

Draft

Minutes of Roborough Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2020 at 7.30 via Zoom

Present

Councillor Yvonne Isaac Chairman

Councillor Lorna Pincombe Vice Chair

Councillor Michael Folland

Councillor Ewan Huggons

Councillor Derrick Challacombe

County Councillor Andrew Saywell

District Councillor Rosemary Lock

Item 1 Apologies for absence: Cllr Tracey Steven, Cllr Michael Clarke and Cllr Martyn Hookway

Item 2 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th July 2020 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Item 3 Members of the public present to raise any matters of concern.
In attendance Les Parton and Ella Jude

Item 4 Declaration of Interests.
None

Item 5 Matters arising from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th July, 2020.

Action Points from previous meeting. 1-6

- It was agreed Vision ICT to prepare Accessibility Statement (AP1)
- It was agreed to report pot holes from Ten Oaks to Ebberley (AP2)
- It was agreed to look into revamping BT Kiosk (AP3)
- End of Year Accounts and exercise Public Rights to be published on the Website (AP4)
- Nat West current account - It was agreed to apply for on-line banking and persevere with the change of signatories (AP5 and outstanding AP2)
- It was agreed the Parish Council would seek clarification from NDC on how they reached their decision in respect of Eaglescott Airfield (AP6)

Action points from previous meeting not discharged

- Nat West signatory forms for new Cllrs (AP5 and outstanding AP2) See Item 6

Reports from Councillors.

- TAG representative Councillor Isaac
No matters to report
- Planning Subcommittee Councillors' Lorna Pincombe, Michael Folland and Tracey Stevens.

Sarum House barn conversation has been approved.

Eglescott Managers dwelling – The Parish Council have just received notification, via a concerned resident, that planning application has been submitted to NDC. There were lengthy discussions on this matter and the PC having a short time to prepare. Les Parton raised concerns there was little consultation within the immediate area that the airfield will change from recreational to residential. Cllr Lock explained only immediate neighbours were

Draft

Minutes of Roborough Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2020 at 7.30 via Zoom

eligible to be notified and furthermore it would be doubtful if a delay to the consultation period would be established. It was agreed that Burrington Parish Council to be contacted and that they request a full planning meeting. (AP1)

It was further agreed that all Councillors review the application and submit their response to the Clerk who will forward it to the Planning Officer at NDC before the deadline of 6th October 2020 (AP2)

- Snow Warden - Councillor Martyn Hookway
No report available
- Web Master - Councillor Ewan Huggons
It was reported the website corrections are ongoing
- Highways - Councillor Derrick Challacombe

It was reported Highways are working with Doing What Matters and they have highlighted a number of priorities regarding Roborough Parish as follows: -

1. Furze Cottage – potholes
2. Folly Goyle Cross – drainage
3. Scottington/Owlacombe – running water
4. Thelbridge – potholes
5. Roborough to Rapson Cross – potholes
6. Whitsleigh Barton to Whitsleigh Cross – potholes
7. Ebberly House Road – low priority as alternative routes are provided and no one lives there but Highways would accept feedback.

County Councillor Saywell advise to report all potholes and follow up with Highways Committee

- Village Hall – Councillor Tracey Stevens
It was reported the Village Hall is partially open and mainly for private functions
- Defibrillator management - Councillor Ewan Huggons
It was reported there were no problems with the defibrillator
- District/ County Councillors report. Councillor Saywell and Councillor Lock/Clarke

County Councillor Saywell

It was reported as of yesterday no further confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Devon. The statistics stand at DCC 1482, Torridge DC 65, North Devon 147 and West Devon 79. Testing has increased from 6500 to 8500 per week and less than 1% have tested positive. The initial spike came from Devon residents returning from abroad. Nationally the numbers are rising and hospitalisation is on the increase. The advice is to keep to government guidelines and wash hands regularly

District Councillor Lock

Torridge District Council has appointed new Chief Executive

Draft

Minutes of Roborough Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2020 at 7.30 via Zoom

District Councillor Clarke

No report available

Item 6 Financial Report (Clerk)

Nat West Current Account	£15141.06
Nat West Reserve Account	£ 380.37
NS&I	£1725.70

This includes £5100.26 from DAAT Grant and £3126.00 from RCPAL

Closure of Bank Account with Nat West – Nat West have notified the PC that they are eligible to transfer their banking to another Bank. It was agreed no further action to be taken at this time.

Covid 19 expenses

Torrige District Council provided a grant of £338 for the impact of Covid – 19 to help Parish Community and Volunteer Groups support vulnerable residents. TDC gave the PC less than 3 weeks to file a final return for expenses incurred during this period although Covid cases are again rising. As a precaution the Clerk filed a provisional sum with a covering email to hold the grant otherwise it would be deducted from our September Precept. In addition, we also hold a DCC grant of £495.00 which has not been utilised.

The Chairman commented Cllr Huggons and the Parish Clerk coordinated the effort to recruit Volunteers, identify the vulnerable groups, secure weekly food deliveries, compiling and printing newsletters, notices, Facebook, website, 100's of emails etc.

Furthermore, The Parish Clerk has put forward her additional hours of time spent for consideration by the Committee which equates to 28 hours over 3 months

Comments were invited from all Councillors, proposed by Cllr Folland and seconded by Cllr Huggons. The motion was unanimously agreed and the request carried. The Clerk to file final return to TDC (AP3)

Item 7

Devon Air Ambulance night light – slight delay due to excavation of the Highway but works resume on 21st September 2020

Item 8

Helicopter noise – awaiting response from MOD and NDC

Item 9

Community Fibre Broadband

Ella Jude raised the matter of Community Fibre Broadband and a number of residents have shown interest on Facebook. A community application would be preferable than individual residents applying. Each resident that applies receives a grant of £1500 and each business £3500. The vouchers are redeemed against the installation cost. A Legal Entity must submit the application and RCPAL expressed interest should there be a deficit to the funding.

Cllr Huggons reported it was a 3 year commitment to obtain Fibre at his exchange.

Draft

Minutes of Roborough Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2020 at 7.30 via Zoom

Cllr Lock suggested we contact Kings Nympton as they have recently installed Community Fibre Broadband (AP4)

It was agreed the PC would support a Register of Interest to the application as the Legal Entity and The Clerk to liaise with Ella Jude to determine the scope of the project and working group. (AP5)

Item 10 Correspondence

None

Item 11 Cheques for Signature

Cheques signed since last Parish Council Meeting – None

Cheques for signature at the meeting – M.A.T. Electrics Ltd £6315.50 Cheque No. 493

Item 12 Any other business

None

Date of next meeting

18th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed

8.45 p.m.