

**BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**



**Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, Chaloners Road, Braunton.**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, G Bell, V Cann, M Shapland, R Shapland, Bunyard, Lord, Mrs J Chesters, P Lord, A Bryant and E Wood.  Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO.  14 members of the public.
223/2019/20	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Received and accepted from: Cllr D Relph on holiday.
224/2019/20	<b><u>Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council</u></b>	There were none.
225/2019/20	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>	Cllr M Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 234/2019/20 (a), as the applicant is known to her.  Cllr G Bell declared a Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 229/2019/20, as he is employed by the NHS.
226/2019/20	<b><u>Request for Dispensation</u></b>	There were none.
227/2019/20	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>	RESOLVED: That the (a) Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13 January 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. (b) Minutes of the Additional Council meeting held on the 27 January 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. (c) Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on the 27 January 2020 be ratified and

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adopted by Council.

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- 228/2019/20      **Police Representation**      RESOLVED: That the Council notes the latest Police Newsletter, which was circulated prior to the meeting.
- Clr Mrs J Chesters requested where the flight restrictions were regarding drones. The Clerk to clarify this with the police.
- It was reported on social media that a knife was found in the Recreation Ground. The Clerk to clarify this with the police.
- (NC)
- Clr Bell declared a non Pecuniary interest.
- 229/2019/20      **Action Sheet**      RESOLVED: That the Action Sheet be noted, attached.
- (NC)
- 230/2019/20      **Report from Devon County Councillor**      The County Councillor had sent a written report which was circulated amongst members at the meeting, attached as Appendix A.
- Clr A Bryant requested if any progress had been made regarding extending the Tarka Trail between Willingcott and Knowle. The County Councillor reiterated that no progress had been since his last enquiry as previously explained the issues is with the existing landowners. Clr Bryant expressed his concerns that the project had been delayed for 10 years and requested where the earmarked money had been spent.
- 231/2019/20      **Report from North Devon District Councillors**      Clr D Spear explained the Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) had been completed but would need amended as Natural England wants to widen its scope. This will give the document more weight and it is hoped that it will be adopted this Spring.
- Clr Mrs J Chesters explained that the Willingcott development had offered funding towards extending the Tarka Trail between Willingcott and Knowle.
- Clr E Spear reported that North Devon Council had approved its budget for 2020/21. The District Council's proportion of the council tax bill only equates to 10% of the overall bill which works out £5 extra per year for the Band D equivalent household.
- North Devon Council have offered to provide support to Neighbourhood Plan groups
- The Local Authority Planning fees are down by £109k. It has budgeted £50k as contingency to deal with issues resulting from Brexit.
- Clr M Shapland requested if a report had been received from the District Councillor Pat Barker. The Clerk clarified

that the situation had not changed Councillor Barker had offered to meet with the Clerk to discuss any issues that the Parish might have.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be instructed to write to Councillor Barker and remind her that it is part of her duty as a District Councillor to attend Parish Council meetings. It is understood that Cllr Mrs J Chesters who also represents the District Georgeham / Braunton West Ward attends Georgeham Parish Council meetings and Braunton councillors would request Councillor Barker to reciprocate and attend its meetings.

(NC)

It was proposed by the Chair and unanimously agreed to moved agenda items 12 and 13 forward on the agenda to enable the guest speaker to the leave meeting.

(NC)

232/2019/20

**Live Well in  
Braunton –  
Men's Shed**

The Chair welcomed the Live Well in Braunton Community Connector and its committee members to the meeting.

The Council considered a report circulated with the agenda received from the Live Well in Braunton Community Connector requesting the Parish Council's support with providing a Braunton Men's Shed.

Live Well in Braunton held a community interest day on the 25 January in the Parish Hall approximately 100 people turned up and 52 took part in their questionnaire expressing an interest in becoming a shedder.

Some of the benefits of this initiative include, prevention of loneliness and isolation, improve health, fun, sharing skills and knowledge with likeminded people, gaining a new sense of purpose and belonging and remain independent. There are many more benefits some that are not yet apparent as shedders will have different needs that will be met by being part of the Braunton Men's Shed.

Live Well Braunton are requesting the Council's support by providing the Committee Room and land at the rear of the rear of the Parish Hall as a venue to get this initiative off of the ground. If permission is granted by the Council the next step would be to form a Committee to run the Braunton Men's Shed and start to attract funding to enable it to find a more permanent premises in the future. Live Well in Braunton would also want to invite a Council representative to sit on the Committee to regular updates to the Council.

There were concerns expressed regarding the neighbouring school and possible interference with the Council's own staff when using the space at the rear of the premises. The Live Well in Braunton Connector clarified that the Men's Shed would be structured and only meet when scheduled the same as any other Hall booking. If

issues do arise the arrangement can be reviewed.

RESOLVED:

- a. The Council agrees that the Braunton Men's Shed can use the Committee Room and the area at the rear of the Parish Hall, subject to availability. (8.2abs)
- b. That the first to meetings be free of charge to help the group get financially established. (8.2abs)
- c. Councillor Ray Shapland to be the Council's representative on the Braunton Men's Shed Committee. (NC)

233/2019/20

**Braunton Rotary Minstrels Walk**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Glenn and Lotte Farrar from the Braunton Rotary Club.

Glenn Farrar addressed the Council regarding their plans to hold a Minstrels Walk in Braunton on Friday 17 July 2020 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. This is a pilot event which is intended to take the form of a walk with musical and other performing arts along the way and is aimed at all ages with the strap line "A surprise around every corner". It is based on a similar event that they had attended in France. Its purpose is to bring families out for an entertaining walk, encouraging social interaction, improving health and encourage people to visit the village.

Many performing artists have already confirmed their availability to attend. The Rotary Club are requesting the Parish Council's support by providing permission to use its land and the Parish Hall during the event. The Braunton Rotary Club will provide marshals and a full risk assessment.

RESOLVED: That the Council supports the Rotary Clubs Minstrels Walk by providing use of its land in the village the Parish Hall free of charge.

(NC)

234/2019/20

**Planning**

The Chair requested the Lead Member for Planning Cllr M Shapland, to present the planning applications to the meeting as per the attached sheet.

235/2019/20

**Finance**

- (a) RESOLVED: That the cheques on the schedule were approved and drawn in the total sum of £3,245.84.
- (b) RESOLVED: That the statement of accounts for January 2020 be approved and noted.

(NC)

236/2019/20

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Chair reported that Mick Harrison, the Communications and Engagement Officer for the Office of the PCC had attended at 6:30 pm and provided a very

	<u>(PCC) Office</u>	informative presentation, attached as Appendix B.
237/2019/20	<u>Braunton Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)</u>	<p>The Council considered the notes from the Air Quality Technical Working Party meeting held on the 11 December 2019. It was noted that the meeting had been very positive and showed that the three authorities Devon County Council, North Devon Council and Braunton Parish Council were working together to progress action to improve the air quality in Braunton.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting be approved and actions therein adopted by the Parish Council, attached as Appendix C.</p>
238/2019/20	<u>Remedial works to the Memorial Garden Hedgerow</u>	<p>The Clerk reported that in December a large section approximately half of the Memorial Garden hedgerow was completely destroyed when a vehicle left the A361 on Chaloners Road, and collided with the hedgerow and public lamppost adjacent the pedestrian pavement. The Parish Council have successfully claimed on the driver's insurance policy for remedial works to replace the damaged hedgerow.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. to improve safety and accessibility the entire length the hedgerow from the Gardeners Shed to the Vivian Moon Centre be removed before the end February and temporary fencing be erected.</li> <li>b. the Council at its meeting on the 9 March to consider replanting options.</li> </ol>
239/2019/20	<u>Defibrillators in the Village</u>	<p>The Council considered a request from the Braunton Caen Rotary Club to take on the ongoing costs to replace the batteries and pads in the following four defibrillators in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The one in the Cross Tree Centre</li> <li>• The one at John Wensley's Newsagents</li> <li>• Th one at the Pixie Dell Stores</li> <li>• The one at the Old School Rooms in Church Street.</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council would agree to take on the costs associated with these four defibrillators. The Clerk be instructed to obtain an estimated annual cost to be included in the Council's budget from 2021/22.</p>
240/2019/20	<u>Recreation Ground</u>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Braunton Rotary Club and Braunton Caen Rotary Club be granted permission to use the Recreation Ground on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2020 for their annual fair.</p>

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- 241/2019/20     **Village Green**     RESOLVED: That the Braunton Rotary Club and Braunton Caen Rotary Club be granted permission to use the Village Green on the 11 April, 2, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 May 2020 to sell Draw Tickets.     (NC)
- 242/2019/20     **Items for Information**     Items a) to d) were noted.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Signed by the Chair:  
(Cllr E Spear)

Date:

E. Spear .....  
9/3/2020 .....

## BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL ACTION SHEET

## PROGRESS MADE

DATE	TOPIC	PROGRESS MADE
May 2015 ongoing	Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)	The Air Quality TWG met with Caen Community Primary School on the 18 June 2019 notes to be considered at the Council meeting on the 8 July. Notes and actions contained therein approved (Minute Ref: 076/2019/20). <b>To consult the community: (a) 'MOVA' becoming a medium-term aim in the AQAP. (b) DCC upgrading the Zebra crossing on Chaloners Road and Saunton Road and also other walking and cycling improvements around the village becoming a short-term aim</b>
September 2018	Pedestrian crossing in Braunton	The TWG meeting to be held on 11 December 2019 – draft notes to be circulated at the full Council meeting held on 10 February 2020.
July 2019	Extension of Tarka Trail from Knowle towards Ilfracombe	<b>No updates have been received from the County – refer to October 2019 AS.</b>
February 2018	North Devon Council: Section 106 Money Communities Together Fund (CTF) ND Councillor Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitness equipment in the recreation ground –to be considered by the Parks and Gardens Committee.</li> <li>• Informal running track in the recreation ground – to be considered by the Parks and Gardens Committee.</li> <li>• Skate Park facilities on land adjacent Velator quay – Section 106 request submitted.</li> <li>• Provision of public conveniences on Chaloners Road – Section 106 request submitted not eligible for S106.</li> <li>• Replacement play equipment at Knowle Play Park – <b>Castle themed climbing tower completed. £7,006 S106 applied for to complete phase two – install double swing set of 2 x flat swings and Birds Nest Swing complete with rubber mulch.</b></li> <li>• Upgrade existing equipment in the Chaloners Road play area identified on the ROSPA inspection - <b>£4,026 S106 applied towards replacing the Spudnik Roundabout.</b></li> </ul>
November 2018	Village Green	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Phase one of the project</li> <li>2. Phase two to be completed later in the year once the relevant permissions have been obtained.</li> </ol>
April 2019	Community Led Plan (aka Parish Plan)	To appoint Devon Communities Together to help review the existing Parish Plan for Braunton. To hold a public consultation event in 2020.
June 2019	Braunton Neighbourhood Plan (BNP)	The Council appointed Cllrs M Shapland, A Bryant, D Ralph and G Bell as its four representatives to serve on the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (BNPSSG) (Min Ref: 075/2019/20). The Council to provide training in Braunton for the BNPSSG, Parish councillors and surrounding communities. <b>Funding included in the financial year 2020/21.</b>
June 2019	Climate Emergency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declared a 'Climate Emergency';</li> <li>2. Pledged to do everything within the Council's power to make the Parish of Braunton carbon neutral, and over the term of this council by 2023 to do as much as possible to achieve carbon neutrality.</li> <li>3. Work with other local authorities and bodies (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;</li> <li>4. Continue to work with partners to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;</li> <li>5. Specifically consider the mitigation of wider climate impacts on Braunton;</li> <li>6. Engage with surrounding parish and town councils to ascertain what other local areas are doing;</li> <li>7. To carry out an audit of the Council's activities to define the organisation boundaries and establish where improvements in the Council's energy use can be made.</li> <li>8. Cllr P 'll to contact surrounding Parish Council's.</li> </ol>

June 2019	Public Conveniences and baby changing facilities	<p>9. Secured District Councillor Grant to plant standard trees in the Recreation Ground as part of the Council tree planting scheme.</p> <p>10. Secured Oak tree from the Landmark Tree Scheme to be planted on land behind the Anchor area in the centre of the village.</p> <p>11. Secured 420 trees from the Woodland Trust to be planted on parish land in November / December 2020.</p> <p>12. Climate Emergency to be discussed at the 10 February Additional Council meeting.</p> <p>1. Clerk has reported to NDC the poor state of their public conveniences in Braunton.</p> <p>2. Council to continue to secure external funding to reopen the redundant public conveniences at the side of the Parish Hall.</p>
July 2019	Pharmacy Services in the village	<p>The Clerk to write to the LPC and CCG to express the Council's concerns regarding the closure of the Lloyds Pharmacy on Caen Street and whether the existing pharmacy services in the village will meet the needs of the community.</p> <p>1. Response received from NHS England (South West) 09/08/19.</p> <p>2. Response received from Devon Local Pharmaceutical Committee 16/08/19</p> <p>3. Waiting for response from CCG.</p> <p>4. Response received from Devon County Council Health and Wellbeing Board 24/09/19 and 28/01/20.</p> <p>5. Response received from Lloyds Pharmacy 18/01/20.</p> <p>6. Council to issue press release to encourage the community to write to the DCC Health and Wellbeing Board to request an urgent PNA be carried out in Braunton. <b>Completed.</b></p> <p>7. Council to invite Councillor Andrew Leadbetter to future meeting to discuss pharmaceutical needs in Braunton. <b>Completed – He would not refuse but he wonders what more he can say.....</b></p>
July 2019	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS)	<p>The Clerk to invite the DSFRS to attend a meeting with Council to discuss the proposed options in their Service Delivery Operating Model consultation. <b>Council submit response to consultation not in favour of the proposed options (Min Ref: 130/2018/19).</b></p>
July 2019	Parish Field	<p>Caen Community Primary School to be given permission in principle to create an all weather track around the perimeter of the Parish Field subject to the School obtaining the necessary permissions and any legal cost to amend the Lease is met by DCC.</p>
August 2019	Hospital services in northern Devon	<p>The Council put on its website and social media sites the Hospital Services in northern Devon: public survey. The Council write to the local MP to request him to put political pressure on the government to secure more funding for the NDDH in the future. <b>To be considered by Council at its meeting in January 2020.</b></p>
November 2019	Community Emergency Plan (CEP)	<p>Working Party to meet and update the CEP before the 9 December. <b>Completed.</b></p>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
May 2019	Finance and Admin	BPC to apply for the Local Council Award Scheme (aka Quality Council Status).
May 2019	Finance and Admin	To upgrade the Council's website. <b>Funding allocated in 2020/21.</b>
May 2019	Finance and Admin	To provide training opportunities for local councillors - <b>Ongoing.</b>
November 2019	Finance and Admin	Parish Grants be awarded in April 2020 totalling £13,475.
December 2019	Finance and Admin	Operation London Bridget to agree draft Policy in principle and bring back to the January meeting to approve



January 2019	Parks and Gardens	Appendices - <b>Completed</b> .
April 2019	Parks and Gardens	Install new swing set and communal area in Knowle Play Park. <b>Waiting for S.106 Funding to be released.</b>
June 2019	Parks and Gardens	Council to take on the County Urban Grass Cutting contract for 2020/21.
June 2019	Parks and Gardens	To obtain costs to install fitness equipment – to be considered by the new Council following the May elections. Rotary Club of Braunton are keen to develop the area and encourage pentanque. The project to be referred to full Council following the May elections. <b>The Parks and Gardens Comm. meet with the Braunton Rotary Club (BRC) on the 30 September to consider options and costs – no official response received from the BRC regarding proposed plans.</b>
November 2019	Parks and Gardens	To look at opportunities to provide more public open space in the community. The Clerk, the Chair and Chair of Parks and Gardens to be given delegated powers to meet with NDC to begin negotiations regarding acquiring more open space in Braunton.
November 2019	Parks and Gardens	To carry out a tree audit of Council owned trees and identify land where trees can be planted in the future. To allocate funds in the Council's budget 2020/21. <b>External funding provided to plant 13 trees on the Braunton Recreation Ground.</b>
November 2019	Parks and Gardens	To negotiate with DCC a long-term agreement / lease to maintain the 32,000 m <sup>2</sup> in the parish. <b>Ongoing.</b>
November 2019	Parks and Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To apply for a free pack of trees from the Woodland Trust to be planted by local school children at the Beacon in the Spring 2020. <b>Application was successful trees will be received in November 2020.</b></li> <li>The Council to purchase and plant 45 standard trees on its land subject to budgetary provisions. <b>13 trees planted on the Recreation in January 2020.</b></li> <li>The Clerk to obtain permission to plant trees on DCC grass verges. <b>Clerk sent email on 21 January 2020 chasing response.</b></li> </ul>
September 2019	Property	BPC to reconsider the Rural Community Energy Fund Feasibility Study. <b>This has been uploaded to the 'BPC Climate Emergency Google Drive'.</b>
September 2019	Property	<p><b>Review of the Braunton Community Work Hub – the following agreed at the Property Committee meeting 03/09/19:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce new T&amp;C's. <b>Completed</b></li> <li>2. Introduce new tariff. <b>Completed</b></li> <li>3. Organise a first anniversary relaunch to coincide with launching the Work Hub website.</li> <li>4. Contact NDC Economics team to research what help is available to SMEs.</li> <li>5. Contact Princes Trust Programme to involve young people.</li> <li>6. Review changes in 6 months.</li> </ol>

**234/2019/20. PLANNING**

Cllr M Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest.

- (a) 70888 Erection of a bungalow at garden of 38 West Park, Braunton, Devon. EX33 1EY

Applicant: Mrs Elizabeth Musselwhite

It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Chesters, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval.

Comment: RESOLVED: To recommend approval.

(5.1.4abs)

- (b) 71016 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 53945 (erection of double garage, creation of parking/turning area and installation of sewage treatment plant) to enable amended design for garage at Heddon Mill Farm, Heddon Mill, Braunton, Devon. EX33 1HZ

Applicant: Mr Clinton Winfield

Comment: It was noted that the Parish Council had not been consulted on the original application as an adjoining Parish it was therefore agreed to make no comment.

All members of the Council present at the meeting declared a Prejudicial interest.

- (c) 71023 Extensions and alterations to building at Braunton Museum, The Bakehouse Centre, Caen Street, Braunton, Devon. EX33 1AA

Applicant: Braunton Parish Council

Comment: No comment was made as all members declared a Prejudicial interest.

- (d) 71046 Demolition of garage together with extensions to dwelling & erection of new garage at 16 Burrows Park, Braunton, Devon. EX33 1EU

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Brookes

It was moved by Cllr D Spear, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval.

Comment: RESOLVED: To recommend approval.

(NC)

- (e) 71096 Extension & alterations to dwelling at 2 Barton Lane Close, Braunton, Devon. EX33 2AZ

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Grimshaw

It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Chesters, seconded by Cllr D Spear to recommend approval.

Comment: RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.

(NC)

**Adjoining Parish**



(f) 60823 Hybrid planning application (A) full application for the access, scale & layout of site including raising of the ground levels, site access works & highway infrastructure to site, together with purpose-built bat building, (B) outline application for 250 dwellings (use class C3). Space of up to 3000sqm employment (use class B1). Space of up to 250sqm (A1) gross floorspace; space of up to 2000sqm (A3). Gross floorspace; space of up to 250sqm (D1). Gross floorspace; space of up to 250sqm (D2). (c) All the associated infrastructure including removal of any contamination, roads, footpaths, cycleway, drainage (including attenuation works), flood defence works, landscaping & appearance, public open space, utilities & vehicle parking & including demolition of buildings (amended scheme & supporting documents) at Yelland Power Station, Lower Yelland, Yelland, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3EZ. Grid Ref: 248009; 132322.

Applicant: Yelland Quay Ltd

Comment: RESOLVED: That this application be deferred to the Additional Council meeting.


(NC)

### **Approvals**

70893 Demolition of garage together with extension to dwelling at Be Traist, Colley Park Road, Braunton, Devon. EX33 2AR

### **Refusals**

70853 Certificate of lawful development for existing use of change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden at The Lookout, Boode Road, Braunton. EX33 2NW



Date: 07/02/2020  
 Time: 08:50:20

**Braunton Parish Council**  
**Day Books: Supplier Invoices (Detailed)**

Date From: 27/01/2020  
 Date To: 10/02/2020

Supplier From:  
 Supplier To: ZZZZZZZZ

Transaction From: 1  
 Transaction To: 99,999,999

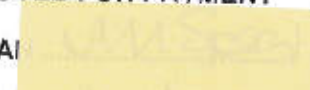
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42446	PI	06/02/2020	GEORGINA	7300	78	0	W/H service ✓	67.50	0.00	T9	67.50	-	-
42447	PI	06/02/2020	BRSVCST	7200	BPC0001	0	Fuel ✓	105.50	21.09	T1	126.59	N	-
42448	PI	06/02/2020	VISICT	8203	10671	0	domain renewal	55.00	11.00	T1	66.00	N	-
42449	PI	06/02/2020	VISICT	8203	10684	0	website hosting20 ✓	168.00	33.60	T1	201.60	N	-
42450	PI	06/02/2020	BROXAP	7200	INV2578	0	litter bin ✓	216.00	43.20	T1	259.20	N	-
42451	PI	06/02/2020	SSE4	7200	6817652	0	electric	98.28	4.91	T3	103.19	N	-
42452	PI	06/02/2020	SOUTHERN	7803	4617643	0	electric ✓	150.61	7.53	T3	158.14	N	-
42453	PI	06/02/2020	SSE2	7300	6117651	0	electric	90.67	4.53	T3	95.20	N	-
42454	PI	06/02/2020	ZURICH1	7104	4260821	0	Fleet ins ✓	513.74	61.65	T1	575.39	N	-
42455	PI	07/02/2020	SWWWHU	7300	0068427	0	water ✓	82.02	6.21	T1	88.23	N	-
42456	PI	07/02/2020	XYLEM	7300	F07262C	0	service sump pump ✓	1,254.00	250.80	T1	1,504.80	N	-
<b>Totals</b>								<u>2,801.32</u>	<u>444.52</u>		<u>3,245.84</u>		

Comm: Travell

DATE: 10-2-20

<b>BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>APPROVED FOR PAYMENT</b>	
CHAIRMAN	
DATE .....	<u>10/2/20</u>

**Braunton Parish Council**  
Opening Balances

Ordinary Account  
PI Acc.  
Wages Acc.  
Car Park Acc.

£13,255.12 Rates  
£55,065.81 Rates  
£8,526.48 Rates  
£7,117.24 Rates  
**£83,964.65**

**Receipts for January 2020**

Parish Hall  
PI Acc Interest  
Car park  
property/rents  
Work Hub  
Grants  
Car Park Permits  
Elections  
Transfer

£ 989.30  
£ 2.34  
£ 11,200.00  
£ 3,661.45  
£ 108.21  
£ 172.00  
£ 5,000.00  
**£ 21,133.30**

**Expenditure for January 2020**

Parish Hall  
Parks&Gardens  
VAT  
Wages  
Property  
Admin  
Subscriptions  
Car Park  
Work Hub  
Insurance  
PWLB  
Misc  
Car Park Rates

£ 771.89  
£ 1,499.62  
£ 1,355.79  
£ 12,839.64  
£ 1,556.25  
£ 1,720.75  
£ 2,208.77  
£ 474.78  
£ 8,869.32  
£ 60.02  
£ 1,644.00  
**£ 33,000.83**

**Closing Balances**

Ordinary Account  
PI Acc.  
Wages Acc.  
Car Park Acc.

£ 1,779.31  
£ 55,070.26  
£ 1,664.79  
£ 13,582.76  
£ 72,097.12

**Standing Orders & Direct Debits for January 2020**

Bakehouse 61.00  
Parish Hall 471.00  
Work Hub 522.00  
Memorial Gardens 79.00  
SWW PH 164.50  
SWW Pavilion 15.50  
EON PH 172.00  
EON Pavilion 23.52  
Daisy 49.50  
Eclipse 21.54  
PWLB 8,869.32  
Grenke 311.22  
onecom 474.78  
Integra 400.80  
SAGE 158.88  
Clarity 66.51  
BT 99.00

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## Notes for Braunton Parish Council February

This morning I attended a HATOC meeting (Highways and Traffic Order Committee).

We mainly discussed the road net work around the Barnstaple and Bideford Strategy Area focusing over the next ten or more years. Still as always the main problem is funding around 106 agreements with developers, infrastructure or lack of them. Many of these road problems do affect us in Braunton as we have the added problem of congestion in the square as the traffic comes through from Barnstaple. County are well aware of the issues we have and I will keep fighting for improvements, but unfortunately due to the lack of agreement about the Air Quality issue between Braunton Parish council and the NDC. County used the funding I had got agreement on, to put MOVA traffic lights in the square and improvements to the Vivian Moon crossing. I am still working on this and hope that they revisit it, once we have more funding.

As you will of seen the subsidence in Caen Street has been repaired. A number of potholes in the area have been filled, still a number left to do.

I am still pushing for double yellows to be put in to the entrance of The Grange in Lower Park Road, but as always these things take time.

We are now using a Dragon Patcher which should make the pothole repairs much more sustainable. There are also a number of teams working on the back log of potholes, but in future we should see more coverage in any bad defect area instead of just one pothole being filled with other's left to be filled until they come up to speck.

The gullies and general road side verges were discussed and we have all been pressing for regular clearance of the drains, which will be a preventative measure, and save money in the long run. Problems with flooding due to drain blockage is a major problem and needs to be addressed. Non cooperation by the local land owner is a real issue, it is their responsibility to clear the ditches. In some areas they do not clear out the gullies, but we are entitled without president to go in and clear a small area.

This should be done annually with the problem areas put on inter active maps so that we can see when the drains have been visited trough a GPS system, anything found that needs to be done will have a "to do" date put on it, as one of the main annoyances from all my Parishes is the length of time it takes to get the reported problem sorted.

Report of the repair can be loaded on the web page and will be able to be accessed by the Public.

Skanska do this work in isolation and there budget takes 40% of the Highways budget.

At the present time all repairs are down to a weather dependant schedule as the teams are called to work on the main routes. I will have a full report for the next full DCC meeting as we are in the process of setting the budget.

Caroline Chugg



**Braunton Air Quality Management Area**

**Technical Working Group (TWG)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**1230-1330, Council Chamber, Braunton Parish Council**

Present Andy Cole (AC) - Environmental Health and Housing Services, North Devon Council (NDC)

Andrew Austen (AA) - Planning and Development Services, NDC

Steve Short (SS) – Highways - Devon County Council (DCC)

Tracey Lovell (TL) – Braunton Parish Council

Jane Fewings (JF) – Braunton Parish Council

**1 Apologies**

James Anstee (JA) – Highways - Devon County Council (DCC)

**2 Progress with actions from meeting held with the Caen Primary School on 18 June 2018.**

2.1 North Devon Council (NDC)

AC explained that clarity regarding the air quality recorded data at sites 12 and 13 in Braunton during 2016 and 2017 had been provided in the latest NDC Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) 2019. NDC issued its ASR in July, Defra completed its appraisal in December. NDC are currently liaising with Defra to clarify some comments it had made and will publish the Report on its website in the New Year.

*Action* AC to advise when the NDC Air Quality ASR 2019 is publicly available on the District's website.

*Organisation* NDC

*Timeframe* Anticipated January / February 2020.

2.2 Devon County Council (DCC)

SS confirmed that following a health and safety assessment the Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road had been identified as needing to be upgraded to a Signal Light Crossing. DCC have made budgetary provisions to upgrade the Zebra Crossing in the financial year 2021/22. SS explained that the assessment had identified the Zebra

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Crossing as high risk in terms of safety allowing DCC to allocate the necessary funding required to upgrade the crossing sooner than anticipated.

SS confirmed that DCC have funding in place to delivering the Microprocessor Optimized Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) as a medium term aim. If the County are to deliver this measure sooner it would require other financial contributions. AC explained that there could be the potential to contribute towards MOVA via the Defra Air Quality Grant. The grant will open September / October 2020 and AC would research submitting a bid towards implementing MOVA. AA advised that there could potentially be S.106 funding from a large planning application currently being considered in Willingcott. TL further advised that it might be possible for BPC to also financially contribute towards the scheme.

<i>Action</i>	<i>DCC to upgrade the Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road to a Signal Light Crossing.</i>
<i>Organisation</i>	<i>DCC</i>
<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Financial Year 2021/22.</i>
<i>Action</i>	<i>SS to confirm the level of funding that DCC has allocated towards implementing MOVA.</i>
<i>Organisation</i>	<i>DCC</i>
<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>February 2020</i>
<i>Action</i>	<i>AC to research submitting a bid to the Defra Air Quality Grant for a contribution towards MOVA.</i>
<i>Organisation</i>	<i>NDC</i>
<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>In time for grant application to be submitted September / October 2020.</i>
<i>Action</i>	<i>AA to further explore the possibility of a S. 106 contribution towards MOVA from a large scale development in Willingcott.</i>
<i>Organisation</i>	<i>NDC</i>
<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>February 2020.</i>
<i>Action</i>	<i>TL to explore the possibility of a financial contribution from BPC towards the implementation of MOVA.</i>
<i>Organisation</i>	<i>BPC</i>
<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>February 2020.</i>





2.3 Braunton Parish Council

TL explained that BPC would want to make the public aware of the plans to implement the actions detailed in the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). It was suggested that perhaps the three authorities (DCC, NDC and BPC) could hold an information event in the New Year. This would provide a positive opportunity for the three authorities to inform the public of DCC's commitment to deliver measures 1 and 4 in the AQAP, including upgrading the Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road to a Signal Light Crossing and to implement MOVA.

This could also provide an opportunity to consult and gather evidence of public support for further proposed walking / cycling improvements in the Village.

DCC and NDC agreed in principle to support an awareness event to share details of their plans to implement actions in the AQAP. AC advised that NDC's support would be dependent on clarity being provided on what was being consulted upon. He expressed concern regarding any consultation event on measures which have now been agreed between DCC and BPC as being appropriate to implement – as this could risk undoing work which has already been agreed in the AQAP

TL advised that realistically the earliest the event could be organised would be late Spring 2020 and this would depend on the availability of the Parish Hall.

*Action*                      *To hold a public information / awareness event in Braunton.*

*Organisation*            *DCC / NDC / BPC*

*Timeframe*                *Spring / Summer 2020.*

*Action*                      *TL to liaise with DCC and NDC regarding the detail of such an exercise, and arrange a potentially suitable date and venue.*

*Organisation*            *BPC*

*Timeframe*                *January 2020*

***Next Meeting Date – 1230 – 1430 – Wednesday 12 February 2020***

**Police Crime Commissioners Office (PCCO)**

**Monday 10 February 2020**

**1830-1900, Council Chamber, Braunton Parish Council**

Present Cllrs: E Spear  
M Shapland  
D Spear  
J Chesters  
P Lord  
G Bell  
V Cann  
A Bryant  
R Shapland  
E Wood

Also in attendance: T Lovell, Parish Clerk  
Michael Harrison, PCCO Communications

The Devon and Cornwall PCCO covers 1,200 town and parish councils.

In 2010 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary had 3,500 Police Constables (PC). Cuts due to austerity between 2010 – 2018 has seen a reduction in the number of PC's which is now at 3,000.

Funding via the London Grant is allocated across the 43 police forces in the UK has been cut by 20% during this period. Prior to the austerity cuts the London Grant equated to two thirds of the police service costs and the final third was raised via the council police precept. This divide in funding is now 60:40. The annual cost to maintain the police service is £315m 90% is spent on salaries.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) will decrease from 500 to 250. The government plan to recruit more PC's as they are better value. Neighbourhood policing will continue to be an important service but PC's can take on this role and will have powers to deal with other policing issues.

The government have announced that 20,000 PC's will be recruited over the next four years across the 43 forces.

- 6,000 recruited in year 1
- 8,000 recruited in year 2
- 6,00 recruited in year 3

143 PC's will be recruited in Devon and Cornwall in the first year but realistically this is more likely to be 500 new recruits taking into account the 'churn factor' i.e. retirements etc.

The challenge will be finding suitable trainers and ensuring that there are sufficient lockers, kit, uniform for the additional recruits. In five years, the police force in the UK will be back up to 3,500 which will help meet the demands on the service.

Cuts to other services such as mental health and social services have put additional work on the police service. Outside of the hours Monday to Friday 9am to 5 pm there are no social services operating and the police are called to deal with any incidents of this nature. Due to limited resources the police have to keep a person suffering with mental health issues locked up in a cell until there is someone from social services available to take over the case. Normally the person is classed as a high risk to their own health and a PC must stay with them 24/7.

Internet and E-crime usually the perpetrators are far away from Devon and Cornwall or even the UK. These are serious crimes and life changing for those who have been targeted sometimes losing their entire life savings. Investigations can use up a lot of resources as they are based outside of the county or country.

The removal of PC's from communities over the past ten years has resulted in the loss of community intelligence. Some of the challenges facing Devon and Cornwall include:

- 730 miles of coastline – ports
- 13,600 miles of roads mostly on rural networks
- The nearest eastern boarder Dorset / Avon Somerset, 150 miles between west to east.
- 1.7 million population – the London Grant is based on £0.45 per person
- Tourism brings an additional 125,000 to the area annually and there is no funding allocated for tourists.
- It has the largest population of over 65 years old which are ideal victims of crimes

Detection of crime was below 10% ten years ago but it is now 20% because there are not enough investigators. Volunteers are being recruited to watch CCTV to help with investigations.

Countylines is not a big issue in Devon and Cornwall as they usually occur where there is a good rail network but there have been some cases of hooligans from Birmingham or other cities taking over homes. The Countylines numbers will be announced in the press shortly. The police are also setting up a unit to work more closely with social services and hospitals.

It is important to report all crime, even if minor as its helps secure funding based on recorded crime figures.

The PCCO have launched a Councillor Advocate Scheme which aims to improve communication between councils, the police and the PCC. Anyone interested in joining the scheme can find more information at the following link <https://www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk/take-part/councillor-advocate-scheme/>