

Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 8th February 2022 at 7.00pm in the Manor Hall, Berrynarbor

Present: Cllrs A Stanbury (Chairman), G Bacon, J Beer, A Coppin, M Johns, and B Joyce

County Cllr A Davis via Zoom

North Devon Cllr F Tucker

Maria Bailey (MB), Service Manager (Development Management), Strategic Development & Planning | Place Services, North Devon Council

Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public via Zoom.

10 members of the public

2202/01 Apologies

Cllrs J Latham (personal reasons), A Burch, S Barten.

2202/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Stanbury declared a Personal Interest in Item 220 Application 74717.

2202/03 Public Participation

A member of the public reported that groundworks had been taking place on land off of Pitt Hill it was noted that NDC had been contacted and Cllr Tucker had informed enforcement.

2202/04 Minutes

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 as a correct record.

2202/05 To receive reports from:

- Police
It was noted that the report had been circulated.
- County Cllr Miss A Davis
The report is attached as Appendix A, Cllr Davis asked the Parish Council to consider an expression of interest in a 20mph speed limit at its next meeting – expressions must be submitted by 31st March 2022.

Cllr Stanbury thanked Cllr Davis on her efforts and the improvements at Lynton Cross.
- District Cllr J Tucker
It was agreed to move Cllr Tucker's report to after NDC's Service Manager (Development Management), Strategic Development & Planning | Place Services.

- Play Area
Cllr Bacon confirmed that the replacement bench for the Manor Hall Play Area has been delivered, Cllr Tucker was thanked for the funding.
- Manor Hall
None.
- Footpaths
Cllr Bacon confirmed that the P3 surveys had been completed and there are a few minor issues outstanding.
- Dog Exercise Area
It was noted that there had been complaints about the signage and agreed to place an item on the next Agenda to discuss further.
- Grit Bins/Road
None.
- Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk
Cllr Coppin reported that he had attended the litter workshop and a Police Liaison meeting.

It was agreed to place an item on the next Agenda for the Jubilee.

2202/06

Update on Planning from the Service Manager (Development Management), Strategic Development & Planning | Place Services, North Devon Council

The Chairman welcomed MB who introduced herself and explained that the planning department had been under resourced, there has been a 30%-40% increase in applications since the pandemic which has resulted in a backlog, however, there is a new structure now in place and an aspiration to increase staff. The website is out of date and she has asked for it to be updated and clearer on the information and guidance it provides.

MB explained that enforcement is not a mandatory function of the Council and when under pressure it falls by the wayside, however, the enforcement staff has increased and there are two apprentices.

MB explained that when commenting on planning applications the comments should relate to "material considerations".

It was agreed unanimously to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak. A member of the public commented on the Berrynarbor Park works and it was agreed to reinstate Standing Orders.

Cllr Tucker confirmed that the planning department had been through a difficult period and national policy is an issue. Cllr Tucker further reported

that NDC is increasing its Council Tax by around £5 per year and there will be an increase in the charge for green waste collection.

2202/07

Planning & Planning Correspondence

74620 Demolition of conservatory, extension and alterations to dwelling to include new first floor extension with balcony at Moorings Watermouth Ilfracombe

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Moore

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

74627 Change of use of land for the stationing of 2 No. glamping pods to provide holiday accommodation at Bodstone Barton Barns Combe Martin Ilfracombe

Applicant: Paul and Jo Reyner

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to following up the ecology report.

74717 Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of crownlifting of 16 Beech trees (T1, T2, T4-T15, and T17-T18,) selective branch removal of 1 Beech trees (T8,) selective branch reduction of 1 Beech tree (T13,) crown reduction of 4 Beech trees (T11, T12, T14 & T18) and removal of 1 Beech tree (T16) at Wheel Farmhouse Combe Martin Ilfracombe

Applicant:

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

74707 Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling at Rural Building at Westleigh Farm Combe Martin Ilfracombe

Applicant: Mr Mel Stephens

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL.

74736 Extension & alterations to dwelling together with removal of chimney at Lane End Barton Lane Berrynarbor Ilfracombe

Applicant: Mr Matt Walls

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to recommend APPROVAL subject to confirmation that the Heritage Report is an official Heritage report.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to make no comment.

2202/08 **Payments and Receipts**

PAYMENTS

98. February Salaries	£414.65
99. HMRC PAYE February	£103.60
100. Toilet Cleaning, January	£100
101. Zoom Monthly Fee, January	£14.39
102. South West Water	£57.88
103. Tesco Mobile, Phone Charge February, 2022	£10.50
104. British Gas, Toilets Electricity	£52.11
105. Berrynarbor Community Shop, Toilet Supplies	£76.10
106. Back to your Roots, Hedge Trimming Dog Field	£290
107. NBB Recycled Furniture, Bench for Manor Hall Play Area	£356.40

Payment's total: **£1,475.63**

RECEIPTS

10 th January Lloyds Interest	0.11
NDC, Community Cllr Grant Festive Lights	£100
Peach, Tree Works	£79.14

Receipt's total: **£179.25**

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

2202/09 **To consider amended draft policy for Policy for Pre-Planning Application Meetings with Developers**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to adopt the draft policy that had been circulated.

2202/10 **To Consider Informal Consultation on Proposed Diversion of Berrynarbor Footpath 21**

Members considered the consultation and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the proposed diversion.

2202/11 **To consider works to play areas following site visit**

Cllr Bacon reported that she had met a contractor on site following the annual inspections, quotations had been received for the works which Cllr Bacon relayed to members.

There were two items for consideration in the Recreation Field, re-setting of the goals and works to the wooden framed equipment to protect and prolong the lifespan and removal of the shelter. It was agreed that Cllr Stanbury would remove the shelter.

The items quoted for Manor Hall Play Area were to change the surface

under the wooden trail to tiger mulch and jet wash and treat the equipment to prolong the lifespan along with replacement of the swings.

The quotations were discussed and members felt that the works were too expensive, it was agreed for Cllr Bacon to seek further quotations and split the works accordingly so those that are general maintenance can be undertaken by a local contractor.

2202/12

To receive update on Memorial Bench for Manor Hall

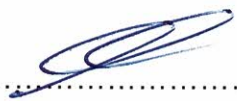
The matter had not been progressed and it was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quotation for a traditional wooden 6ft bench for the next meeting.

2202/13

Berrynarbor Car Park

Cllr Coppin explained that a reply had now been received, unfortunately the officer now dealing with the matter had returned from maternity leave and was unaware of the Parish Council's request to meet NDC's engineer on site to discuss concerns, the PC was informed that NDC is currently recruiting a Structural Engineer and a site meeting would be arranged accordingly.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Signed.......... Dated: 8/3/22.....

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County Councillors report

February 2022

Coronavirus Update

Currently the rate in Devon is 1162/100k population (England 905/110k), last week cases went up 25% in Devon the increases mainly in the 0-19, 20-39 and 40-59 age groups.

There is significant spread in schools in Devon.

The incidence of very serious illness is much reduced in this wave, the population is very highly vaccinated; in the over 50's 90% vaccinated, this reduces to the 50% in the 20-30 age group and 40% in the older teenager group.

The numbers in hospitals in Devon Torbay and Plymouth is currently 270, (8% of hospital beds) with 3 patients in ICU. The numbers in hospital are now 3x that on Christmas day.

20 care homes with Devon residents have significant outbreaks, this is outbreaks with between 9-20 residents or staff.

The link takes you to the Covid-19 pages on the Devon County Council Website, it has daily updated information as to positive cases within the area, information about testing and track and trace.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>

20mph Speed limit requests

A new way of considering 20mph speed limit requests has been approved by Cabinet, this will help ensure that the communities that would most benefit from lower vehicle speeds are considered first.

Devon County Council's (DCC) Cabinet also identified a budget of £100,000 to process the requests for the upcoming financial year.

Currently, all requests by communities and councillors for 20mph speed limits are put onto a long waiting list. But because of the high number of requests Devon County Council is receiving a 'prioritisation system' is now needed.

Now all requests for a 20mph speed limit will be considered taking against into account

- the average speed in that community and the number of vulnerable and elderly people in that area.
- the speed related casualty collision history in the area,



- the level support for a 20mph within in the community,
- the presence of an active Community Speed Watch
- the community's deprivation index ranking.

There are numerous 20mph speed schemes in the UK. The scheme in Bristol for example has shown that lower speed limits reduce the number and severity of collisions and increase cycling and walking over shorter distances.

They can also reduce congestion by improving traffic flows, reduce emissions and improve air quality and help vulnerable road users, who feel threatened by fast-moving traffic, feel safer.

The new framework will be in place to consider schemes in the 2022/2023 financial year.

I have in the past indicated to DCC that I wanted Lynton and Lynmouth to be considered for a 20mph area, now we have this new criteria I would need the Town Council to consider if this is something they feel would be suitable for the area. Most importantly there does need to be an active speedwatch group, which I am not aware if this ever progressed in Lynton and Lynmouth.

Lynton Cross.

All open and looking fantastic!

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