

Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 14th January 2020 at 7.00pm in The Manor Hall, Berrynarbor.

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), S Barten (Vice Chairman), G Bacon, M Johns, B Joyce, J Latham, L Lowe
Cllr Miss A Davis, Devon County Council
Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk

8 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr B Joyce to the Council and meeting and congratulated her on having recently been elected through a non-contested election.

2001/01

Apologies

Cllrs A Coppin, N Wright and District Cllr J Tucker.

2001/02

Declarations of interest

Cllr Latham declared a Personal Interest in Item 2001/11 c).

2001/03

Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns about the change in parking regulations in the car park which do not permit overnight parking. They explained that some residents do not have anywhere to park and felt the previous regulations should be reinstated.

Another member of the public agreed, and explained that he drives the Ilfracombe community bus and has nowhere in the village to park. He has been issued with tickets when he has forgotten to move the vehicle or because the back is overhanging a space. He felt that the problem effected a small number of residents and parking permits could alleviate the situation.

A member of the public raised concerns about the conditions of the roads and the length of time it takes to repair the potholes, they also raised concerns about the slippery surface from leaves on the footpath from Watermouth to Sawmills.

2001/04

To approve and sign the Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2019

Copies were circulated prior to the meeting. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December 2019 as a correct record. Cllr Stanbury duly signed the minutes.

2001/05

To receive reports from:

- Police
It was noted that the December and January reports were available on the Council's website.
- County Councillor Miss A Davis
The report was circulated prior to the meeting and is attached as Appendix One. Cllr Miss Davis explained the reporting process for safety defects on the highway network and explained that it depends on the category of the road on how quickly the report is dealt with and, whilst Cllr Miss Davis sympathised,

she explained that there are 8,000 miles of roads in Devon and with some repairs weather dependant (the potholes for instance are full of water and cannot be repaired until they dry out), there are going to be delays and highlighted the Road Warden scheme.

Cllr Miss Davis explained that the proposal for Lynton Cross is now a four-armed roundabout which will be a departure from national policy, DCC is proposing not to light the roundabout due to the sensitive nature of the area and the habitat it provides for Horseshoe Bats.

Cllr Miss Davis left the meeting and did not return.

- District Councillor J Tucker
Cllr Tucker had submitted his apologies.
- Play Area Inspections
Cllr Bacon reported that all was ok, it was noted that Cllr Stanbury had the lock for the gate by the stream and the frame in the Manor Hall play area requires painting – Cllr Bacon will pursue.
- Manor Hall
Cllr Johns reported that there was a structure in the car park which is a shed for storage.
- Footpaths – Cllr Bacon to report on condition of footpath from Sawmills to Warmouth
Cllr Bacon reported that as per the comments under public participation the path was slippery and the handrail was still missing, it was agreed for the Clerk to speak to the Council's contractor.
- Dog Exercise Area
Members were informed that the dog bag dispenser had been received and would be installed by Cllr Wright, it was agreed to write and thank Cllr Tucker for his grant assistance. Concerns were raised about the works that had been undertaken in the dog exercise area and the impact this has had on the wildflower area, it was agreed for Cllrs Stanbury and Barten to visit the site and risk assess the pathway.
- Grit Bins/Roads
None.
- Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk
None.

2001/06

Matters to Note

- Clerks and Councils Direct January 2019
- NDHT and RD&E to explore joining together on a more formal basis
- Information on The Mooring (a mental health crisis drop-in centre based in Barnstaple – information available on the website)
- Approval of Community Cllr Grant from NDC for Dog Bag Dispenser

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the above information.

2001/07

Planning and Planning Correspondence

Planning Applications:

70838 Conversion of existing dwelling to holiday unit and conversion of barn to dwelling at Stable Flat, Bodstone, Barton Farm, Combe Martin, Ilfracombe

Applicant: N Featon

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to consideration being given to the comments raised by Environmental Health consultation in relation to the residential amenity.

Decision Notices

70904 Prior notification for erection of one agricultural building at Lower Birdswell, Berryarbor – Prior Notification not required.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

2001/08

Water Fountain

Cllr Bacon informed members that the water fountain in the square required a new tap which would cost a maximum of £150 to replace, it was noted that the fountain was fed by mains water. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to replace the tap subject to the Clerk investigating any water testing requirements.

Cllr Bacon explained that the water fountain on Mill Lane had an ancient iron pipe that had corroded and a new line would need to be put in as the plumber could not establish the route of the existing line. Members felt that the water fountain was in a dangerous position it was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, not to restore the fountain and to ask Berry In Bloom if it would like to use the water fountain as a planter.

2001/09

Land at Mill Lane- potential footpath

Cllr Barten was still trying to contact the landowner and it was therefore **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item.

2001/10

Payments and Receipts

The following payments were received:

Payments 10th December 2019 – 14th January 2020

73. British Gas, Electricity -Toilets	£24.20
74. JRB, Dog Bag Dispenser	£186.78
75. Broxap, Litter Bin	£910.74
76. South West Water, Toilets	£80.49
77. January Salaries	£317.10
78. Clerk's Expenses	£17.55
79. HMRC PAYE January	£79.40
80. Toilet Cleaning, December	£100
81. Fremington Parish Council, Photocopying	£3.60
82. Clerk's Expenses	£19.33
83. Berry Arboriculture, Tree works at Ducky Pool	£120
84. Berry Arboriculture, Installation of fencing at Dog Area	£135
85. Berry Arboriculture, Grass cutting contract 19/2020	£2,550.50

86. Huck Netting, Goal Nets	£298.79
Payments total:	£4,843.48

Receipts 10th December 2019 – 14th January 2020

11. Western Power, Wayleave	£2.90
14. Interest	£0.56
15. Salary Overpayment	£406.04
16. Interest	£0.48
17. Interest	£0.53
Receipts total:	£410.51

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the above payments and receipts.

2001/11

Berrynarbor Car Park

a) To arrange public consultation on the proposed adoption.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer this item until draft terms had been received from the North Devon Council. Members would like the parking restrictions and possibility of permits to form part of the consultation process.

b) To note correspondence received relating to the proposed adoption.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the correspondence which was not in favour of the Parish Council adopting the car park.

c) To consider concerns raised about the amended parking restrictions.

It was noted that the restrictions had be altered in light of representations received from the community. Members considered the correspondence received and the comments made through Public Participation and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and one abstention, to ask if the North Devon Council would consider residents' parking permits, it was agreed to ask if this would be a possibility before discussing the practicalities of such a scheme. Members also felt that landowners could be approached and they would be willing to assist with such discussions.

2001/12

Devon County Council's Proposed

a) Scheme to carry out Improvements to Berry Down Cross on the A3123 to receive advance notice and diversion route (information attached for Cllrs).

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

b) Soil Nailing Scheme B3230 – Muddiford (information attached for Cllrs).

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to note the information.

c) Lynton Cross – Revised Scheme

Members felt the revised scheme was an improvement on the previous proposals and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support in principle.

2001/13

Letter of thanks

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to write two letters of thanks for hanging of the Christmas Lights and a letter of thanks to the Church for allowing the Parish Council to hang the lights on the tree.

The Chairman reported that he had been informed by the Church that the electricity cost this year was £27.15, it was noted that the Parish Council had already agreed to pay the cost of the electricity.

2001/14

Police and Crime Commissioner

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the invitation and invite the the Communications and Engagement Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to a Parish Council meeting.

2001/15

Devon Communities Together – Housing Survey

Members were informed that the survey would be funded through grant funding that the North Devon Council had successfully obtained and the next stage would be for Devon Communities Together to post out the housing needs survey to each household in the parish towards the end of February. The forms ask questions about the support for affordable housing in the parish as well as questions on financial and personal circumstances to identify how many households need affordable housing in the parish.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to proceed with the Housing Needs Survey.

2001/16

Royal Garden Party 2020

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to nominate two members of Berry in Bloom.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Signed..... Dated:.....