, apologies were received from Cllr Bacon, Latham and Thomas.

090702 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Coppin declared a personal interest in item 9 on the Agenda (Air Ambulance Landing site) as he may be able to offer help with the scheme.

090703 Chairman's Report

No report received.

090704 Public Participation

The applicant planning application 66778 stated that they want to build the house for themselves, as they already own a property in Lee however, it is not suitable for full residency and would like to maintain residency in North Devon

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the change in parking restrictions, without prior knowledge the signs had been changed in the main car park. On investigation, the parking period had been reduced from 7 days to 24 hours. They further stated that they would be contacting North Devon Council with regards to the change and invited Cllr Tucker and members of the Parish Council to become joint signatories to their challenges in relation to the new restrictions. The member of the public stated that he needed to respond to the ticket he had been issued within 14 days and asked for the Council to discuss the matter urgently and consider challenging the parking tickets and the restrictions. They further stated that the change will create many surplus vehicular movements, cars being moved onto the street, parking on narrow roadways, increase on the wear and tear on the car park surface, cause hazards to pedestrians, inconvenience holiday makers, residents and businesses and any reduction in the use of the car park would affect the shop. Cllr J Tucker stated that he was not aware of car parking changes due to him not becoming a District Councillor for Berrynarbor until May 2019.

A member of the public spoke on application 66778 – There were concerns regarding the development onsite which had been discussed previously. There is an old field boundary hedge that belongs to another

property and the roots could become an issue with the development. They further reported that the foul drainage form also inaccurate on a number points. There are a number of concerns regarding the water and drainage on and off site and the additional vehicles will pressurise the historic setting of the village.

A representative from Berrynarbor in Bloom spoke on the proposed wildflower area. They stated that they would like Berrynarbor to leave a part of the village to have a wildflower area to encourage biodiversity. The wildflower scheme is a national project that Berry in Bloom would like to contribute too.

090705

Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes from the meeting on 11th June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

090706

Reports

a) Police

Members were circulated the Police report, as attached as Appendix 1, prior to the meeting. There were concerns from members regarding the incident of rape that was reported.

b) County Councillor A Davis

County Councillor A Davis gave a report on DCC matters to date, this is attached as Appendix 2.

c) District Councillor J Tucker

Cllr Tucker reported that he had sent out a number of emails to the Clerk for distribution to members. He informed member there is to be a Code of Conduct training session on 2nd August at Brynsworthy - 2.00pm. He reported that Citizens Advice are always looking for volunteers and urged people to contact them if they can spare some time for the organisation. He also reported that the enforcement at North Devon District Council is challenging as it is now down to 2 officers due to a member of staff leaving.

He explained that there are now 5 NDC officers that will be able to help police after receiving additional powers to exercise.

d) Play Area inspections

This matter was being discussed as a separate Agenda item.

e) Manor Hall

A Summer Fete is scheduled for August. The windows need to be replaced for double glazing in the near future however, this would require additional funds.

f) Footpaths

No reports.

g) Dog Exercise area

No reports.

h) Meetings/events attended by Councillors/Clerk

Cllr Lowe informed members that she had attended Flemington's Cllr training and found it useful and a good networking opportunity. Meetings had taken place with Berrynarbor in Bloom regarding the wildflower area.

RESOLVED: that item 11 (wildflower area) be brought forward on the Agenda and taken immediately.

(NC)

090707

Wildflower area

Members considered a wildflower area within the village. Berrynarbor in Bloom had previously indicated that they would like to plant an area in Claudes Garden, however there was some concerns regarding this location, due to its current appearance and its peaceful and reflection character.

Members understood that the proposal was about the biodiversity of the village and that natural wild flowers for the area would establish. A suggestion from Cllr White was to plant the top area of the dog exercise area and to enquire with the contractor to only cut the path between the benches twice a year. Therefore it was

RESOLVED: That the Council allow Berrynarbor in Bloom to plant a wildflower area at the top of the dog exercise area and the Clerk contact the contractor to ensure that the path is maintained twice a year.

(NC)

090708

Planning application

66778 Erection of one dwelling at land off Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor, Ilfracombe.

Members felt that the original concerns raised by the Heritage and Conservation Office still stood and that there was no great change to the application, which was previously refused by the Council. Concerns were raised with regards to the access onto the road and if approved the number of applications that may be submitted in the future.

RESOLVED: that the application is recommended for refusal due to concerns regarding the access onto the property.

(NC)

090709

Neighbourhood Plan

This item was suggested at the previous meeting. Cllr Barten informed members that the possibility of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan was

investigated approximately a year ago, however there were concerns regarding the funding and administration time that it could take.

Prior to the meeting, members were circulated information regarding a short course on Neighbourhood Plans and it was

RESOLVED: That Cllrs A Coppin, M John and S Barten attend the Neighbourhood Plan event on 10th September 2019 at a cost of £59.22 per councillor. Cllr Barten wished to fund her own place.

(NC)

090710 Air Ambulance Landing Site

Members were circulated correspondence from Devon Air Ambulance requesting Town and Parish Councils to look for suitable areas within their communities for a night flight Air Ambulance landing site. The Clerk informed member she was due to meet with Devon Air Ambulance for Fremington Parish Council and it was

RESOLVED: that the Clerk investigate the options and report back to a future meeting.

(NC)

090711 Stagecoach Stakeholder Conference

Members were circulated an invitation to attend the Stagecoach Stakeholder Conference on 24th July.

RESOLVED: that no councillors attend the Conference.

(NC)

090712 Play Area

The Clerk reported that there was a number of matters that needed addressing following reports from councillors and that she required authorisation to employ a contractor to carry out any remedial work.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be authorised to action any play area remedial works.

(NC)

090713 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Devon County Council with regards to the report by Cllr White that there were unsuitable stiles in the middle of footpath 16 and that DCC no longer provide stiles but could provide gates if the Council could install them.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the land owner and if approval is sought the gates are installed on Footpath 16.

(NC)

090714 Recreation Field

Members were submitted a request from a resident of the village to use the Recreation Field on summer nights for a pilates class on a Thursday evening between 7-8pm.

RESOLVED: that the request be approved.

(NC)

090715 Payments and Receipts

Members were circulated the payments and receipts prior to the meeting, as shown below:

Payments

June salaries	£459.60 (Net)
HMRC PAYE	£226.00
Clerk's Expenses (postage, mileage, padlock, toilet rolls)	£91.19
ICO meeting	£26.10
July meeting	£26.10
British Gas Business (car park electric)	£7.41
Fremington Parish Council Printing	£3.68
Toilet Cleaning July	£100.00
Berrynarbor Pre-school- Grant, June Mins	£500.00
Berrynarbor In Bloom- Grant, June Mins	£500.00
South West Water (Toilets, car park)	£41.83
British Gas Business (car park electric)	£20.19
TOTAL	£1,949.90

Receipts:

Interest	£0.54
DCC Grant	£400.00
TOTAL	£400.54

RESOLVED: that the payments above totalling £1,949.90 and receipts totalling £400.54 be approved and actioned by the Clerk and that the bank reconciliation be approved and the balances be confirmed as £24,205.21 as at 9th July 2019.

(NC)

090716 Finance – Funding Projects

Members consider possible projects to request Councillor/Community grant funding for and it was

RESOLVED: to put an item in the Newsletter and also display posters in the village to ask for suggestions from residents.

(NC)

090717 Exclusion of Press and Public
RESOLVED: that under section 1(2)of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.
(NC)

090718 ICO Request
The clerk gave a verbal update on the ICO request to date.
RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted.
(NC)

Meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Signed..... Dated

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Combe Martin, Berrynarbor and East Down Police

Newsletter July '19

Welcome to Ilfracombe Police's monthly community newsletter.

Your Policing Team



Inspector Paul Searle



Sgt Joey Lester



PC Matt Reed



PC Dan Revill



PCSO Ade Drury

The summer sees a huge increase in leisure traffic as holiday makers pour into our beautiful part of the UK. More so than at any other time, it means that all road users must show mutual respect for each other, especially on our narrow rural and country roads.

Give special consideration to vulnerable roads users – those on two wheels whether pedal powered or motorised or those riding horses. All have a perfect right to be there.

The recommended space to leave when passing someone on two wheels or four feet, when it is safe to do so, is 1.5 metres (4ft 11ins).



1 in 3 burglaries are as a result of homes being left insecure. Do a quick audit of your house and identify if any of the following are weaknesses. If you can see them, so can a burglar.

Always lock doors when leaving the house. Lock them even when you are at home but perhaps in the back garden or another part of the house. The same goes for windows.

Install an alarm and ensure that it is always set when leaving your property.

Don't leave valuables on view including laptops and games consoles. Don't hang your keys all in one place, keep them in a drawer.

Make sure sheds and garages are locked and secure and all tools are put away.

Before going away, cancel milk, newspaper and other regular deliveries. Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your home and perhaps even to put your bins out! And don't tell everyone on social media that you're on holiday.



SECURE YOUR HOME
this summer

Always be someone #WhosLockedUp
Always keep your doors locked, even when you are home or in your back garden. Take keys out of locks as a burglar could reach through a letter box or cat flap.

Close and lock your windows.
Draw the curtains if you know you're going to be out when it gets dark.

Ensure that gates to the outside of your property are securely locked.
Make sure they, and any fencing you have, are too high to climb over.

Crimes reported June '19

Combe Martin

Violence With Injury	1
Violence Without Injury	2
Burglary Dwelling	1
Other Theft	2
Criminal Damage	4

Berrynarbor

Rape	1
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East Down

No Recorded Offences



Ask NED is a Non-Emergency Directory. It is a new service that combines the questions that members of the public have asked with contact details of those that can help.

Ask NED includes the **Ask the Police** database and common questions asked of our partner organisations.

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/askned



Like us on our Facebook page Ilfracombe Police and get regular updates as they happen.



Contact us Ilfracombe@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Emergency 999

Non emergency 101 or email 101@DC.Police.UK

**Berrynarbor Parish Council
County Councillors report
July 2019**

Take up of Broadband in Devon and Somerset.

New figures for Devon and Somerset show take-up is nearly 60%, higher than the national average and a 5% rise on the previous quarter, which means around 180,000 homes and businesses are now using superfast services over new or improved networks funded by CDS. (connecting Devon and Somerset) Around 18,000 more homes and businesses have taken advantage of the new connections in the last quarter. The rise since spring, 2018, is now over 50,000.

Anyone who wants to find out if they can get faster broadband and how to do it can use the CDS “How and Why” guide at <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/how-why-3/>
To date, CDS has provided access to superfast broadband to more than 300,000 homes and businesses, often in sparsely populated areas and over challenging terrain. A further 38,000 homes and businesses have benefited from improved broadband speeds.

The increasing take-up rate is generating significant additional funds for reinvestment in more superfast broadband coverage thanks to the Government’s gainshare agreement with BT.
A new collaboration between CDS and Openreach, backed by an initial £6 million of gainshare funds aims to extend full fibre superfast coverage to a further 2,000 homes and businesses in the hardest to reach areas of Devon and Somerset

Streetlight energy plan to slash council emissions by 36%



The final phase of a project to convert every one of Devon County Council’s 79,000 streetlights to low carbon LEDs has begun.

Once complete Devon County Council (DCC) will have reduced the carbon emissions generated by its streetlighting by 75 per cent, reducing carbon emissions by more than 15,000 tonnes each year, the equivalent of taking 8,000 cars off the road.
In February DCC declared a ‘climate emergency’ and is now working with other councils, emergency services and business groups to ensure that Devon achieves a net zero carbon footprint.

Streetlighting is DCC's largest single source of carbon emissions and since 2015 the authority has converted 34,000 streetlights to low energy LEDs. Now DCC has started to convert the remainder.

The project will take three years and once completed the improvements to street lighting alone will have reduced the authority's total carbon emissions by 36 per cent.

It is estimated that this, in conjunction with [part-time lighting](#) introduced in many residential areas from 2008, will cut energy costs in half – reducing annual energy costs by £3million a year at current prices.

This scheme will help ensure that the council remains on track to exceed the IPCC's recommendations to reduce emissions by 45 per cent by 2030.

DCC is also investing £250,000 to create a Devon Carbon Plan – a road map towards net zero carbon emissions – and projects including helping vulnerable people improve the efficiency of their homes through the [Local Energy Advice Programme](#) (LEAP). and the setting up of [community energy](#) organisations.

There are currently 23 in Devon, more than any other county in the country, and they help communities generate their own energy.

New Devon County Council Grant Schemes (replacing the TAP fund)

- 1) The new ***DCC Doing What Matters Community Grants Fund*** is now live on the DCC website at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/economy/business-support/doing-what-matters-communities-grants-fund/>

This scheme will feature an intervention rate of 75% (25% match required) – offering one-off grants of between £5k to £20k to successful community project applicants.

This grant is open to legally constituted and registered as not-for-profit organisations. This includes voluntary, community and social enterprises (vcse), town and parish councils, charities and businesses. Applications can also be made by a combination of these groups working together.

- 2) ***Crowdfund Devon (extra funding for Devon)*** – details are on the Crowdfunder website:

<https://welcome.crowdfunder.co.uk/crowdfund-devon/>

Set up to support community groups, start-up businesses, charities and individuals across the County to raise money from the crowd and unlock extra funding from our partners.

“If you have a project that makes an impact to your community, supports well-being, works towards a better environment, rewards innovation or supercharges business ideas, then we want to hear from you”

- 3) ***Making the Connection*** grant fund at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/making-the-connection-grant>

Deploying one-off grants of up to £300 with no match funding. The funds purpose is to provide small amounts of grant funding to community-led schemes, benefitting one or more community groups which bring people together to identify and/or achieve relatively quickly the small but important things that matter to them. Encouraging and enabling communities to be stronger; in terms of their independence, ability to respond to issues, resourcefulness and resilience.

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A reminder from Devon County Council of how to report a highway problem.....

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Phone 0345 155 1004 or 0845 155 1004

Please make a note of the reference number so I can follow up any issues arising.

Thank you

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