

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

### Present

**Councillor Rob Brown Chairman**  
**Councillor John Bowden Vice Chair**  
**Councillor Michael Folland**

**Councillor Martyn Hookway**  
**Councillor Karen Bryant**  
**Councillor Yvonne Isaac**

**Item 1** Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from District Councillor Rosemary Lock.

**Item 2** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

The minutes were approved from the last Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and signed by the chairman.

**Item 3** (a) Declaration of Interests

Interests were declared in relation to Roborough Community Partnership Association Ltd  
by: -

Councillor Yvonne Isaac – Husband is on the Board of Directors and nonbeneficial share holder.

Councillor Karen Bryant – Member of the Board of Directors.

Councillor Martyn Hookway – Wife is member of the Board of Directors.

Councillor John Bowden – is non-beneficial Share Holder.

(b) Dispensation consideration.

Dispensation was requested by all Councillors who have interests in Roborough Community Partnership Association Ltd. Dispensation was granted by the remaining Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk.

**Item 4** Members of public present to raise any matters of concern with the Parish Councillors. No members of the public were present.

**Item 5** Matters arising from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

- Future of the Parish Playing Field. **AP1 Quote for new swing seat.** Councillor John Bowden reported that a quote for a new swing seat and shackles would be £52 +VAT. However before money can be spent a decision needs to be made about the future of the Parish Playing Field.

As mentioned at our last meeting the Parish Council has received a review of the Playing Field equipment which indicated that some equipment was no longer safe and the remainder close to the end of its safe life. The Council appointed a sub-committee of three to consider alternatives for the future and that committee has met and reported to the Council at this meeting. John Bowden opened the discussion by stating that, while RCPAL have planning permission for the Playing field to reconfigure the layout and include a carpark, it is the view of the sub-committee that as the Playing field had been donated to the village for the benefit of the village and its children for the future – the Council shouldn't agree to the transfer of the ownership, or management, of the field to RCPAL. Following discussion, the Council voted unanimously to retain both ownership and control of the Field. Councillor Michael Folland gave feedback from the earlier sub-committee

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meeting with David Whiteside, from Playdale Ltd., who gave possible solutions for replacing the Play Equipment. To Replace like for like and install a safe play surfaces would cost approximately £20,000 +VAT. The new equipment would be guaranteed for 20 years with a further expected useful life.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Folland and seconded by Councillor Martyn Hookway that a Public meeting should be arranged in the New Year to establish Parishioners wishes regarding the future of the Playing field. This was carried unanimously. The Playing field subcommittee will plan a presentation which can be presented at the proposed meeting. Councillor Rob Brown will write to RCPAL and keep them informed prior to the public meeting.

- Financial Report – Parish Clerk

NatWest Current account           £3,404.06

NatWest Reserve Account           £ 378.84

NS&I Account                         £1,681.61

- Highways report and feedback from Highways meeting.

Councillor John Bowden gave a brief feedback from the Town and Parish Highways conference attended on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The main points were: -

1. From the 1<sup>st</sup> December, any pot holes reported will receive a reply email with the outcome.
2. Devon Highways grit bin will no longer be filled automatically. If grit is required, this should be done vis Devon County Council “Report a Problem “Page.
3. Devon Highways department will resume ploughing the edge of some roads

Councillor Rob Brown reported that the gullies need clearing at the bottom of Rapson Hill.

**AP3** Councillor Bowden to report to the Highways department. Councillor Michael Folland reported that prior to the Parish Council meeting he had removed some of the debris which has eased the situation.

The road sign on Roborough Moor to Roborough stating it is not suitable for heavy traffic went missing. Councillor Rob Brown contacted Highways department and a new sign has been put up.

- Town and Parish Fund

An application has been submitted for equipment for the Village Hall.

- Resignation of Councillor Derrick Challacombe.

A letter of resignation has been received from Councillor Derrick Challacombe.

- A Notice of Vacancy of a Councillor has been displayed for the stipulated 14 days giving Parishioners the opportunity to request an election. There has been no such request. Therefore, co-opting a replacement can take place.

- Eaglescott Airfield planning application

Councillor Rob Brown has been in correspondence with Eaglescott Air Field expressing concerns over the proposed planning application. An invitation has been extended to the applicant to come to the Parish Council meeting and answer some of the concerns. This has been ignored and request for an email address to send a consultation form has been sent instead. Councillor Rob Brown will write again with the Parishes concerns and send a copy to the Planning department of North Devon requesting that they attend a Parish Council meeting.

**Item 6** Correspondence received since 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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- A Quote for grass cutting for 2017 April – October from Mr M Baker for £595.00 It was agreed unanimously to accept the quote.
- A Letter from Devon Rural Housing Partnership.

### Item 7 New Business

a, Planning applications.

Ref:- 1/0955/2016/FUL  
Location :- Lower Barn Roborough.  
Proposal:- Balcony to South Elevation.

b, District Councillors Report.

A Written report from District Councillor Rose Lock informed the Parish Council of the new proposed parliamentary boundaries. The main changes are that the proposed new parliamentary area will be called Central Devon. This will include 5 wards that are within TDC, Three moors, Two rivers, Clinton, Winkleigh and Torrington. Torridge is against these proposals.

The latest position of the refugees at Beam is that 12 boys still remain and will be reunited with their families or placed in foster homes shortly.

c, Cheques for signature.

Grass cutting/ Mr M Baker	£175.00	Cheque no. 426
Computer case/Mr J Bowden	£19.99	Cheque no. 427

d, Precept considerations for 2017/18.

After taking into consideration the Parish Councils expected expenditure for 2017/18, it was agreed unanimously that the Precept for 2017/18 would be increased by 1.9%

### Item 8

Date of next Parish Council meeting. **17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Meeting closed at 20.48hrs

Chairman's Signature.....

Clerks Signature.....

Date.....

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