


**Minutes of the Berrynarbor Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in the Manor Hall, Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor**

Present: Cllrs G Bacon (Chairman), L Clarke, B Joyce, J Latham and D Norman

Mrs V Woodhouse, Parish Clerk  
County Cllr Miss A Davis  
18 members of the public

- 2401/01 **Apologies**  
Cllrs K Young and A Stanbury and District Cllr J Hunt.
- 2401/02 **Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Bacon declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 2401/06 Application 78088.
- 2401/03 **Public Participation**  
Members of the public raised concerns with planning application 78088, the concerns raised included surface water run-off, drainage, flooding as a result of drains being at capacity, the increase in traffic along a single-track road and the danger to those using the local facilities such as the shop. Parking within the vicinity of the development and the impact the development will have on the residents that park in the area. the effect of street lighting on the wildlife and rural area. Members of the public emphasised the need for sustainable development for local people to ensure the village remains sustainable.
- 2401/04 **Minutes**  
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary and two abstentions, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 as a correct record.
- 2401/05 **To receive reports from:**
- Police  
The report had been circulated.
  - County Cllr Miss A Davis  
Attached as Appendix one
  - District Cllr J Hunt  
None received.
  - Play Area  
None.
  - Manor Hall  
None.
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- Footpaths  
Cllr Bacon is about to undertake the annual surveys.
- Dog Exercise Area  
None.
- Grit Bins/Road  
A grit bin in Sterridge Valley had been knocked it was noted that this would be reported to DCC.
- Meetings/Events attended by Councillors/Clerk  
None.

2401/06 **Planning & Planning Correspondence**  
Planning Applications: to consider

**77853** Removal of snail ride track and play equipment, development of new play equipment to create The Hobbler and Pixie Village, refurbishment of existing play equipment to create The Mining Village, connecting raised walkway between play equipment and associated landscaping at Outdoor Attractions Watermouth Castle Berrynarbor

**Applicant:** Mr Nick Candole

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

Cllr Bacon declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and left the meeting for the following item.

Cllr Latham took the Chair.

**78088** Demolition of existing agricultural units and erection of 13 residential units at Land at Moules Farm Castle Hill Berrynarbor  
**Applicant:** Pearce Construction (Barnstaple) Ltd

The Parish Council supports the re-development of the site in principle, however, it does have some concerns;

The Parish Council would like to see more housing for those with a local connection tied through a Section 106 agreement;

The Parish Council does not feel that there are adequate parking spaces provided for the houses on site, there is already an issue with parking in the village and the Parish Council would like to see further parking provision included within the development;

The Parish Council has concerns about the sewage and drainage, it is noted that there are already issues in this area;

The Parish Council has concerns about the safety of pedestrians along Castle Hill, there is no pavement;



The Parish Council would like to see the impact of the street lighting on wildlife and the rural area minimised;

The disruption to residents during construction should be minimised especially during times for school runs;

The Parish Council has concerns over the safety of the junction especially with existing properties parking on the opposite side of the road.

It was **resolved**, with one vote against to submit the above comments to the planning authority.

Cllr Bacon returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

2401/07

**Payments and Receipts**  
**PAYMENTS**

87. January Salaries	£448.27
88. HMRC PAYE January	£112
89. Pension Contributions	£162.45
90. Tesco Mobile, Phone Charge January 2024	£12.01
91. Public Toilet Cleaning, December	£125
92. Devon Communities Together Membership	£50
93. A & B Contractors, Works in Dog Field/Play Area	£1,426.80
94. British Gas	£64.35
<b>Payments total:</b>	<b>£2,400.88</b>

**RECEIPTS**

Interest	£14.26
<b>Receipts total:</b>	<b>£14.26</b>

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

2401/08

**Recreation Field**

a) To further consider purchase and siting of a pavilion.

Cllr Bacon reported that it would be around £4,000 + VAT to have a pavilion supplied and built, a base would need to be put in, members felt that the sizes should be checked along with whether or not planning permission would be required and further quotations sought.

b) To consider quotations for installation of the basket swing.  
Cllr Bacon was seeking quotations.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to defer these items until the next meeting.



2401/09

**Budgets & Precept**

The impact of the draft precept request was circulated prior to the meeting, after consideration and evaluation of the priorities and expenditure for 2024/2025 it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to accept the draft budgets with additional funds for upgrades and repairs to existing play equipment and confirm the final precept of £24,533.14.

Meeting ended at 7.55pm.

Signed.......... Dated:.....12/3/2024.....

## **Berrynarbor Parish Council**

### **County Councillors report**

**January 2024**

#### **Some good news to start 2024.....**

##### **Tarka Trail missing Link**

Long standing members of the Parish Council will know that I have been campaigning for this for the 18 years I have been the County Councillor.

Proposals have been approved proposals to construct the latest section of the Tarka Trail between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe.

The £583,000 scheme supported at last month's Cabinet meeting will complete a missing link between Buttercombe Lane and Foxhunters as part of a longer-term route to eventually connect Barnstaple to Ilfracombe.

This new stretch is the second phase of the project and will be built using Active Travel Funding which Devon County Council received following a successful bid to Government earlier this year.

The scheme is delivering around 700 metres of shared use path, while also installing drainage culverts and creating a picnic area and several other rest areas.

The first phase from Willingcott Holiday Village to Buttercombe Lane has been built but requires access at either end.

A route at the holiday village is under construction by a third party as part of a planning permission, and North Devon HATOC recently approved construction for a section at Nethercott Road.

My aspiration as the local County Councillor is for the Tarka Trail to eventually be mostly off road and segregated from traffic between Knowle and Willingcott, with the exception of the short section on Nethercott Road, where the alternative route options are limited.

Currently, the Tarka Trail is off-road from Barnstaple to Braunton Police Station before it transfers on-road to Willingcott Bridge Junction, just north of Georgeham.

By providing a safe, off-road route more people will be encouraged to walk and cycle to work, place of education or in their leisure time which can help save money, while also improving health and the local environment. These latest improvements will provide an alternative to car journeys which will contribute towards our net zero carbon targets in the county.



### **Cedars Crossing Scheme- potential for traffic congestion.**

Not in Combe Martin Rural division but I realise the significance for us all assessing services in Barnstaple therefore I wanted to warn you and your councillors about roadworks starting on **22nd January for the Cedars crossing scheme.**

The works will have a **duration of 20 weeks.** There are multiple utilities to be moved, hopefully all the various companies will stick to their timelines.

We can expect significant delays as a result of these works as there are limited alternative routes.

There will be four way traffic signals, manually controlled.

Signals will be taken down when there isn't anyone working as long as it is safe to do so, signals will be removed for the bank holiday weekend.

There is a dedicated email address for the scheme should you wish to make contact;

[DCC-Cedars-Roundabout@wsp.com](mailto:DCC-Cedars-Roundabout@wsp.com)

### **Grit bins and information about gritting routes**

With the colder weather we can expect to be using the grit bins, if you find a bin which needs filling there is an easy to use grit bin map on the website, just click on the icon and ask for it to be filled, damaged bins can also be reported here.

There is a map of the gritting routes in Devon but I would advise that when out driving in icy conditions to treat all roads as if they haven't been gritted as it needs friction for the grit to work.

[Grit Bins map – Road and Transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/road-and-transport/grit-bins)

*Happy New Year, looking forward to working with you in 2024*

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