

BRATTON CLOVELLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minute number 37 Monday 7TH September 2009

Councilor's present: R Pond, D Cartwright, P Bellamy,

T Hughes, K Elford, K Brookes.

C Cogdell (clerk.).

2 members of the public attended .

Open Forum:

Mr Penning reported on the progress on the Parish Hall Renewable Energy Project. It was hoped that work would start on the Parish Hall roof on 28th September and would probably take about 2 weeks. We would not hear the outcome of the EDF grants until probably November. It was envisaged that problems might arise with authorizing prompt payments to contractors that arose between PC meetings. Mr Penning has contacted DAPC for advice about making payments. DAPC have advised that the budget for the project should be presented to the PC for their consideration. If the PC approved the budget authorization of payments could be delegated to the clerk in consultation with the chairman and one other councilor. They would then report back to the full council at the next meeting. This would hopefully eliminate the need to keep calling the council in for more meetings and would still have a clear audit trail. Mr Penning presented copies of the budget for consideration.

The Council meeting was opened at this point and the chairman proposed acceptance of the budget which was approved by the members present. It was agreed that Chairman, Clerk and Cllr. Brookes would consider and authorize if approved any payments that may need to be made outside normal between PC meetings

1. To receive apologies: Mr P Worth.
2. To agree and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held 3rd August 2009. Cllr Cartwright spoke of concern over the recycling lorry ,when yet again the vehicle was going so fast on Saturday 4th September in the village it led his wife to swerve into a ditch to avoid the oncoming vehicle. Clerk to write a formal complaint to West Devon.
3. Declarations of interest: None.
4. All planning updates were read out along with the new planning application for Brockscombe Valley Farm for a extension and alterations. No objections.
5. Finance: Payment to the Parish Hall for £48 (West Devon had incorrectly paid this amount into the PC account in error for polling day). £16. 35 to be paid to R Jordan petrol used for grass cutting. £57.50 for RA Baber (stone for the play area) and £85.14 to Tinhay Building Supplies (supplies for the play area). All payments agreed by the council.
6. Parish Parking: Cllr. Brookes updated the council by saying he had spoken to the police and Devon County Council. He was advised that people are not breaking the law by parking outside of a property unless they are causing an obstruction when you want to go out .White lines would be a good idea and he will still speak to Devon County again (depending on their budgets). Flyers left on vehicles could be a good idea but may cause a litter problem. Cllr.Brookes is to come back to the council with updates in the future. T Hughes proposed a Free Parking sign showing 50 yards to Parish Hall. There is a sign directly opposite the pub showing Free Parking at the hall already

7. Freedom of information Act : If a member of the Public wish to see PC records they have 20 working days to show these records if possible.(this would have to be confirmed by DAPC) All these records are available and held by the clerk and archived along with copies of the minutes displayed monthly on the parish notice boards. It was suggested by the members that if a particular subject was on the agenda, the member of the public should attend the PC meeting (this is also advertised monthly on the parish notice boards.)
8. Parish Pump and water trough: This is held over until next meeting as Cllr. Worth was not in attendance to discuss this.
9. Co` opted Members : This was briefly touched on as one of the members wanted to clarify that no decisions had been made to date whether a Co `opted members could stand as Parish Chairman.
10. Cllr. Pond advised he would be going to the Parish Links Committee Meeting Thursday 11th September.
11. Clerks Updates: The Clerk reminded the council that the Wurzels had been booked at the PH for a private function and needed to check if they had public liability insurance to cover this event. Mr B Singleton contacted the council showing his concerns over the speeding on the A3079 Okehampton to Halwill road. He is hoping that a speed restriction could be made in the built up area of Broadbury. The Clerk has contacted Devon County and will write to Mr Singleton.
12. Next Meeting Monday 5th October at 8pm. (clerk is unable to attend).
13. Mr Brown from Metherell spoke to the Councillor`s.

Meeting Closed at 9.30.

C Cogdell 15/09/09