

Minutes of the Virtual Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), G Bacon, A Coppin, and B Joyce, J Latham and County Cllr A Davis, District Cllr J Tucker, and Cllr N. Latham joined the meeting at 7.17

Ms S Petters Parish Clerk
6 Members of the public

2103/01 **Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllrs. Johns & Beer.

2103/02 **Declarations of interest**

None received

2103/03 **Public Participation**

All 6 attending members of public were given opportunity to speak for 3 minutes and 3 members of the public chose to do so.

Tony Kitchin gave a summary of his proposal for a post lockdown party in late June or early in July on the recreation field. There had been a really positive response from his Facebook post on the idea. He requested an agreement in principle from the Parish Council and then he will organise a planning group. He hoped that a Parish Councillor will be available to take part in the group.

Richard Gordon Wilson spoke on the Berrynarbor Park. The North Devon Council (NDC) enforcement notices have been withdrawn due to a technical error which had been raised by the site owners'. The enforcement is being re-issued by NDC but no further detail is available at this time. He also raised his concern on the creation of steep banks by the associated works, which are now eroding into the river and are likely to block the flow of water.

Kelly Young spoke on the issue of the overgrown trees which are falling into the stream and potentially blocking the flow of water. There are also tall trees behind which are blocking light.

2103/04 **To approve and sign the Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9th February 2021**

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 9th February 2021 as a correct record.

2103/05 **To receive reports from:**

a. Police

The latest report is on the council's website.

b. County Cllr. Andrea Davis

Cllr Davis gave a summary of her full report which was distributed

prior to the meeting.

Lynton Cross roundabout and associated works have been funded. Works on Link road are causing a few delays, particularly at rush hour. Cllr Davis reminded the meeting of the link for Coronavirus updates. The Barnstaple testing centre is at the Leisure Centre, giving 24-hour results for those who are asymptomatic but need to test regularly due to work or other circumstances.

Cllr Davis spoke on the Levelling Up Fund which was supposed to achieve a fairer distribution of resources nationally. Torridge is in Tier 1 but unfortunately North Devon has been put in Tier 3 which is the lowest tier, so there will be no support for funding bids for North Devon. This is very disappointing and NDC are lobbying to better understand and challenge the rationale behind the decision.

Recycling Centres are very busy and Cllr Davies suggested that people try to avoid weekends and Mondays if possible.

Devon Resource & Waste Management strategy is out for consultation until 14th April.

Overnight rolling road closure 7pm – 7am 22 – 24th March for stud maintenance from Aller Cross to Ilfracombe.

Cllr Davis left the meeting

c. District Cllr. J. Tucker.

Cllr Tucker thanked the public for keeping him and other Cllrs informed on local issues. He is unable to provide any detail on the Berrynarbor Park situation due to the sensitive legal position. The owner has permission for the development for 8 units. However, NDC is committed to enforce on any illegal development on the site. He encouraged parishioners to contact NDC planning enforcement if they are aware of any illegal activities continuing and he provided his contact details for anyone who wishes to contact him on the issue.

Cllr Tucker reminded the meeting that Council Tax bills are due to be sent out soon. There is an increase of approximately £100 for a band D property. Overall NDC receives 10% with the majority going to Devon County Council (DCC)

Cllr Tucker touched on his concerns over the national planning system and the local housing situation in the area, with over 40 homeless enquiries coming into NDC in one day recently.

d. Play Area

Nothing new to report. Cllr Stanbury spoke on the trees in the stream boundary of the recreation field. He had been hoping to discuss the issue with the tree surgeon but unfortunately the contactor is closing his business. Alternative discussions are in process and will include ascertaining the boundary and best timing for the work.

e. Manor Hall

The clerk raised two point in Cllr Johns absence:
The gazebo which was borrowed by Cllr Wright needed to be returned. Cllr Wright stated that due to some damage to the original, he is in the process of purchasing a new one for the Manor Hall. There will be a Summer fete on Saturday 21st August.

f. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

g. Dog Exercise

Nothing to report.

h. Grit Bins/Roads

Nothing further to report. Item is on the agenda.

i. Meetings/events attended by Councillors/Clerk

Nothing to report.

2103/06 **Planning and Planning Correspondence.**

None were received.

2103/07 **Payments & receipts**

PAYMENTS

92	Barriers direct	Credit for changes to Bollards	-17.64
93	British Gas	Toilets Electricity	48.98
	Berrynarbor Parish		
94	Church	Donation to Christmas lights	60.
95	Simon Partridge	Cleaning	100.
96	Sue Petters	Clerks Salary	212.5
97	HMRC	PAYE Feb	53.
98	Sue Petters	Zoom	14.39

TOTAL **£471.23**

RECEIPTS

17 Interest **0.10**

TOTAL **£0.10**

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

The clerk confirmed that Mid Term insurance adjustment included the newly purchased bollards.

The clerk summarised the Devon Communities Together membership benefits and the DALC information re legislation on Parish Council meetings during Covid. Unless the legislation is updated, the May meeting would need to be face to face to comply with legislation. Cllr Johns stated that the Manor Hall would still not be open on that date. More guidance for Parish Councils is expected nearer the time.

2103/08 It was **resolved** with no votes to the contrary to renew the Devon Communities membership for 12 months.

2103/09 Cllr Joyce had contacted NDC about the grit bins on 18th February, and had received a mixed message about the payment of grit bins. More clarification from NDC is expected within days.

2103/10 It was resolved with no votes to the contrary to renew the license of the Emergency Sand Bunker.

2103/11 It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree in principle the Village Celebration Party on the Recreation field.

2103/12 It was **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.

PART B

2103/21 It was noted that the legal matter is now closed.

Meeting closed at 7.57

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