

**MINUTES OF THE
BRADFORD & COOKBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
Wednesday 16th November 2016
At 7.00 pm in Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall.**

Present: - Cllrs: Bill Pennington, (chairman), Ann Richmond, David Manifold, Carol Ventura, Nigel Manners, Nikki Tyrrell, Mike Welch, Mark Smale, Kate Rowlands, John Rennie.

Also present: - TD Cllr. Philip Hackett, Parish Clerk/RFO: Lindsay Dearing,

- 1) **Receive apologies of absence:** Andrew Oke and DC Cllr. Barry Parsons.
- 2) a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda:**
 - i) Cllr. Manifold has a standing declaration which would item include 5(a)b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.** None.
c) **To grant any dispensations as appropriate.** None.
- 3) **Draft minutes of 12th October 2016, having been circulated, were approved and signed.**

The chairman allowed a brief report on an attempt on Tuesday 14th October to place a static home down Allen's Lane by a Hungarian couple. This was resisted by Cookbury residents and the police called. The nature of this act being in breach of planning law was pointed out to the couple, as was the state of the road and the declined request to knock down a parishioners fence. The police allowed them to place the unit alongside Cookbury green on the understanding it be removed within 48 hours, Devon Highways were informed and are monitoring the situation. TDC Planning enforcement were also informed.

A recurring flooding problem in the dip at Hole Chapel requires a depth gauge. The PC will investigate the possibility of erecting one.

4) Other items for discussion:-

- a) **Cookbury defibrillator installation:** A quote for the electrical installation at the church was provided and was expensive. Further discussion took place to identify other sites around the green . Councillors will seek support from local householders to possibly host the unit. Cllr, Smale confirmed that a TAP grant application towards installation had been submitted.
- b) **Air Ambulance Night Landing Pad:** Two further sites will be investigated; Cllr. Manifold will speak to the landowners with a view to having DAAS inspect the sites in the near future.

TDCllr. Philip Hackett arrived at 8.10pm

- c) **Grant request from Bradford and Cookbury PCC.**
£300 proposed Cllr. Smale; seconded Cllr Tyrrell. Vote:Unanimous.
- d) **Report on meeting with Geoffrey Cox QC MP.** The council are awaiting the outcome of a future meeting between Mr Cox and Temporis Capital.
- e) **Middlecott Cross road state and flooding at Cookbury bridge.**
After discussion, it was agreed to arrange a site meeting with DCCllr Parsons and Simon Philips from Highways to discuss the problems. Cllr. Smale, as road warden, has looked at the Cookbury bridge drainage gullies.
- f) **Sandbag provision by local authority.** The council learned that there is no sandbag provision offered by DCC or TDC.
- g) **Grant request from Bradford Pre-School.** This was postponed to January as more information is requested to support the application.

TDCllr. Philip Hackett left the meeting at 8.50pm

5) PLANNING

- a) **1/0003/2016/SCR Screening opinion for 6MV Solar PV farm Land Near Bovacott Farm Brandis Corner Devon EX22 7YA**

The council made observations for the scoping opinion, particularly in regard to provision of a future Community Benefit payment scheme.

Observations were also made to Torridge Planning concerning:-

- i) **1/0991/2016/FUL Proposed Barn conversion, Cookbury Court.**
Traffic access issues, unresolved from previous applications, and potential H&S dangers from children playing with bikes on the road at Cookbury hill were raised. Not supported on a vote of 9:1
- ii) **1/1082/2016/LBC Internal alterations and replacement windows, East Rightadown, Brandis Corner.** Supported.
- b) **Any previous applications granted, refused or appealed.** None.

6) FINANCE

- a) **Confirmation of September transfer payment of £886.80 to Village Hall for Cookbury defibrillator purchase.** Was signed by the chairman.
- b) **Transfer authority for any grants issued in item 4 (e) and (g).**
A transfer authority for £300 to the PCC (4e) was signed.
- c) **2016 Community Benefit Payment received for Vaglefield Wind Turbine**
£1250 has been transferred to the savings reserve account.
- d) **Community Grant from TDC for £3500** received and transferred to the savings reserve account. The chairman gave a vote of thanks to Cllr. Hackett.
- e) **Transfer payment authority of £25.30 for tool hire to Mark Smale (road warden).** Was signed by the chairman.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- i) **A thank you letter** from the Bradford & Cookbury Cookery and Gardening club was read to the meeting.
- ii) **A BT notification of telephone box closures.** Holemoor and Brandis Corner are due for closure. Holemoor residents will be consulted as to the desirability of their box being adopted by the council.

No December meeting as the hall is being used for the school pantomime.

Date of next meeting: 11th January 2017 at 7.00pm Close of meeting: 9.20pm

Signed..... Date.....