# Minutes of Berrynarbor Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 January 2016 in the Manor Hall at 7pm.

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Mrs G Mrs J Mrs J Mrs D A Star Mrs L Mrs C Count	Fairchild Reynolds	Agenda: - Talk by a representative of Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Items raised by members of the public Co-option of Parish Councillor Apologies Declarations of Interest Approval of the Minutes of 8 December 2015 Reports Planning & Planning Correspondence Matters Arising Finance Correspondence Items raised by the Chairman, Councillors & Clerk not covered at this Meeting Date of next Meeting	
			Action:
101.	Martin. Visits are carried out free of charge and also given about home fire safety including the The Fire and Rescue Service were concerned to not aware, although this would be known in a vand hoped that Councillors would look out for a an example of where a lady who was a hoarder to gain access to the property due to the amount Fortunately, in this case the lady was saved but from fires.  The Fire Service is also looking at access to pronot get to.  Landlords should provide smoke alarms and the Holiday homes comes under the landlord criteria be provided in the property.  A block of flats would come under a different critical transport of the provided in the property.  They are also involved in parking. There is not windscreens where cars have been parked irrest Details of the talk to be included in the Berrynan	ng Ilfracombe, Lynton, Woolacombe and Combe dif necessary, free smoke alarms are fitted. Advice is provision of matting and bedding if eligible. There were vulnerable people about which they were illage. They would like to be able to help these people my people who they know were vulnerable. He gave and had a fire. It was very difficult for the fire fighters and of items she had accumulated and stored. It there are 300 deaths a year in the South West alone operties and need to know where a fire engine could be Fire Service will provide them to keep tenants safe. It and with the funding available, a smoke alarm would diteria and these are visited on a referral basis. It thing they can do legally but they can put leaflets on sponsibly.	Clerk
102.	Watermouth Harbour to Sawmills. The Clerk to ask Mr Townsend to deal with this cleaning, this to be done and send an email to the control of	,	Clerk
	involved in the Emergency Plan. Councillors re would continue to help with the sluice gates.	ed by the new owners of Mill Park who would like to get called that former Councillor Steve Hill had said he the Emergency Plan, and this also to be put on the	AS to contact SH for a copy of the Plan



103.	Co-option of Parish Councillor.  One letter of application had been received from Mrs G Bacon, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former Councillor S Hill who had moved from the area.  Proposed by Councillor Stanbury to co-opt Mrs Bacon, seconded by Councillor Mrs Beer and unanimously agreed.	
104.	Apologies. Councillor D Kennedy, PCSO A Drury (not on duty).	
105.	Declarations of Interest.  Councillor Mrs Reynolds. Personal Interest in Minute No. 108.3, Planning, bullet point 3 - 60492 & 60493 – Listed Building Application for proposed replacement rear extension and proposed side extension along with associated refurbishment works at the Manor Hall, Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor in her capacity as a Trustee on the Management Committee.	
	Councillor Mrs Reynolds. Personal Prejudicial Pecuniary Interest in Minute No. 109, bullet point 8, Schedule 14 Application.	
	Councillor Mrs White. Personal Prejudicial Pecuniary Interest in Minute No. 109, bullet point 8. Schedule 14 Application.	
106.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 December 2015.  Approved and signed as a correct record.	
107.	Reports.  107.1 Police. When sending her apologies, PCSO Drury advised as follows:  Since the last meeting there has been one crime recorded compared with 2 crimes for the same period last year 1 X Public Order offence	
	<ul> <li>107.2 County Councillor Mrs A Davis. The following items were covered:</li> <li>Bus Shelter at the top of Barton Lane. The Clerk had been in correspondence with DCC regarding a new structure. County Councillor Mrs Davis confirmed it would be in order to proceed.</li> <li>Councillors then spoke about the historic details of the proposal to move the structure from a safety point of view. A site meeting with County Councillor Mrs Davis to be held on 14/1/16.</li> <li>West Down Parish Council had asked if this Parish wanted to continue with the school partnership. Councillor Mrs White advised that this had not been able to progress as figures were awaited from the school.</li> <li>Councillor Mrs Davis encouraged people to report safety defects on any road so that complaints can be registered. The more that are registered, the more likely the repair is to be carried out. At the present time, repairs are being done on primary routes or if a property is likely to be flooded or on an A road or gritting route. The telephone number to ring is DCC Highways 0345 155 1004 or it can be reported via the DCC website as follows:</li></ul>	Sub Cttee / AD
	Go to new.devon.gov.uk Click on 'Report a Pothole' – third one down under Popular Items (in the middle of the page) Click on 'Pothole" (There are other items that can also be reported on this page) Click 'Continue' on next page Click on the map which will zoom in. Drag the cursor to the area you wish to report. Click on the piece of road where the pothole is. A form will then come up for you to insert your name and contact details. To conclude, a page will then appear giving the reported defect a reference number.	
	Councillor Stanbury mentioned the bad state of the road near Luscott Barton, Ashford which was possibly in connection with numerous heavy lorries making deliveries to the solar farm installation.	
	107.3 District Councillors:  Mrs Y Gubb. Nothing to report. The bad state of Hodges Lane was spoken about and Councillor	AS

Stanbury would report this.

**J Lovering.** North Devon Council has had £750,000 less grant money from the government, equating to 15% of budget.

### 107.4 Play Area Inspections:

Councillor Mrs L Thomas. All in order.

Councillor Mrs J Beer. All in order.

## 107.5 Public Rights of Way Footpaths. Councillor Mrs C White.

It was noted that representations had been received regarding erosion of the Footpath at Rectory Hill which had been reported to DCC Public Rights of Way and the question had been asked if the Parish Council wished to appoint a contractor.

Councillor Mrs White recalled this issue had been raised at November Meeting.

A reply to be sent advising that it is not considered the responsibility of the Parish Council and to this end, Councillors will leave it to DCC Public Rights of Way Department's discretion as to the appropriate action to take.

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**107.5 Manor Hall. Councillor Mrs D Reynolds.** An Event had been held to thank everyone for their support of the Manor Hall.

The Planning Application had been submitted and a full detailed costing from the Quantity Surveyor received. The final costings for the programme of works will be as expected at just under £500,000.

107.6 Meetings / events attended by Councillors / Clerk. None.

#### 108. Planning and Planning Correspondence.

108.1 The following Planning Applications were considered:

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- 59594 Listed Building Application for insertion of three replacement double glazed wood windows at Brinscott Farmhouse, Combe Martin.
   It was resolved to recommend approval.
- 60463 Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation at Summerhouse, Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor.

A letter of representation had been received.

It was resolved to recommend approval subject to a proviso regarding the roof height and additionally bearing in mind that representation had been received from a member of the public with concerns that the roof should not be increased in height to block visibility of neighbours.

Applications received after the preparation of the Agenda.

 60492 & 60493 – Listed Building Application for proposed replacement rear extension and proposed side extension along with associated refurbishment works at the Manor Hall, Birdswell Lane, Berrynarbor.

Councillors had been advised of this additional Application, with a notice prepared for the notice board to make members of the public aware, and those on the Agenda & draft Minutes circulation list.

It was resolved to recommend approval with Councillors in full support of the Application and the fact that quality improvements are proposed to increase facilities at the building for the benefit of parishioners and visitors alike.

- **108.2 Planning Correspondence.** The following North Devon Council Decision Notices were noted:
- 108.2.1 APPROVAL for 60184 Extension to dwelling at Jacobs Well, Berrynarbor.
- **108.2.2 ACCEPTABLE NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT** to Application 58750 in respect of amended design at Ludleigh House, Hagginton Hill, Berrynarbor.
- 108.2.3 REFUSAL OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT in respect of the First Schedule existing use of touring caravans being pitched throughout the year in



	breach of Condition 8 of planning consent 2/77/2290/5/4 and the Second Schedule – pitches numbers 58,70 and 71 at Watermouth Cove Holiday park, Watermouth, Ilfracombe.	
	108.2.4 REFUSAL OF APPLICATION FOR A LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE for the existing use of caravans being pitched throughout the year at Watermouth Cove Holiday Park, Watermouth, Ilfracombe.	
	108.2.5 Appeal Decision in respect of Application 58556 – Conversion of an existing barn into a one bedroom holiday let with work studio together with new vehicular access at Hempster Farm, Berrynarbor. The Appeal had been allowed. This correspondence had been received after the Agenda had been sent.	
109.	<ul> <li>Manor Hall Play Area. It was noted that Mr C Townsend had been requested to cut the grass and trim the fuchsia.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Public Rights of Way Footpaths. It was noted that the annual Parish Paths Partnership Survey Forms, completed by Councillors Mrs White and Mrs Fairchild, together with the annual expenditure form completed by the Clerk, had been returned to DCC by the Clerk.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Signage in the Recreation Ground. It was noted that the Clerk had made arrangements for Mr G Songhurst to collect the sign from Councillor Mrs Barten who in turn had liaised with him regarding the correct location. Mr Songhurst had advised he hoped to fix the sign in February. It needs to go into concrete and Councillor Mrs Barten will organise this.</li> </ul>	SB
	<ul> <li>Bus Shelter at the top of Barton Lane. It was noted that the Clerk had requested a site meeting with officers from DCC but no response had been received to the email dated 15/12/15 and a reminder had been sent.</li> <li>Minute No. 107.2, first bullet refers where a site meeting is to be held with County Councillor Mrs A Davis on 14/1/16 to further discuss the location of the shelter.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>New goalposts. The Clerk had obtained details and prices.         The Clerk had also enquired regarding the issue of provision of nets from Sport England, the Football Association and local branch of the FA. None of the Organisations had been able to advise regarding any health and safety issues regarding nets.         A Sub Committee, comprising Councillors Stanbury, Mrs Barten, Mrs Bacon and Mrs Reynolds to be held to discuss issues further including seats and tables. The Committee were given authorisation to proceed between Meetings and to report at the February Parish Council Meeting.         Councillor Mrs Barten brought a letter from ROSPA where they had advised that we could have nets and that there was no safety threat to users/children in the field     </li> </ul>	AS, SB, GB, DR
	<ul> <li>Speeding / priority signage in Barton Lane. The Clerk had reminded DCC Highways that a reply is awaited.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Minute Book. At the request of Councillor Stanbury and following a suggestion from the Devon Association of Local Councils, the Clerk had contacted the North Devon Record Office to enquire if the Minute Book had been microfiched. A reply had been received that it had not and Councillors noted that the missing page had been lost.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Schedule 14 Appeal. It was noted that the Clerk had replied to Mr Sanders' email.         A subsequent reply had been received requesting clarification on a number of items.         Mr Sanders had requested that his email was circulated to Councillors ahead of the Meeting and this had been done.     </li> <li>Councillors Mrs Reynolds and Mrs White declared a personal prejudicial and pecuniary interest, left the room and did not take part in the discussion or decision.</li> <li>A reply was drafted to send to Mr Sanders.</li> </ul>	Clerk
	Impact damage to Bridge at Hagginton Hill. A reply from DCC was noted confirming that	2

the structure had been inspected at the time of the incident and not considered to be too much of a problem.

Following the email from this Council reporting the damage, the bridge was inspected again and found to be in the same condition as after the initial incident.

The bridge is not DCC property and ownership of the bridge cannot be determined.

DCC had asked if anyone could give information as to the owner.

DCC is going to replace the bricks to prevent any further concerns from members of the public even though it is not DCC's responsibility to do so.

- Berrynarbor School and West Down School Community Partnership. As reported under Minute No. 107.2, second bullet point, no further details had been received from the Primary School to enable grant funding to progress. As the deadline was near, Councillor Mrs White did not feel she could continue with this initiative.
- North Devon Communities Fund Application. The Clerk advised she had re-submitted
  the Application for seating at the Recreation Field after speaking to an officer at North Devon
  Council and that a reply was awaited.
- Glebe Field. The Clerk contacted the Diocese of Exeter who referred her to Mr M
   Challacombe of Messrs Phillips Smith and Dunn who deals locally with such items.
   The Clerk then contacted Mr Challacombe who advised that in order to give any form of guidance, he would need to know the exact area of land that is being proposed for the scheme. A plan identifying the area in question has been requested.
   Mr Challacombe also indicated there would be an amount of financial compensation involved and the Clerk had requested further details.

Councillor Stanbury to speak to the tenant in respect of Plot 9/10.

- Digital Skills Sessions. The Clerk advised that bookings are not currently being taken before April, such is the popularity of this scheme.
- Defibrillator. It was noted that the cheque had been forwarded to South Western
   Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and a request made for delivery of the defibrillator
   to Councillor Mrs White.

It was confirmed the defibrillator had been delivered and an electrician was required to wire it in, as the batteries require power to keep them charged. Councillor Mrs Thomas to ask Mr B Huxtable to do this.

The details to be put in the Berrynarbor News and on the website.

A training session to be organised.

Councillor Mrs Bacon to speak to the Primary School Head Teacher so that the children are informed about this important piece of equipment.

The Clerk to arrange for the defibrillator and cabinet to be added to the insurance. Councillor Mrs Barten to prepare a poster highlighting the location of the defibrillator.

- Manor Hall. It was noted that the Clerk had acknowledged the two communications in connection with future plans.
- North Devon Council. It was noted that the Clerk had confirmed in connection with the Section 106 contribution of £5,596.76 that the recreation ground improvement scheme is still a Parish priority.
- Mr A Rowlands, Silver Street Telephone Kiosk. It was noted that the Clerk had replied to the email received. Mr Rowlands had also commented that the paint on the litter bins could require attention. Councillors felt these were in order for the time being.
- Impact damage to the Bassett Fountain at Sawmills. It was noted that the Clerk had reported this to the Parish Council's insurers. The Clerk had also been in correspondence with the Police.

The insurance company required quotations for the repair and the Clerk to ask monumental

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mason Mr Peter Roberts and the Co-operative Funeral Service.

Mr T Kitchin. A County Court Claim had been received in respect of the items in the Play Area. The document was forwarded to the Parish Council's insurance company who in turn forwarded it to Solicitors appointed to deal with the matter. The Clerk had been in correspondence with the Solicitors, firstly advising Councillors of the details, and the Solicitors had responded direct to Mr Kitchin by the deadline date. The claim form submitted by Mr Kitchin was incorrect in respect of this type of claim and the Solicitors had responded completing Section D, the reasons for objecting being 'The Claimant has incorrectly issued under the Part 8 procedure as this claim does not fall within CPR 8.1(2) (a) as this action will turn on a substantial dispute of fact. The Claimants allege a noise nuisance, which is denied by the Defendant. There is a substantial dispute of fact between the parties and the Part 8 procedure is not permitted in these circumstances. The claim should proceed under Part 7'.

#### Matters Arising for further discussion:

- Dog Area and Parish Field. As previously reported in these Minutes under Minute No. 109, bullet point 12, Councillor Stanbury is to speak to the tenant.
- BT. It was noted that following consultations in connection with the telephone kiosks at Berry Down and Silver Street, an Agreement had been forwarded for signing to progress the ownership by this Council. A cheque to be authorised under Finance. LT, SB Proposed by Councillor Mrs Thomas, seconded by Councillor Mrs Barten and unanimously agreed that the Chairman should sign the Agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

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#### 110. Finance.

Balances: Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account as at 22/12/15: £5.009.81. Lloyds Bank Business Banking Instant Access Account as at 9/12/15: £25,667.24. Budgetary figures for December 2015 were circulated.

#### 110.1 Requests for donations were considered from:

- ⇒ Berrynarbor Community Enterprise in respect of a contribution towards the running and maintenance of the sewage plant. A copy of the latest set of accounts has been supplied to meet the criteria, together with a breakdown of the costs. Proposed by Councillor Reynolds that a donation of 50% of the costs, being £415.00 (rounded up) be given, seconded by Councillor Mrs Barten and unanimously agreed.
- ⇒ Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau. A copy of the latest set of accounts has been supplied to meet the criteria. Proposed by Councillor Stanbury to donate the sum of £100.00. Seconded by Councillor Mrs Thomas and unanimously agreed.

110.2 The following payments were ap	proved and authorised:		1	
Mr B Davies January Toilet	Cleaning	£	75.00	Ch.No.652
Mrs S Squire January Salary	£	238.70 *		Ch.No.653
Broadband	£	3.00		VOIDED
Photocopying	£	11.85		
Mileage	£	10.56		
Reimbursement for a floral tribute to the	memory of Miss Edna Barber £	40.00		Ch.No.654
(This was not the same amount as on th	e Agenda as a delivery charge was no	t made) £3	07.06	CII.NO.034
HMRC PAYE		£	59.60*	Ch.No.655
British Telecommunications Fee for th	e adoption of two telephone kiosks (Be	erry Down & Silve	er	
Street) (£1 per telephone kiosk)		£	2.00	Ch.No.656
Berrynarbor Community Enterprise. Do	onation towards the running &			
maintenance of the sewage plant.		£4	15.00	Ch.No.657
Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Cit	izens Advice Bureau. Donation.	£1	00.00	Ch.No.658



	* 20p difference between figures on the Agenda and payslip when received.  DIRECT DEBIT. Opus Energy. Electricity supply to the public toilets, to be collected on 10/01/16  £10.49	
	110.3 Telephone Box in Silver Street. A quotation from Mr R Pickering to refurbish the structure had been received in the sum of £445.00.	
	Proposed by Councillor Mrs Beer, seconded by Councillor Mrs Fairchild and unanimously agreed to award the work to Mr Pickering.	Clerk
111.	Correspondence. Publications received were put on the table to see and read.  111.1 Devon Air Ambulance. Email asking if sites could be considered to carry out night flying operations. The details were taken by Councillor Mrs Reynolds to make contact with the Organisation with a view to discussing further.	DR
	<b>111.2 Next Generation Self Build.</b> Email regarding supporting North Devon Council's push towards self Build for local people. <i>Noted.</i>	
	111.3 Mr C Vincent, Sustrans Co-ordinator, Ilfracombe. Email regarding missing cycle signs at the bottom of Barton Lane. It was noted that the signpost on which the signs had been fixed had been refurbished by Mr Songhurst and Councillor Mrs Thomas to ask him if they were there when he did the work.	LT
	<b>111.4 HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon.</b> Email regarding an event to celebrate HM The Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Taken by Councillor Mrs Thomas to pass on to Mrs K Ozzelton, should she be thinking of organising a village event.	LT
	111.5 Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust. Letter regarding service pressures at Bideford and Ilfracombe Minor Injuries Units. Councillors had been circulated with the details. <i>Noted</i> .	
	111.6 Barnstaple Town Council. Details of an Effective Supervision and Performance Management Course on Tuesday, 9/2/16 at a cost of £45 per person to include lunch and refreshments. Councillor Mrs Barten expressed an interest but needed to check the date. In the event of her being able to go, Councillors Stanbury and Mrs Beer approved this and the cost of £45.	
	<b>111.7 Barnstaple Town Council.</b> Further email regarding the future of North Devon Records Office and Local Studies Centre. <i>Noted.</i>	
112.	Items raised by the Chairman, Councillors and Clerk not covered at this Meeting.  112.1 Councillor Mrs Barten. Fremington Parish Council's Standing Orders had been obtained and a separate Meeting would be arranged to go through them with a view to recommending approval at the February Parish Council Meeting.	SB / DR
	112.2 New Councillors Course. The Clerk advised that she had organised in-house training for Councillors at Horwood Lovacott and Newton Tracey Parish Council on 24 February. These Councillors had hoped to attend Berrynarbor's in-house training in September but it had not been possible to do so. Councillors Mrs Bacon, Mrs Thomas and Mrs White expressed an interest in joining the training which would be at Lovacott, near Newton Tracey.	GB, LT, CW
	112.3 Councillor Mrs Fairchild recalled there had been plans to refurbish the public toilets where there had been suggestions and the need to agree scope of works in order to seek quotes. In the gents it was suggested that a new toilet seat, tiles, possibly re-instating the urinal and installing an automatic air freshener and baby change area should be included in scope.  The Sub Committee for the bus shelter at the top of Barton Lane to meet and give a report at the	Sub Cttee Sub Cttee
=	February Parish Council Meeting.  112.4 Councillor Mrs Barten spoke about a new sign for the sand bunker so that parishioners are aware. The location of this to be checked when the Sub Committee meet.	DR
	112.5 Councillor Mrs Reynolds brought a new 'No ball games' sign to replace the old one which	



	was taken down when the Square bus shelter was refurbished. She will make arrangements for it to be fixed.	February Meeting
	112.6 Councillor Stanbury reminded Councillors that former Councillor Hill was responsible for certain items which would need to be allocated. To be done at the February Parish Council Meeting.	
113.	Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 9 February 2016 in the Manor Hall at 7pm. The Meeting ended at 9.26pm.	
Sumi	mary of Decisions:	•
	Co-option of Councillor Mrs G Bacon	
>	Minutes of 8 December 2015	
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