Bratton Clovelly Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (no.226) held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11th September 2024 in the Village Hall**

**Present: Cllrs T Jones, W Jellyman, K Huggins, C Bowyer, S May, P Gilbert,**

**Clerk: R Ward**

Chairman reminded participants that this meeting may be recorded.

**Public Participation:** Restricted to 15 mins in total. Planning 2198/24/LBC was discussed, but no decision made

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence Cllr Braidwood and WDBCllrs Mott and Southcott sent apologies
2. **Declaration of Interest: None**
3. **Planning:**
	1. For Decisions –None
	2. For Noting – None
	3. For updates – None
	4. Housing drop in event – Cllr Jones will find out when this will take place. Cllr Gilbert agreed to advertise it
4. **Agree and sign minutes:** - from the Parish Council Meeting 225 held on 10th July 2024 ***Agreed***
5. **Report from WDBC**: (Cllr Mott/Southcott) None email to follow
6. **Grants and donations policy**: Include a line in the budget for Grants, consider a timetable for applications, and how this will be advertised. Consider what will happen to monies not spent in a particular year. Should electricity for the defibrillator and a holding fee for the hall be considered under grants? ***Decisions postponed*** - Cllr Braidwood absent
7. **Finance:**
	1. Receive up-to-date report on finances from RFO (Clerk) ***Approved***
	2. To note clerk’s incremental pay increase to £13.50ph (22p) from 4th August 2024 ***Approved***
	3. To consider grant request from ODTG – Agreed £100
	4. To begin to consider the precept request for next year previous year’s budgets handed round to aid consideration. Further discussion in October.
	5. To note the payments listed:

ICO £35

Andy Barton £105.00

Clerk’s salary and HMRC Payments – totalling £313.74 for 4th July to 3rd August 2024 and £318.50 for 4th August to 3rd September 2024

1. **P3:** update (Cllr Braidwood) No update
2. **Playground:** update (Cllr Bowyer) weed update (Clerk) The small climbing frame has not yet been repaired – hazard tape and signage in use. Waiting for better weather. New wood chip will be needed in the spring.
3. **Parking issues in the village**: Cllr Huggins will contact the police liaison to see what can be done.
4. **Dog bins and payments for collection:** The bin at the Eversfield end of the Pack Horse Trail has not been emptied for about 2 months. The clerk has emailed several times as we have been charged in advance. Cllr Gilbert will telephone and try to sort this out.
5. **Parking charging policy at Roadford Lake**: it was agreed to write to SW Lakes and ask them to remind the contractor that there is a 10 minute grace period in the car park. Cllr Jellyman will draft something
6. **Police liaison:** (Cllr Huggins) The neighbourhood Police Team will be at Hatherleigh community Centre on 4th Oct 15:00-16:30. The Rural Affairs Team now have a Facebook page “DCPolicerural” for latest advice and support for rural communities. Speed awareness checks were recently carried out in Lifton; 25 people were travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit – the fastest was 42mph.

Rural thefts continue and parishioners are asked to keep thins securely, make a note of serial numbers on equipment and take photos to aid identification. Advice on livestock theft prevention can be found on via NFU or the DC police home page. Rural residents are encouraged to sign up to DC alerts <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/> this will provide updates and explain how to report a theft.

1. **Roads and ditches:** (Cllr Huggins) it was noted that some pot holes have been ringed in spray paint.
2. **PHMC Report:** (Cllr Gilbert) Friendly Fridays are going well. They would normally stop over the summer but a core group have kept them going from strength to strength – many thanks to the team involved. A local produce market is being considered to coincide with Friendly Friday and a meat stall will be there on Fridays to see how it goes. Octoberfest is on 28th September, Xmas market is 24th November,
3. **General updates**: None
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Items for next agenda:** Grants. Budget. Planning. Finance.
6. **Date of next meeting:** 9th October 2024 7:30pm in the School Room

**Meeting ended at 9pm**