

## **BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL.**

Minutes of Meeting of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr D Hooper (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair  
Cllr N Boughton,  
Cllr M Elliot-Smith  
Cllr M Hannaford  
Cllr M Perring

County Councillors J Hawkins and J Hodgson  
District Cllr Pennington

Also present Mrs T Rowe, Clerk to the Parish Council.

1. (10.17) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Mills and District Cllrs Green and Birch.
2. (10.17) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were none.
3. (10.17) **MINUTES OF AUGUST MEETING:**

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. (10.17) **MATTERS ARISING**

- Adoption of telephone box - no further correspondence had been received, the Clerk would check with BT as to when the equipment would be removed. The use of the telephone kiosk would be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Councillor appointment – the Clerk would draw up a new notice to be put on boards advertising the vacant post.
- Provision of “Give Way” sign at Berry Pomeroy roundabout, Cllr Hawkins to raise this with Devon Highways.
- No Right Turn at True Street, County Councillors to take to HATOC meeting
- Southfields Handrail – the overgrown hedge opposite the churchyard was causing problems – the Clerk would ask Stephen Holley to cut back 12-14ft of the hedge at this point. Cllr Hodgson would also ask Lisa Edmonds to look at this.

## **5. (10.17) POLICE**

No incidents had been reported on the Police website. The Clerk had invited the PCSO to attend the meeting. Traffic being sent through the village when there was an accident on the main road would be reported.

## **6. (10.17) REPORTS**

### Report of County Councillor Jonathan Hawkins

Jonathan Hawkins asked the Parish Councillors to contact him if they had anything to report. He suggested that a meeting be held in the next month with County Councillor Jacqi Hodgson and members of the Parish Council to discuss any issues; dates would be arranged through the Clerk. Cllr Hawkins would liaise with Cllr Hodgson over contact and a meeting with the head mistress of the Primary School. Cllr Hawkins also offered to deliver Neighbourhood Plan leaflets at Longcombe. Cllrs Hawkins and Hodgson would be attending a County Council Cabinet meeting concerning the possible introduction of 20 mph speed limits.

Members of the Parish Council requested that the actual words "Give Way" be added on the roundabout signs. Cllr Hawkins would also ask Neil Oxtan at County and Lisa Edmonds the Highways Officer to have the road markings repainted.

The meeting also noted that the permissive footpath sign on the left indicating the footpath to the right round the True Street houses was missing.

Cllr Hawkins told the meeting that a no right turn at True Street for traffic (except agricultural vehicles) from Paignton had been discussed at the County Council and he and Cllr Hodgson would take this to the next Highways and Traffic Order Committee (HATOC) meeting.

### Report of District Councillor Trevor Pennington

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that the weight restriction was not enforced on the road through Berry Pomeroy and Marldon and added that when there was an incident the police should direct traffic via Newton Abbot. Both the County Councillors would raise this at the HATOC meeting.

Cllr Pennington told the meeting that 40 people had attended a meeting at Marldon Village Hall, which had also been attended by District Councillors Tucker and Wright; this to discuss the merger of South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council. Thirty seven of those attending had voted against the merger and none were in favour. Marldon Parish Council had held a special meeting and had voted unanimously against the merger.

Cllr Pennington explained that a merger would lead to a 40% increase in Council tax for South Hams residents and would lead to a democratic area that was too large.

Although senior staff at South Hams District Council had reported that a merger would be forced if West Devon ran out of money, Cllr Pennington told the meeting that this was not the case. Cllr Pennington believed that the necessary savings could be made on non-statutory services. Cllr Pennington had requested a meeting of the District Council's Audit Committee to discuss the issue and although this had initially been refused Cllr Pennington would continue to push for this.

A meeting of South Hams District Council on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at 4.30pm at Follaton House would take a decision on the merger. This would be a public meeting and Cllr Pennington encouraged everyone to attend.

## Report of County Councillor Jacqi Hodgson.

Cllr Hodgson distributed copies of her report at the meeting which had been emailed to members that day.

Cllr Hodgson highlighted the following main issues:-

**Health and Adult Social Care:** The Sustainability and Transformation Plan continued to be highly contentious. The decision by the Clinical Commissioning Groups on hospital closures and changes to services was brought to the County Council Health Scrutiny Committee and was requested to be referred to the Secretary of State but this had not happened. Instead a Scrutiny Standing Committee had been formed to look at areas of concern within the Wider Devon Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

**Education budget cuts:** The motion to a Full County Council meeting in July to reverse the £2.2m cuts had been referred to Cabinet in September but was not approved. The National Government Funding Formula which had been recently announced had made some changes; Cllr Hodgson provided the link to this.

**Highway issues:** The poor weather and flooding during the last few weeks had caused many residents problems and there had been a lot of damage. Proposals to reduce speed limits were being discussed in many parishes, in particular where Neighbourhood Plans being developed.

Cllr Hodgson told the meeting that she believed that 20mph speed limit zones gave a better sense of community centre in villages and she stressed the need to push for these nationally.

Cllr Hodgson reported that the next HATOC meeting was on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Cllr Hodgson had reported a planning breach at Great Court Farm where a Devon bank had been taken down by the developers; this was a police matter as it was a protected habitat. Cllr Hodgson urged the meeting to write to the planning officer as residents were very concerned. Cllr Elliott-Smith agreed and added that lorries were waiting on the pavement in Blackpost Lane each morning at 7.30am; there should be a construction plan for the development, although at present this was not being adhered to. Concerns on this development would be emailed to District Councillors Birch and Green and to the Planning Officer Wendy Ormsby.

## **7. (10.17) PLANNING.**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:-

**2482/17/FUL** – New back of house building with service vehicle access off Blagdon Lane – change of use of adjoining field to recreation space. Field at SX 845 612, West of Barton Pines, Blagdon Lane.

**Recommend Approval.**

**2656/17/HHO** – Conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation and extension to main house providing dining area. Still Water House, Loventor.  
and **3124/17/LBC** – Listed building consent for 2656/17/HHO as above.

**Recommend Approval.**

## **8. (10.17) FINANCE**

### **The following payments were approved by the meeting:-**

Items (1 to 5) were submitted for approval and agreed on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (at Neighbourhood Plan meeting)

	£
1. Mrs J Owen – Clerk net salary for August 2017 (to 11 <sup>th</sup> )	54.06
2. HMRC - Mrs J Owen - PAYE for August 2017	13.60
3. Mrs T Rowe - Clerk net salary for August 2017 (from 12 <sup>th</sup> )	98.41
4. HMRC - Mrs T Rowe - PAYE for August 2017	24.60
5. Cumbria Clock Company	1,974.00

### **Payments for 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

6. Stephen Holley Lengthsman	180.00
7. Mrs T Rowe - Clerk net salary for September 2017	152.67
8. HMRC - Mrs T Rowe - PAYE for September 2017	38.00

Received from Berry Pomeroy PCC £795.00

Balance on Business A/C 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 £6,479.22  
Balance on Savings A/C 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 £4,206.57

Councillors noted that the lengthsman, Stephen Holley had strimmed the school car park (responsibility of the school); the Clerk would ask Mr Holley to check with the Parish Council before any work was undertaken.

## **9. (10.17) CORRESPONDENCE.**

There was none.

## **10. (10.17) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Boughton distributed notes from a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The group had also met before the Parish Council meeting. A sample flier for the events to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 had been produced and would be displayed in as many places as possible. Cllr Elliot-Smith would let everyone know when a meeting would be held to distribute the leaflets, these to be delivered to as many households in the Parish as possible.

## **11. (10.17) HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

Weston Lane was in a disgraceful state, Cllr Elliot-Smith would upload photos to the Devon County Council highway fault reporting map.

The hedge at the end of Gatcombe Lane where it met the Newton Abbot Road was too high for traffic to see round the corner. Lisa Edmonds the Highway Officer would be asked to contact the land owner.

**12. (10.17) BUSINESS AT DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR - None**

**13. (10.17) CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS - None**

**14. (10.17) NEXT MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 in the **VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm**

Signed .....2-11-2017  
(J. Mills, Chairman)