

**Draft
Minutes
for
Roborough Parish Council
Meeting
Held on the
20th September 2016
in the Village Hall**

Present

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

**Councillor Martyn Hookway
Councillor Karen Bryant**

Item 1 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Yvonne Isaac.

Item 2 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th July 2016

Minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

Item 3 Declaration of Interest.

No interests were declared.

Item 4 The Chairman will invite any members of the public present to raise any matters of concern with the Parish Councillors.

There were no members of the Public present.

Item 5 Matters arising from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July 2016

• **Feed Back on Action Points**

AP1 Obtain quote for Village Field fence	Councillor Michael Folland	Waiting for 2 quotes
AP2 Joint meeting with RCPAL	Councillor Karen Bryant	Nothing to report
AP3 Quote for repair of Village bench	Councillor Yvonne Isaac	£48 from Mr F Beer
AP4 Start process for opting out of Pension scheme	Councillor Rob Brown	To be started in January 2017

• **Financial Report. Parish Clerk.**

Natwest Current Account	£2,565.96	20/09/2016
Natwest Reserve Account	£378.80	20/09/2016
NS&I Account	£1681.61	20.09/2016

The second half of the Precept will be issued in the next few weeks.

• **Highways update, Councillor John Bowden.**

Pot Holes continue to be reported and their progress monitored. If the potholes are deleted from the website and have not been repaired they are reported again.

• **Refurbishment of Bench opposite the New Inn. Councillor Yvonne Isaac**

The Village Bench has been repaired by Mr Beer at a cost of £48. Thanks were extended for an excellent job done.

• **Town and Parish Fund allocation.**

Several suggestions were tabled for the use of the TAP fund. i.e. Painting the interior of the Bus Shelter or a replacement swing for the children's play area. A decision will be made in November after consulting with Beaford and St Giles Parish Councils.

• **Future Plans for the Village Field /Refurbishment of play equipment.**

Some of the Play equipment has been removed as it was classed as unsafe i.e. the see-saw, and swings as the frame holding the swings was rusting. The swing frame has now been painted and one of the swings can be rehung. However, the second swing seat is broken and cannot be repaired. (AP1) A quote for a new swing seat will be sought by Councillor John Bowden. The remainder of the Play Equipment has a limited life and will need replacing in the near future. Roborough Community Partnership Association have plans for the Playing Field, but are not in a position to advance them. It was therefore unanimously agreed to hold a Public Meeting to discuss the future plans for the Parish Field and establish the opinion of the Parishioners. (AP2) Councillor Rob Brown, Michael Folland and John Bowden will form a subcommittee and organise a Parish Meeting within the next 2-3 months.

Item 6 Correspondence received since July 19th 2016.

Local Government Boundary Commission– Electoral review of Torridge: Draft recommendations
Devon Association of Local Councils Annual Report.
Natwest Bank – informing Parish of cut in Interest Rates from 0.25% – 0.01%
A letter from the Pensions Regulator regarding automatic enrolment.

Item 7 New Business

a, Planning applications.

Ref :- 1/0710/2016 Date:- 5/08/2016

Proposal: Hay and Livestock Shed.

Location: Clifton Barton, Roborough.

b, Cheques for signature.

25/08/2016 Village Bench Repair £48.00 Cheque no: 000425

c, Consultation: The 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement.

From 2017 there will need to be a referendum held, should the Parish Council Precept exceed 2% or up to £5 (whichever is higher).

d, Local Plan (Wind Turbines)

The Local Plan for Torridge and North Devon is currently at the examination stage by the Inspector who has directed Councils to undertake an additional round of Public consultation on the main and minor Modifications submitted in September 2016. i.e “Wind Energy should not be considered in the Local Plan”. Therefore, it was unanimously agreed that the following statement should be sent. (See Addendum 1).

Item 8

Date of next Parish Council meeting **22nd November 2016.**

Chairman’s Signature.....

Clerks Signature.....

Date.....

Date.....

Addendum 1

Dear Sirs

As part of the consultation for the North Devon and Torridge Local plan 680 plus people including 55 Parish Councils which amounted to over 98% of respondents to the 2nd Wind Energy Consultation made representations to the effect that they did **not** want Wind Energy to be considered in the Local Plan.

As a result both North Devon and Torridge District Councils at Full Council Meetings in May 2016, unanimous voted that the following words be put in the Local Plan:

6.19A *"In accordance with Government Guidance, proposals for wind energy development will only be permitted where they are in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development which is allocated in a Neighbourhood Plan."*

In the light of this, and following a review at our Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 20th September 2016, we ask that, in your inspection, you ratify the following amendments.

Proposed Main Modification, see page 6

PMM/8 states to amend policy to read "other than wind energy"

Proposed Main Modification, see page 7

PMM/9 states to Insert sentence to read:

Policy ST16 relates to all forms of renewable energy and renewable heat development, other than wind energy.

Proposed Minor Modification, see page 46

MM/54

Paragraph: 6.19A

Insert paragraph to read:

"In accordance with Government Guidance, proposals for wind energy development will only be permitted where they are in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development which is allocated in a Neighbourhood Plan."

Yours Faithfully

Robert C Brown

*Chairman, on behalf of
Roborough Borough Council*