

Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10th September 2019 at 7.00pm in The Manor Hall, Berrynarbor.

Present: Cllrs S Barten (Vice Chairman), G Bacon, D Thomas, L Lowe, J Latham and M Johns.
Also in attendance: Mrs Kate Graddock, Parish Clerk, Devon County Councillor A Davis, North Devon Councillor J Tucker and 26 members of the public.

100901 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coppin and Stanbury.

100902 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

100903 Public Participation

A member of the public spoke on the construction that has been built in the brook at the bottom of Brookvale to facilitate a water main. Concerns were raised about the appearance and that it is not in keeping with the area and also about the build-up of silt and debris that is forming upstream and that there could be a high level of flooding if there is heavy rainfall.

Two residents of Berrydown spoke on the recent accident and concerns of every resident that lives there with regards to the speed limits and safety of the residents. They reported that residents who are coming out of their properties have near misses on a weekly basis and that there is nowhere for the School buses to stop. There are 9 children in the area with 6 being picked up by the school buses. The residents are asking for better signage, council support and a reduction in speed limits to ensure the safety of residents is paramount.

A resident spoke regarding the change in parking restrictions at Berrynarbor Car Park and that they wished for it to be changed and that they had received two penalty notices. They further reported that they had been completing a consultation in the village and that the majority were in favour of a 7 day period.

The Editor of the Berrynarbor Newsletter wanted to respond to the Minutes regarding the comments from members. They reported that at the present time the financial balance is £1,000 but encouraged people to support the newsletter. Postage for any copies sent out is covered by contributors. They further reported that care homes and advertisers get free copies. They have managed to reduce the printing charges and the Newsletter has been online since 2004. They further reported that current advertising raises £500 and it has always been their policy to limit advertising to one 12th of the newsletter.

100904

Minutes

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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100904

Reports

a) Police

The Police Newsletter for August was circulated with the Agenda and attached as Appendix 1.

b) County Councillor A Davis

The Vice Chairman read out Cllr Davis' report, which is attached as Appendix 2 gave a brief report.

c) District Councillor J Tucker.

Cllr Tucker gave his support to the residents of Berrydown and agreed that something needs to be done to ensure the area is safe.

He reported that the Parish Forum is taking place on 19th September and encouraged Councillors to attend.

He informed members that there is now a new Chief Executive and Head of Planning in place and North Devon Council now have a full quota of enforcement staff and hopefully start clearing the enforcement cases.

He informed members that batteries were now not able to be put in residents recycling boxes due to fire safety, as there has been a number of fires at the Brynsworthy Depot.

He further informed members that Cllr Caroline Leaver has been appointed as the lead Council member for Climate Change.

d) Play Area Inspections

Cllr Bacon and the Clerk informed members that they met to discuss the areas needing attention and that the Clerk will action these following authorisation from the last meeting. This included the installation of a new toddler swing.

e) Manor Hall

Cllr Johns reported that he was obtaining quotations for new windows to be installed at Manor Hall and informed members that the back

windows had been replaced. Members congratulated the Committee as there is a vast improvement.

f) Footpaths Report

Cllr Johns mentioned that there is Japanese Balsam by the stream that needed attention. The Clerk informed Cllr Johns that she had already had a resident report this and it has been reported to Devon County Council for actioning.

g) Dog Exercise Area

Cllr Barten reported that she had donated 7 dumpy bags of hay to encourage wild flower growth.

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Co-option

The Clerk reported that the Council needed to Co-opt a Councillor following the resignation of C White.

RESOLVED: That the closing date for Co-option applications be 29th September and the Co-option takes place at the Council meeting on 8th October 2019.

(NC)

100906

Planning

a) 70275 Conversion of detached ancillary living accommodation to form one self contained annexe at Homeleigh Berrynarbor Ilfracombe Devon EX34 9SX

RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for approval.

(NC)

*** Cllr Thomas declared a Personal interest in application 70384. ***

b) 70384 Demolition of existing main house and garden storage sheds & erection of a 4 bed detached dwelling & associated detached carport/store at Green Leas Barton Hill Berrynarbor Ilfracombe Devon EX34 9SP

RESOLVED: That the application is recommended for approval.

(NC)

100907

Planning Decisions

Members were informed of the following Planning decisions;
65606 Brackenberry House, Hagginton Hill, Berrynarbor - approved.
66778 Land off Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor – withdrawn.

RESOLVED: That the planning decisions be received and noted.

(NC)

100908 Payments and Receipts

Payments

August salaries	£431.22 (Net)
August HMRC PAYE	£206.80
August Clerk's Expenses	
(Play park meeting mileage & postage)	£31.34
August British Gas Business (car park electric)	£20.95
August Toilet Cleaning	£100.00
August S Smith- P Trap for toilet	£3.95
September salaries	£431.22
September HMRC PAYE	£206.80
September Clerk's Expenses	
(toilet seat, handwash, toilet rolls, mileage)	£79.28
Devon Communities Together membership	£50.00
September Toilet Cleaning	£100.00
Annual Inspections – Play Inspection Com	£180.00
British Gas – Toilet electricity	£20.95
TOTAL	£1,862.51

Receipts:

Interest – July, August & September	£1.55
Wayleave Payment – Western Power Dist	£2.90
TOTAL	£4.45

RESOLVED: that the payments above totalling £1,862.51 and receipts totalling £4.45 be approved and actioned by the Clerk.

(NC)

100909 Defibrillator

Members were circulated correspondence from The South West Ambulance Trust regarding renewing the Defibrillator contract or a possible purchase.

RESOLVED: That the Council purchases the full support package for £1800 + VAT on a four year agreement with South West Ambulance Trust to start on 19th April 2020 and that the Clerk ensure that there is adequate budget provisions.

(NC)

100910 Airbands

As the Chairman was not in attendance, members

RESOLVED: To defer this item until the next meeting.

(NC)

100911 Road Traffic Accident – Berrydown

Members were circulated a letter from residents regarding the most recent accident that their road safety concerns. Councillors were in full support of helping residents lobby Devon County Council and campaign to ensure residents safety is of primary concern.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended.

(NC)

A Member of the public said that the Devon County Council Safety Officer is not the most responsive at answering emails, which is adding to the residents frustration and concerns. They wished for Devon County Council to seriously look at the road layout, a possible roundabout and speed reducing measures to ensure no more accidents at Berrydown.

There had been a response by Cllr Davis to the residents to say that DCC are looking at safety measures and the need for provisions for the school buses and that the Government's Safer Road group are looking at what measures could be put in place.

RESOLVED: To return to the meeting and Standing Orders.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That the Council fully support the residents of Berrydown and the item is put back onto the next Council meeting's Agenda for further discussion following any additional information from Devon County Council.

(NC)

100912 Planning Workshop

Members were sent correspondence from CPRE on a Planning workshop that was being held in Hatherleigh on 15th October.

RESOLVED: That the Council gives approval for any Councillor to attend and that they contact the Clerk to book a space.

(NC)

100913 Members responsibilities

Members considered their responsibilities for the remainder of the year and it was **RESOLVED:** That the following councillors be responsible for the duties as listed below.

(NC)

Footpath Officer: Cllr Debbie Thomas

Deputy Footpath Officer: Cllr Gemma Bacon

Dog Exercise Area – Cllr Debbie Thomas

Highway Liaison Officer and Tree Warden: Cllr Adrian Coppin and Cllr Adam Stanbury

Emergency Plan Officer: Cllr Adrian Coppin
Councillor to check invoices for payment: Cllr Lesley Lowe

Berrynarbor Manor Hall Committee: Cllr Martin Johns

Play Area Inspections: Cllr Gemma Bacon

Finance Working Party: Cllr Adrian Coppin, Cllr Adam Stanbury and Cllr Jody Latham

Personnel Working Party: Cllr Sian Barten, Cllr Adam Stanbury and Cllr Gemma Bacon

Planning Lead: Cllr Gemma Bacon

Deputy Planning Lead: Cllr Lesley Lowe and Cllr Martin Johns

Defibrillator: Cllr Lesley Lowe

(NC)

Meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Signed: Dated:

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Appendix 1: Police Report – August

Iffracombe Neighbourhood Police Newsletter August 2019



Theft from vehicles

Now the nicer weather is with us, we are all trying to get out into the countryside for walking and enjoying our lovely scenery, but unfortunately there is a down side to leaving our vehicles in remote places, even in our very low crime area, by taking a few simple steps your trip out won't be spoilt by your vehicle being broken into.

Top tips

DON'T tempt thieves by leaving items on display
DO lock your vehicle at all times

The following items are of particular interest to the thief so should never be left in your vehicle:

- Satellite navigation
- Charging cables
- Mobile phones
- Laptops
- Handbags/wallets/ purses/ credit and debit cards
- Jewellery
- Power Tools & Work Equipment

Empty your car before someone else does!



Controlling or coercive behavior is a type of abuse.

There is now a law against it. It provides protection to victims experiencing repeated or continuous abuse. The offence carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, a fine or both. If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, help is available. #Youarenotalone.

Whether local or from outside the region, Devon and Cornwall police are encouraging those suffering from abuse to seek help, either directly from police or from one of the regional support agencies.

Friends and family who may suspect that someone they know is being abused can learn about the signs of abuse and to encourage victims to seek help.

www.dc.police.uk/domesticabuselaw



Did you know that it's illegal to send a naked selfie when you're under 18? It's against the law for **anyone** to take or possess a sexual photo of a person under 18 – even if it's a selfie.

Sending naked selfies may cause a young person to be exploited.

For further guidance and information about what to do if a young person you know has uploaded a naked or sexual picture of themselves online visit:

<http://swaff.org.uk/products-services/online-safety/resources/So-You-Got-Naked-Online/Content/Sexting-Sml-Flyer-booklet>



Report lost or found

Found Something? Here's what to do with it.

Most found property does not need to be passed to the police and can be passed to the owner or manager of the place it was found.

Items **SHOULD** be handed in to the police if they fall into any of these categories:

1. Mobile phones, laptops, cameras – anything with an internal memory.
2. Personal ID – such as passport, driving licence, bank card, utility bills.
3. Drugs, poison or any hazardous substance/liquid.
4. Firearms, ammunition or explosives.
5. Significant amounts of cash.

If you have found stray dog and it has no address tag or telephone number on its collar, please contact North Devon District council environmental health department

Please report items found on any of our coastal paths/cliffs or in and around beauty spots ASAP directly to the police, it could be that you have stumbled across personal items belonging to a person we are looking for and are concerned about, reporting finding these items could give us the lead to finding that person quickly. **If in doubt REPORT IT.** If you have lost something please report it online to www.reportmyloss.com

SHOULD YOU DRIVE THE MORNING AFTER?
 Number of drinks per drink 11.11.17. Information from the above table driving calculated from your LAD score.

	1 Drink	2 Drinks	3 Drinks	4 Drinks	5 Drinks	6 Drinks
1	0.5 hrs	2.5 hrs	4.5 hrs	6.5 hrs	8.5 hrs	10.5 hrs
2	1 hrs	3 hrs	5 hrs	7 hrs	9 hrs	11 hrs
3	2 hrs	4 hrs	6 hrs	8 hrs	10 hrs	12 hrs
4	3 hrs	5 hrs	7 hrs	9 hrs	11 hrs	13 hrs
5	4 hrs	6 hrs	8 hrs	10 hrs	12 hrs	14 hrs

Call the police on 999 to report a drink/drug detector

Don't drive whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The summer brings many temptations which can be enjoyed safely (ice cream in moderation, of course!), but the one you must avoid is drinking alcohol and then driving. Any amount of alcohol can impair your judgement enough to cause a tragedy for you, your family or for other innocent road users. The best advice is not one for the road, **it's none for the road.**

Drink driving is one of the top five causes of death and serious injury on our roads. You must also be very careful the morning after a session on the booze. Contrary to popular belief, sleep, drinking coffee, taking a shower, eating a Full English breakfast - these things do NOT eliminate alcohol from your system. Only time does that: one hour per unit plus another hour from the last drink you had. Even then, this is only a guide. If you don't feel safe to drive, don't risk it.

Ilfracombe Neighbourhood Team

Contact us ilfracombe@dc.police.uk



Insp 14316 Paul Searle



Sgt 11991 Joey Lester



PC 11707 Matt Reed



PC 17230 Dan Revill



PCSO 30063 Katie Simpson



PCSO 30075 Ade Drury



PFCO 30373 Pete Hyde



PCSO 30414 Karen Grant

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Number of Crimes reported in July 2019

Ilfracombe East & Central

- Violence with Injury 18
- Violence without Injury 22
- Burglary Dwelling 2
- Shoplifting 16
- Other Theft 6
- Criminal Damage 10
- Public Order Offences 5
- Possession of Weapons 2
- Possession of Drugs 2
- Other Offences 2

ActionFraud
 Report Fraud & Internet Crime
 0300 123 2040

Ilfracombe West

- Violence with Injury 3
- Violence without Injury 16
- Vehicle Offences 1
- Criminal Damage 7
- Public Order Offences 3
- Other Offences 1

CRIMESTOPPERS
 0800 555 111
 Call anybody with information about crime

Combe Martin

- Violence with Injury 6
- Violence without Injury 2
- Other Theft 1
- Criminal Damage 2
- Public Order Offences 1

Victim Care
 PCC

Berrynarbor

- Other Theft 1
- Criminal Damage 1

Tel 101 or go to the web
www.victimcaredevonandcornwall.pnn.police.org.uk
 Victim but no crime report
 Tel. 0300 303 0554

East Down

None

Police Enquiry Office at Barnstaple
 Open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
 (Closed 1.15-2pm lunch) Closed bank holiday

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE
101 IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Why call the police when you don't have to?
 Go online: dc.police.uk/ClickB4UCall



Using a handheld mobile device while driving is illegal. Driving while distracted is dangerous to you and other road users.

Saying you didn't know is **no excuse**

If you are caught using a handheld mobile device while driving:
6 points on your licence and a £200 fine

#NoExcuse #EyesOnTheRoad #JustDrive #DontRiskIt

Appendix 2: Cllr A Davis Report

Berrynarbor Parish Council County Councillors report September 2019

A399 Brayford

There is an upcoming carriageway stabilisation scheme “Lions Rump South” on the A399 south of Brayford (where the temporary traffic lights are).

The retaining wall supporting the road at this location is 3m in height at it’s highest, and failing along an 11.5m length which corresponds to cracking and a depression in the carriageway. We currently have traffic lights keeping vehicles away from the northbound lane as a temporary measure to minimise further loading to the wall.

Works to stabilise the carriageway are provisionally programmed for **4th – 30th November 2019** to avoid summer traffic and half term dates. We have a complete road closure booked for the duration as we will be excavating in the road. The official diversion route is via A399, A39, A361 and vice versa due to the classification of the route. We will work with the contractor to reduce the road closure duration if safe and practicable to do so.

We have liaised with local businesses and these dates reflect the outcome of those discussions, avoiding the half term dates of both Devon and Somerset.

North Devon Link Road

Planting of around 20,000 trees and shrubs has started as part of advanced work being undertaken ahead of the start of the main improvements to the North Devon Link Road. The trees will be planted over a distance of 10km between Filleigh and Portmore, where work on widening the A361 is due to start in 2021. As the scheme progresses, further environmental compensation will be carried out throughout northern Devon to enable the scheme to achieve biodiversity net gain.

The planting at the side of the road will help establish ecological habitats ahead of the Link Road being widened, and it will also screen the road from surrounding areas. Improvements to the Link Road are vital to the economy in northern Devon and it’s good to see progress continuing to be made. I’m sure everyone will welcome this next step of preparatory work for this scheme. With six new crossings of the A361 planned for pedestrians and cyclists, this scheme is also currently the County Council’s biggest investment in pedestrian and cycle provision.

Devon County Council is due to submit its full business case for the scheme to the DfT in summer 2020.

A range of surveys are being carried out on the road, and on land next to the road, throughout this year to enable the detailed design and further environmental mitigation to be undertaken ahead of the start of the main scheme work.

A planning application has been submitted for proposed improvements at Bishop's Tawton roundabout. Bishop's Tawton is one of seven junctions planned to be improved as part of the multi-million scheme to upgrade the A361 North Devon Link Road between South Molton and Bideford.

A planning application is also expected to be submitted later this year for a pedestrian and cycle bridge at the proposed Landkey roundabout.

Road traffic incidents in the Parish.

As you will know there have been two nasty collisions in the parish recently.

Long Lane/Coil Cross

24th August, collision between motorcycle and car, motorcyclist was airlifted to hospital. The road was closed for a few hours. The investigation is still ongoing.

Berry Down: today I sent the following letter to the residents, it gives an update as to what the highway authority is currently investigating and implementing.

Thank you for your letter of 21st August regarding road safety issues at Berry Down, sent on behalf of local residents. I am replying as the local County Councillor on behalf of all the recipients at Devon County Council, to the letter.

You have rightly noted that the A3123 has been identified for road safety treatments as part of the Government's Safer Roads Fund initiative and whilst this is a route-based project – treating the A3123 along its whole length – Berry Down has been identified as a site for treatment as part of that project. The Government grant available for this work does not become available until the 2020/21 financial year. However, we recognise that there is a strong desire amongst residents to see work start earlier than this and Devon County Council is currently looking at opportunities for bringing the Berry Down treatments forward.

Officers have met with the family most recently affected by the collision on 11 August 2019; have reviewed the known history of collisions in this area and have looked at what measures have been used to improve safety over preceding the years. You are right of course that the injury collision history doesn't tell the full story of collisions at this, or any other, location but they are the collisions most likely to have been subject to investigation and therefore remain the incidents also most likely to provide an insight into the problems experienced at Berry Down. Officers are ensuring though that they add local knowledge to what they derive from injury collision records so that they are fully aware of the situation. These recent investigations, coupled with those already underway as part of the Safer Roads Fund preparations, have resulted in a number of avenues being explored for a

potential package of measures. You will be pleased to know that several reflect your own thoughts on this matter.

Officers are currently looking intervention options that include:

A revision to the speed limit to bring the existing National Speed Limit down to 40mph on the approach to the bend at Berry Down Cross

Improvements to the high friction surfacing at this location to help ensure that the surface markings guiding drivers around the bend are more visible

The use of a more advanced form of road stud to help accentuate the curvature of the bend at night and in poor visibility

Vehicle activated signing on the approach to warn of the bend

Refreshing existing signing and road surface markings, again to provide advance warning to drivers that there is a sharp bend ahead

This refresh would include existing or damaged chevrons at the bend itself.

Colleagues from the Safety Camera Partnership have been asked to visit Berry Down both to undertake updated speed readings and also to look for sites along the carriageway that could enable mobile camera units to operate in the area. Our intention, however, will be to ensure that drivers are adequately warned of the approaching bend far enough in advance of it to take steps to reduce their speed to an appropriate level so that they can negotiate the bend safely and remain within the carriageway. We are also looking into the specific matter of children being picked up and dropped off by contract buses at Berry Down so that we can be satisfied their safety is fully considered.

Regarding rumble strips, these have been raised previously as a potential measure. However, we would caution that they are the source of considerable noise and residents in the general vicinity can be distressed by the continuous disturbance that they cause. Strips on the road surface that provide a visual, rather than tactile or audible, indication that speed should be reduced are being considered as an alternative as part of the surface marking review. I have had experience of the noise issue in other locations in Combe Martin Rural division, such was the noise level and the disturbance to local residents, especially during the night that they were removed.

I hope this does reassure residents that work is ongoing regarding this location and that as the local member I am only too aware of the issues.

Ifracombe Academy

Mrs Sharon Marshall has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Sharon has been a driving force for change and improvement at our local secondary school, she will be very much missed. Speaking as a parent I am very pleased with the education my sons have and are receiving at Ifracombe Academy.

B3229 Kentisbury, Ley Wood – ROAD CLOSURE

Another road closure Devon County Council will be implementing on the B3229 in Kentisbury, between Ley lane and Kenstisbury Mill. The road will be closed between the dates of 14th October 2019 – 20th December 2019.

The outer edge of the carriageway at this location has failed, which is the reason behind the current use of traffic lights. For the safety of the public and the workforce it will be necessary to undertake the remedial works under a road closure.

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