

Minutes for Roborough Parish Council General Meeting held on 15th September 2021 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Yvonne Isaac Chairman

Councillor Lorna Pincombe Vice Chair

Councillor Michael Folland

Councillor Martyn Hookway

Councillor Tracey Stevens

Councillor Derrick Challacombe

Councillor Chris Hoole

District Councillor Rachel Clarke

County Councillor Andrew Saywell

Any resident from the Parish of Roborough may attend the meeting and under item 3 raise matters of concern, they will also be able to speak briefly on any agenda item.

Item 1 Apologies for absence: Rosemary Lock and Derrick Challacombe

Item 2 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2021 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Item 3 Members of the public present to raise any matters of concern. Mr John Bowden in attendance

Item 4 Declaration of Interests: None received

Item 5 Action Points from previous meeting 1 – 4

- Clerk to respond as Consultee to TDC regarding planning application at Newlands (AP1)
- Clerk to respond as Consultee to TDC regarding retrospective planning application for ponds at rewilding site (AP2)
- Defibrillator pads to be checked (AP3)
- Clerk to liaise with the decorator for refurbishment of Bench and Village notice board (AP4)

Action points 1 – 4 discharged

Reports from Councillors.

- TAG representative Councillor Isaac – Nothing to report
- Planning Subcommittee representatives Councillors' Lorna Pincombe, Michael Folland and Tracey Stevens
Coldharbour Farm 160 Acre Solar Park 1/0823/2021/FULM to be discussed at length
Concerns were raised the applicant used their own criteria when assessing the poor agricultural ground. Rural Devon is renowned for its countryside and not acres of glass and that the application would possibly bridge the gap between Winkleigh Aerodrome to Eaglescott. Large industrial buildings would be visible from the Highway. The PC consultee would be meaningless and maybe a County decision should be made considering the expanse of the application. Historic England have raised concerns the Bowl Burrows would become insignificant. It was further discussed that Solar panels would be preferential than Wind Turbines. It was reported Ashreighney PC were in discussions with the developer for a contribution

After deliberation it was agreed to reply to TDC as Consultee and Defer our decision until further information becomes available. (AP1)

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- Snow Warden representative Councillor Martyn Hookway – All in order
- Web Master representative Councillor Chris Hoole – All in order
- Highways representative Councillor Derrick Challacombe – No report available
- Village Hall Committee Representative Councillor Tracey Stevens – The Village Hall has been used for local skittles and Coffee Mornings will resume shortly.
Cllr Michael Folland agreed to be representative for the Village Hall
- Defibrillator management representative Councillor Michael Folland – Richard Outen provided his time to both Michael and the Clerk in the use of the Defibrillator. The Clerk ordered 2 new pads to replace two that were out of date and the defibrillator is registered with the authorities, contact details updated within the defibrillator and all up and running.

District Councillor Lock – No report available

County Councillor Andrew Saywell

It was reported the A377 has been resurfaced in places and further cracks, some 1 metre deep, have been identified and will be addressed in the next 2 to 4 years.

A3124 will be closed for two days tomorrow due to Ash Dieback works

There was a recent meeting with a MP to discuss Eaglescott

Devon County have been put into enhanced measure since Covid – 19 infections increased from the lowest to the highest in the country. More support for testing and mobile vaccine clinics. There is a good uptake on younger people and cases are starting to fall. Infection in schools do not appear to be increasing and there will be no bubble in schools. Hospitalisations remain relatively low and falling again.

Adult Social Care and pent-up demand for the NHS will put pressure on the system.

3.2m will be invested into social workers to attract more people to the area which includes housing. DCC have submitted their devolution bid.

District Councillor Clarke –

It was reported Cllr Clarke attended a crisis meeting and another next week regarding Rural Housing, homeless and rough sleepers. Devon housing stock is being depleted by Landlords choosing alternative methods of rental and currently there are 100 applicants for one rental property when it comes on the market. This is affecting key workers in particular. TDC currently have 10-12 people homeless mainly in Bideford and are currently looking into temporarily pods to elevate the problem. TDC have agreed to home Afghan refugees and at the most there will be 2 families who have found accommodation and therefore not depleted the housing stock further.

Item 6 BT Kiosk refurbishment

The Clerk reported the BT Kiosk has been refurbished together with the Bench and Notice Board. The invoice received was for £220.00 which included £150.00 for the BT refurbishment and £70 for jet washing, oiling the bench and notice board. Specialist materials approximately £80.00. Thanks were given to the Clerk for organising the refurbishment.

Item 7 Financial Report (Clerk) and Bank Account

Nat West Current Account	£5530.72
Nat West Reserve Account	£ 380.43
NS&I	£1738.12
	<u>£7649.27</u>

Banking was discussed and it was agreed to put this item on the next Agenda for two signatories on the cheques from the current three signatories (AP2)

Item 8 Eaglescott Airfield

It was reported Planning application 72741 at Eaglescott Airfield for a Covid-pod and later re-classified Reception Area had been withdrawn. It was discussed and concerns were raised that the LPA had deleted the application and not shown it as withdrawn and therefore disappeared from public record.

It was further reported Sir Geoffrey Cox MP met with Caringfordevon to discuss Eaglescott and was interested and supportive not just for local residents but across the County. He was due to meet with Draken, but since, Draken have announced they will be closing down their operations at Newquay.

Caringfordevon have issued a legal notice to the LPA and shortly before this meeting response has been received and we await further clarification on the matter.

Item 9 Queens Platinum Jubilee

It was discussed whether to support the Queens Jubilee as there are no grants available. It was suggested the PC try Awards for All. Marquees, Big Lunch, Insurance (AP3) , food concessions will need to be investigated and to call a public meeting to see reaction from residents.

It was agreed that a Cheese and Wine Party will be organised for 13th October at 7.00pm for a Public Meeting for proposal of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Tracey Steven to put notice in the Parish Newsletter.

Item 10 Correspondence

The Clerk has reported Pastdue Credit Solutions had concluded their investigation and Roborough Parish Council do not owe this debt and they have closed their case.

Item 11 Cheques for signature

Cheques signed since last Parish Council Meeting: None

Cheques For signature at the meeting:-

K Wass (Defib Pads)	£ 87.60	505
K Wass (Mr Hill, BT, Bench, Notice board)	£220.00	506

Item 12 Any Other Business

Following concerns raised regarding A377 at our last meeting Roborough PC would like to thank Cllr Andrew Saywell for consulting with other authorities and expediting the repair of the highway. It was reported there are a large number of heavy-duty lorries using the country lanes, damaging the road network and intimidating local residents. It was suggested the Clerk notifies CC Andrew Saywell on this matter involving Coles and Bidwell lorries (AP4)

Date of next meeting

17th November 2021

Meeting Close

8.50 PM