Bratton Clovelly Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting (no.229) at 7:30pm on Tuesday 14th January 2025 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jellyman, Gilbert, Huggins, May, Bowyer. WDBC Cllr Southcott. Clerk- R Ward

Chairman to reminded participants that this meeting may be recorded.

**Public Participation:** Restricted to 15 mins in total.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Jones and Cllr Braidwood
2. **Declaration of Interest: None**
3. **Planning:**
	* 1. For Decisions – 3796/24/FUL Proposal: Retention of decking & enlarging garden area (retrospective) Site Address: Kalehouse Barn Bratton Clovelly EX20 4JG “ despite the fact that the land in question is not agriculturally productive we agree with the landscape officer’s report and OBJECT to this development for the same reasons. Any increase to the curtilage of the property must be physically defined.” ***Object***
		2. 3409/24/FUL Proposal: Erection of dwelling & ancillary outbuilding (Retrospective), Site Address: Stockwood Barn, Bangors Farm, Germansweek, EX21 5AJ ***No Comment***
	1. For Noting – None
	2. For updates – None
	3. Housing drop in event – Cllr Jones to engage with WDBC to establish how they wish to proceeded. It is suggested that Friendly Friday would be a good opportunity to hold this evert, but we will need plenty of notice and some info/leaflets to encourage attendees.
4. **Agree and sign minutes:** - from the Parish Council Meeting 228 held on 13th November 2024 ***Agreed***
5. **Report from WDBC**: (Cllr Mott/Southcott) Emailed out – there was a discussions about the Government’s devolution bill. WDBC budget strategy has been approved. Connecting Devon and Somerset have a new plan for connecting rural communities to high speed broad band.
6. **Dog bins and payments for collection**: (Cllr Jellyman update) there has been no response from WCBC with regard to the collection change request. A new invoice has not been received either. Cllr Jellyman has the direct contact no. for the contractors and they have been very obliging when she and Cllr Gilbert contacted them about non collection of all the bins. Cllr Gilbert will chase up the new invoice.
7. **Finance:**
	1. Receive up-to-date report on finances from RFO (Clerk) ***Agreed***
	2. To note Lloyds bank will start to charge £4 per month for the ac – do the Council wish to stay with Lloyds or move – Clerk to advise. ***Agreed*** to stay with Lloyds
	3. To approve the precept request for next year at £7924 in line with discussions over the past three months (£7972 with bank charges) £7972 ***agreed***
	4. To note the payments listed:

Richard Mitchell £580:00 on hold until works are completed to a satisfactory level

WDBC Dog bin emptying TBC not yet received

Clerk’s salary and HMRC Payments –£664.30 for 4th November 2024 to 3rd January 2025 ***Agreed***

1. **P3:** update (Cllr Braidwood) No annual survey form received yet – they might have been sent to Cllr Braidwood but he is away for three months. No response to last year’s survey either.
2. **Snow warden:** (Cllr Gilbert) all bins are full and bags were put out just prior to last week’s freeze. Cllr Gilbert will place comment on the Hub about people taking bags of salt from the roads for personal use. The PC would like to thank people who help grit the roads and foot paths.
3. **First aid Kit:** Cllr May has purchased a kit and it is now with the defibrillator.
4. **Playground:** update (Cllr Bowyer) there have been difficulties contacting the contractor and until he finishes the contracted work to a satisfactory standard we are holding his payment. This includes straightening and strengthening the fence posts and fixing the latch on the gate.
5. **Parking issues in the village:** There was a discussion about speeding and parking. Cllr Huggins will post something on the Hub about parking in the village.
6. **Parking charging policy at Roadford Lake:** (Cllr Jellyman) Cllr Jellyman has, following a site visit, drafted a letter for the Clerk to send to SW Lakes, complaining about the lack of grace period offered by the operator in contravention of SW Lakes website information, and infractions of parking law. Cllr Southcott asked to be copied in.
7. **Police liaison:** (Cllr Huggins) None
8. **Roads and ditches:** (Cllr Huggins) None
9. **PHMC Report:** (Cllr Gilbert) there has not been a recent meeting however it was noted that the Treasurer will be stepping down at the end of the financial year and the committee is looking for a new one. The committee would like to extend the current car park. This will be put on the next PC agenda for consideration. Field is trust will need to be contacted about this proposal.
10. **General updates**: Cllr Bowyer reported a blocked drain outside her house and has been given a ref. number.
11. **Items for next agenda:** Hall Car park
12. **Date of next meeting:** 12th February 2025 7:30pm in the School Room