

Minutes of Roborough Parish Council meeting held on 20th November 2019 at 7.30 p.m.
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Present

Councillor Yvonne Isaac Chairman

Councillor Lorna Pincombe Vice Chair

Councillor Michael Folland

Councillor Tracey Stevens

Councillor Derrick Challacombe

District Councillor Michael Clarke

County Councillor Andrew Saywell

Item 1 Apologies for absence: Cllr Martyn Hookway, District Councillor Rose Lock, Cllr Ewan Huggons

Item 2 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2019 were taken as read and signed as correct.

Item 3 Members of the public present to raise any matters of concern.
There were no matters of concern raised from the floor
In attendance Mr & Mrs Hoole, Mr & Mrs Parton and Mr Bowden

Item 4 Declaration of Interests.
There were no new interests declared

Item 5 Matters arising from the previous Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th September 2019.

Action Points from previous meeting. 1-9

- Has transfer of email address changed to new clerk **AP1**
- Repainting of BT Kiosk **AP2**
- Modern slavery leaflet on notice board **AP3**
- Mr Howard requesting Climate Change volunteers **AP4 & AP9**
- The clock in the meeting-room **AP5**
- NS&I signatories and redirected mail **AP6**
- Devon Air Ambulance planning application **AP7**
- Bank Mandate **AP8**

Action points from previous meeting not discharged

- Nat West signatory forms for new Cllrs (**AP3**)
- Bank statements redirected to new clerk NS&I and Nat West (**AP5/AP6**)

Action points from the previous meeting were discharged with the exception of Bank Mandate (**AP8**)

Reports from Councillors.

- TAG representative Councillor Isaac
No points to report and Cllr Isaac will be attending meeting on 26th November 2019
- Planning Subcommittee Councillors' Lorna Pincombe, Michael Folland and Tracey Stevens
- Snow Warden - Councillor Martyn Hookway
No points to report
- Web Master - Councillor Ewan Huggons

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Cllr Ewan reported that events programmed for 2020 are being collated and will be put on the web site once confirmed. He also reported that he will take new photographs of the car park, and play area and update the website (AP1)

- Highways - Councillor Derrick Challacombe
It was discussed under **Item 9**
- Defibrillator management - Councillor Ewan Huggons
It was reported that the Defibrillator has not been used and is up and running
- District/ County Councillors report. Councillor Saywell and Councillor Lock/Clarke

County Councillor Saywell

It was reported that night closures are ongoing and the highway by Wooleigh Bridge will conclude this section of road

County Councillor Saywell will be meeting with Devon County Council, Highways and will report back at next meeting.

DCC have agreed 20 million funding for schools plus extra funding for people with special needs.

1.5 million has been agreed for Social Care but .5 million will be funded by extra council tax

Devon County Council have declared Climate Change Emergency and encourage Parish Councils to nominate a representative whether a Cllr or resident. It was further discussed that we have had no interest and the position will be advertised on the website (AP2)

District Councillor Lock

Cllr lock reported driving through Roborough she saw the finished car park and tennis court and paid another visit to see the houses in Sealy Court. Furthermore, she wished to pass on her congratulations to all those concerned both on the parish council and the RCPAL for all their hard work and commitment to see this project through over the years. The entire project will benefit the whole of the community and help maintain the vibrant community that it has become.

District Councillor Clarke

Cllr Clarke will be attending a Climate Change Emergency meeting and will report back to the Parish Council

It was reported that there are grants available for Stannah Stair Lifts of up to 50k for works completed, which are not means tested. Should any resident need advice to contact Cllr Clarke or TDC Housing Disability Grants

Cllr Clarke is the lead Councillor for Armed Forces homelessness

- Village Hall Committee representative - Councillor Tracey Stevens.
It was reported there was an event on Saturday to raise funds for the Village Hall

Item 6 Financial report (Clerk)

Nat West Current Account	£5329.37
Nat West Reserve Account	£ 379.86

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NS&I

£1712.00

- 2nd half of precept received.
- Nat West current account signatories to be applied to the application form

Item 7 Devon Air Ambulance night landing site quotation and grants available.

The net costs to the parish council, after vat reclaimed and grants obtained, amounts to £5425.09. Funding will be investigated and Cllrs will look into utilising deposit held on NS&I account. It will be further discussed once planning has been granted. District Councillor Saywell pledged £500.00 towards to project

Item 8 Helicopter noise nuisance east of the village

Concerns were raised by residents at Parkyns area regarding the use Helicopters flying directly above their properties. We understand that one resident has taken his concerns to Torridge District Council, Planning Department to contest that the airfield is being used commercially and not within the scope granted as Amateur Sports and Leisure facility. It is reported Cobham Helicopter Academy, part of a large international aircraft company, are operating large Jet Turbine Helicopters, training pilots from around the world.

Mr Pearson, owner of Eaglescott Airfield was contacted and provided the Parish Council with a written response. This was generally supported by all present, of the function of Amateur and Sports facilities and access to HM Coast Guard HM Forces, Police and Air Ambulance at the airfield.

Mr Hoole thanked Parish Councillors' for their support in this matter.

Concerns were raised that the Airfield is used for Commercial training by Cobham Helicopter Academy,

Mr Hoole reported that the Jet Turbine Engine Helicopters are hovering over their properties for hours, 200 metres above, causing noise levels and vibrations, that are affecting the residents a great deal since September. Furthermore, he contacted Cobham Helicopter Academy, although sympathetic, were entitled to operate out of a Commercial Airfield with consent and relied upon the owner's submission in this regard. Furthermore, health and safety concerns were raised in respect of the Airfield now storing and selling A1 Fuel, for Jet Turbine Engineers only as compared to Avgas which is for small piston engine aircraft. Planning permission was granted for the use of the Airfield for Amateur Sports and Leisure facility with condition No. 8 which is to ensure the development kept as a small rural airfield. Not to escalate the situation Mr Hoole has not sent his letter to the council.

County Cllr Saywell suggested contact be made to the Civil Aviation Authority in respect of noise and the use of A1 Fuel and for them to investigate

It was agreed that a written enquiry to be submitted to North Devon County Council, whether the Airfield has planning permission for Commercial use and storage of Jet-1 fuel (AP3)

Item 9 Devon County Council Highways meeting 4th November 2019 to discuss potholes and drainage problems within the boundary and prioritise.

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A good meeting was held with Devon County Council Highways and concerns were put forward regarding pot holes and drainage problems within the Community

Car parking opposite the New Inn

It was further discussed that the wall by junction of the New Inn has been damaged twice and debris has covered the drain. Large vehicles cannot manoeuvre safely due to the neighbouring vehicles parking in front of the junction. Devon County Council, Highways, suggest we contact the owners of the vehicles contravening Rule 243. County Councillor Saywell suggested a letter in the first instance

It was agreed a letter sent to the owners of the vehicles pointing out the dangers to other road users and pedestrians (AP4)

Item 10 Quotation M J Baker for providing grass cutting around kiosk and village signs for 2020 at £150.00

It was agreed M J Baker to provide grass cutting around kiosk and village signs for 2020 at £150.00 (AP5)

Item 11 Correspondence

- Received from Mr Howard regarding Climate Emergency requesting volunteers
- Received from Mr Hoole, J Boyce and S Parton regarding Jet Helicopters
- Received from various residents regarding drainage problems Roborough to Beaford road
- Received from Mr Pearson, Eaglescott Airfield

Item 12 Cheques for signature

Cheques signed since last Parish Council meeting

Planning Portal	£142.00	Cheque No. 462
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Cheques for signature at the meeting

M J Baker	£150.00	Cheque No. 463
Torrige DC	£788.05	Cheque No. 464

Item 13 Any other Business

It was announced the opening of the new car park

Date of next meeting

15th January, 2020

Meeting closed at

8.50 p.m.

Chairman's signature

Clerks signature.....

Date.....