

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Chaloners Road, Braunton.

	<u>Present</u>	Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, R Shapland, M Shapland, E Wood, A Bryant, V Cann and G Bell. Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO County Cllr Pru Maskell 7 members of the public.
	<u>Not in attendance</u>	Cllrs: A Bradford, D Relph and B Bunyard.
069/2022/23	<u>Apologies</u>	Received from cllrs: P Lord - indisposed. J Chesters – indisposed.
070/2022/23	<u>Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council</u>	There were none.
071/2022/23	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Cllr M Shapland declared non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 088/2021/22, as she is a Trustee on the North Devon Environmental Trust.
072/2022/23	<u>Public Participation</u>	A resident expressed her concerns regarding the lack of pharmacy provision in Braunton. She had seen the Parish Council's article in the EX33 calling for people to take part in the Devon County Council Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025 consultation. She had previously worked as a nurse and midwife and felt it was important for people to have a voice and thanked to Parish Council for bringing this matter to the public's attention. As a user of the Pharmacy in the village, it is obviously that there is a gap locally in pharmacy provision. There are often long waits and delays when collecting prescriptions. The current Pharmacy is far too small to cater for the demand and there needs to be a new larger Pharmacy that can cater for all its customers. She would be making formal representation in response to the consultation.

073/2022/23	<u>Requests for Dispensation</u>	There were none.
074/2022/23	<u>Minutes</u>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a. That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12th July 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record. (NC)</p> <p>b. That the Minutes of the Property Committee meeting held on 19th July 2022 be ratified and adopted by the Council. (NC)</p> <p>c. That the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on 19th July 2022 be ratified and adopted by the Council. (7.1abs)</p>
075/2022/23	<u>Action Sheet</u>	RESOLVED: That the Action Sheet be noted. (NC)
076/2022/23	<u>Police Report</u>	There was no police report received.
077/2022/23	<u>Braunton Mens Shed and Trains Gone By Project</u>	<p>The Chair welcomed Roger Byrom and Jonathan Rodney-Jones to the meeting.</p> <p>Jonathan Rodney-Jones updated members on progress with their Mens Shed project. The Mens Shed have been given a disused railway carriage which will be refurbished by members of the Mens Shed to replicate a southern railway carriage with dedicated heritage fabrics. The carriage will have a woodwork and metal machining area. The project will be dependent on planning permission being granted. The Barnstaple Partnership have agreed to assist the Mens Shed on a pro bono basis with obtaining planning consent. As the site is within a Flood Zone 3 they are currently in discussions with the Environment Agency (EA) as to whether they need to provide a flood survey report or can just use the EA's Product. The Mens Shed aim to submit their planning by October/November.</p> <p>The Mens Shed and Live Well in Braunton (LWIB) have been successful in securing £10k funding from the English Heritage Fund towards their Trains Gone By project. To help promote this project the Mens Shed are constructing a temporary structure to replicate an historic oil lamp shed. The temporary structure will be approximately 3ft x 6ft with signage about the Trains Gone By project on the exterior walls. The Mens Shed requested permission to place the temporary structure in the Overflow Car Park to help raise awareness and promote their project.</p> <p>The Mens Shed need to raise funds for the refurbishment of the railway carriage and have requested if the Council would issue a Letter of Intent to lease the land in the Overflow Car Park. The Clerk informed members that she</p>

had approached solicitors to act on behalf of the Council but this would need to be considered at a future meeting under Part B.

RESOLVED: That the Council

- a. to consider appointing a solicitor to arrange a legal document or lease to enable the Mens Shed to apply for funding. This to be considered at the next Council meeting.
- b. grants permission for the Mens Shed to place a temporary structure (replica oil lamp shed) in the Overflow Car Park on a daily basis. The Mens Shed to inform the Council of the dates when the structure will be in the car park.

(NC)

078/2022/23

**Devon County
Councillor
Report**

Members considered the County Cllr's report tabled at the meeting. The County Cllr offered her sincere apologies to Cllr Val Cann. After pledging £2,000 from her locality budget towards a vehicle activated sign (VAS) for Braunton, she found that she had overspent on her pledges. She hadn't taken into account the cut in budget from £10,000 to £8,000 this year. She confirmed that she could only offer £1,000 towards the VAS. As of this week, DCC have temporarily suspended County Councillors locality funds due to a budget overspend. All schemes already approved will, however, be honoured and funded, which should include the VAS scheme for Braunton.

Remedial works to repair the wall at the Saunton layby have finally been completed.

The funding for this year's 20mph schemes is now closed and funds have been allocated. The Parish Council could begin preparing a bid for next year's funding. The County Cllr advised members to be realistic when identifying areas of Braunton which need this scheme the most.

From this month, all of the North Devon link centres will be having an additional 3 hour session per week. In Barnstaple there are currently no volunteers. It was previously run at the weekends by a small group of volunteers as an internal arrangement. Now that the service is more formal with public liability etc, Russ Drayton (Manager of ND Link Mental Health Services) is proposing that DCC volunteers could be recruited and trained to work alongside the paid staff. Service user representatives have been identified to represent each of the centres at meetings.

The update from James Anstee, the Road Safety Team Manager, is that the Heddon Mill Junction scheme for reducing the speed limits at this junction is currently with the design team and the traffic management team who will apply for the Traffic Regulation Order.

The County Cllr is continuing to communicate with Lloyd's, NHS Devon and the practice manager at Caen Medical Centre regarding pharmacy provision in Braunton. The Pharmacist is off for a couple of weeks and they now seem to have relief cover, plus a security guard which has been requested by the staff following incidents of abuse. The medical centre has been severely impacted by recent events and have spent a great deal of time reissuing prescriptions for patients so that they can go elsewhere. They have also been subjected to abuse at times. As we know, the consultation period for the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) ends on the 29th August. Unfortunately, the assessment has deemed the current provision to be adequate! We need to encourage as many people as possible to comment on the consultation as all of this information will be used by NHS England to make a final decision.

079/2022/23

North Devon Councillor Report

Cllr D Spear explained that he chairs the North Devon Council Policy Development Committee which looks at the processes that run the Council. NDC members recently received a presentation from Andy Bell at the Northern Devon Biosphere regarding the work they are doing. He proposed that Andy Bell be invited to a future Parish Council meeting.

080/2002/23

Planning

Cllr E Spear and D Spear in their capacity as North Devon Councillors, stated that any opinions expressed during discussions on the following planning applications represent preliminary view and that they will naturally reconsider the application fresh when presented all the facts at principal lev

(a) 75637

Proposal: 1) The excavation of six 'notches' along the frontal dune ridge in the south-west sector of Braunton Burrows. 2) The excavation of three additional notches of the corresponding first inland ridge of dunes, above Doughnut Slack 3) The excavation of intervening low sand dune hummocks on the intervening, largely level, dry dune 'plains', to ensure the uninterrupted flow of wind across the sand field to the wet slacks inland. 4) Re-profiling of manmade banks and piles, and removal of manmade islands, left in Doughnut Slack from ponds and scrape work carried out in the 1990s to restore the slack to a more natural and typical slack geomorphology

Location: Land at Braunton Burrows Braunton Devon

Applicant: Alistair Moralee

The Chair proposed and it was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders.

(NC)

Mr Hawley explained that the proposal is to improve habitat as there is twice as much ammonia in scrub land. This project is a partnership between Plantlife, Natural England and the National Trust. Mr Hawley invited members on site to see the project.

Moved by Cllr D Spear, seconded by Cllr M Shapland to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That

- a. the Council recommends approval.
- b. Standing Orders be reinstated.

(NC)

(b) 75647

Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 38 Ashton Crescent Braunton Devon EX33 1RD

Applicant: Mrs Elizabeth Veitch

Moved by Cllr R Shapland, seconded by Cllr V Cann to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommend approval.

(NC)

(c) 75662

Proposal: Erection of a new dwelling and access track

Location: The Stables Saunton Road Braunton Devon EX33 1HG

Applicant: Mr Peter Caswell

Moved by Cllr G Bell, seconded by Cllr E Wood to recommend refusal and reiterate the Council's previous reasons.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends refusal on the grounds, as follows:

- Outside of the development boundary.
- Inadequate and unsafe provision of vehicular access/egress from the site on to the highway (B3231).
- Sprawling development in the countryside which will have a detrimental impact on the environment and does not meet local economic or social needs.
- The site is at risk of flooding.
- Adverse influence on the coastal zone, Northern Devon UNESCO Biosphere and AONB which are key natural capital assets and have a value to the local community and its economy.

(6.1.1abs)

(d) 75634

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Location: 8 Burrows Close Braunton Devon EX33 1EX

Applicant: Mr Clive Samuelson

Moved by Cllr A Bryant, seconded by Cllr V Cann to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.

(7.0.1abs)

(e) 75463

Proposal: Change of use of an ancillary building for holiday let purposes

Location: Building to the East of The Chalet (The Studio)

Saunton Road Saunton Braunton Devon EX33 1LG

Applicant: Mr Timothy Fleming

Moved by Cllr D Sper, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.
(6.2.0abs)

(f) 75553

Proposal: Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 71733 (demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling) in respect of amendment to the Basement design

Location: Ferndown Saunton Braunton Devon EX33 1LG

Applicant: Mr and Mrs James

Moved by Cllr D Spear, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.
(7.0.1abs)

(g) 75646

Proposal: Approval of details in respect of discharge of condition 5 (drainage) attached to planning permission 70312 (Extension and alterations to the Lorna Doone building to provide additional accommodation (Renewal of planning consent 60948))

Location: Saunton Sands Hotel Saunton Braunton Devon EX33 1LQ

Applicant: Percy R Brend & Sons (Hoteliers) Ltd

Moved by Cllr D Sper, seconded by Cllr V Cann to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.
(NC)

(h) 75630

Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a conservation area in respect of removal of 4 trees

Location: 5 Abbotts Hill Braunton Devon EX33 2ED

Applicant: Mr Steven Conroy

RESOLVED: That as the works have already been carried out the Council would not comment. The Clerk to obtain clarity for the NDC Landscape and Countryside Officer regarding how works to trees in the conversation area are determined.

(NC)

081/2022/23

**North Devon
Council
Planning
Decisions**

75510

Description: Approval of details in respect of further discharge of condition 5 (remediation watching brief and verification of works in relation to stockpiled materials) attached to planning permission 72836 (Erection of two dwellings together with alterations to existing builder's workshop to be used as ancillary store)(amended description)

Site Address: Land off Down Lane Braunton Devon

Applicant: Baddick Bros

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 25/07/22

75445

Description: Application for consent for works to trees covered by a tree preservation order in respect of Removal of 1 Ash tree (T3,) Selective crown reduction of 4 Beech trees (T2, T4, T5 & T8) and crown lifting and crown reduction of 1 Walnut (T13)

Site Address: Tidal View Lower Park Road Braunton Devon EX33 2LQ

Applicant: Mr P Whittle

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 29/07/22

75377

Description: Demolition of existing chalet bungalow and erection of two storey dwelling (Amended plans)

Site Address: Rivington 1 Higher Park Road Braunton Devon EX33 2LF

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Allan & Diana Davies

Decision: WITHDRAWN

Decision Date: 26/07/22

Appeal

74115

Description: Outline application for erection 1 dwelling (All matters reserved)

Site Address: 1 Willoway Grove Braunton Devon EX33 1AT

Applicant: Mrs Vicky Irwin

Decision: DISMISSED

Decision Date: 19/07/22

082/2022/23

Finance

- (a) RESOLVED: That the cheques on the schedule were approved and drawn in the total sum of £16,072.77.
- (b) RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for August 2022 be approved

(NC)

083/2022/23

**Devon Health
and Wellbeing
Board
Pharmaceutical
Needs
Assessment
(PNA) 2022.**

The Council considered the Devon County Council Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 – 2025 consultation which ended on the 29th August.

Members discussed that the Devon County Council PNA does not have a defined metric that would identify Lloyds Pharmacy in Braunton as having a problem. In order for

the Braunton Lloyds Pharmacy to be fairly assessed it would require Devon County Council to rewrite its PNA.

The size of the Pharmacy in Braunton does not allow provision for services including stoma care, controlled drugs, private consultations and other specialist needs.

RESOLVED: That

- a. The Clerk to email neighbouring parish councils a copy of the August EX33 article reminding them to take part in the DCC PNA Consultation. The Clerk to also forward a copy of Braunton Parish Council's response to neighbouring parish councils.
- b. The Clerk to write to the Caen Medical Centre Practice Manager requesting what they are doing as Landlords of the Pharmacy, and request if they would open dialogue with the Parish Council regarding pharmacy provisions in Braunton.
- c. The Clerk to request the Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) to send an email to all town and parish councils in Devon requesting if they experience issues with pharmacy provisions in their community and who is their pharmacy provider.
- d. Members to send their comments regarding the DCC PNA consultation to the Clerk by the 15th August. The Clerk to collate all comments and circulate a draft response for approval.

(NC)

084/2022/23

**Parish Council
Tariff Review**

Members considered the Clerk's briefing paper, circulated prior to the meeting. The Council's current electricity energy tariffs are due for renewal on the 1st November 2022. The Clerk has contacted Blizzard Utilities, Every Aspect Utilities and Braunton Utilities.

Blizzard Utilities have provided comparison prices for two sites and are currently working on quotes for the other sites. According to the current energy market the Council will have a 250%-350% annual increase in its energy costs.

Every Aspect have advised that the Council waits until nearer its renewal date, as prices have increased considerably these past few weeks and they may decrease again prior to our renewal date.

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, as part of its carbon reduction plans it might want to look at offers from 100% renewable energy providers.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk

- a. brings renewable energy prices to the September meeting for review. Renewal prices to include 100% renewable energy providers and the term to range from 1 – 3 years.
- b. To call an extraordinary meeting if the energy market

significantly changes before the September meeting.
(NC)

085/2022/23	<u>To ratify decision taken under delegated powers from 12th July – 9th August 2022</u>	RESOLVED: That the decisions taken under delegated powers from the 12 th July to 9 th August 2022 be ratified and adopted, attached as Appendix A.
086/2022/23	<u>Mobile Vehicular Activated Sign (VAS)</u>	<p>Cllr V Cann updated members regarding progress with purchasing a mobile VAS for Braunton. The County Cllr had reduced her funding by 50% and is only able to provide £1,000 towards the project. The Clerk has applied to Fullabrook for the remaining funding. Three District Cllrs have agreed to provide £1,150 between them from their Community Councillor Grants. Highways have agreed that the Parish Council can use existing lamppost to mount the mobile VAS but advised that the VAS needs to be TOPAS certified. Pandora Signs have confirmed that their VAS is TOPAS certified so it would need to be purchased from them at a cost of £3,300 subject to funding.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Mobile VAS be purchased from Pandora Signs.b. Clerk be authorised to apply for funding on behalf of the Council.
087/2022/23	<u>Developing a tourist accommodation registration scheme in England : call for evidence</u>	<p>The Council considered the government consultation on developing a tourist accommodation registration scheme in England. The government is calling for evidence regarding a potential registration scheme for tourist accommodation. The Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) intends to directly respond to the call for evidence and contribute to the response being made by the National Association of Local Councils.</p> <p>To strengthen their response, DALC needs as much evidence as possible from its member councils regarding the impact of short-term holiday lets on their communities. They are not requesting formal responses from councils, but ask that we please answer the survey as best as we can based on our own knowledge by 19th August.</p> <p>DALC knows from discussions with member councils, that many councils are concerned by the impact of short-term holiday rentals on housing supply in the county, primarily in coastal and other tourist-friendly areas. This has caused a shortage of rental properties available to people who work in those communities, including key workers and those who work in the tourism sector, and can lead to areas being under-populated out of season, causing vital local amenities and services to close due to lack of use.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That member email the Clerk with their</p>

comments by the 19th August, the Clerk will collate comments received and forward them on to DALC to be included in their response on behalf the sector.

(NC)

Cllr M Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest.

088/2022/23

**North Devon
Environmental
Trust (NDET)
ACO Drain**

RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the NDET to install an ACO drain (channel with grill on top) along the length of the north side of the Countyside Centre to prevent ponding of rainwater against the side of building. The drain will connect with the existing soakaway drain at the NW corner (Nearest the river).

(NC)

089/2022/23

**General Data
Protection
Regulations**

The Council have now installed a Business FTTC 80/20 unlimited (Fibre Broadband) line which will result in a financial saving of £400 per month. The Clerk has written to the tenants requesting if their business would be impacted by this change but has only received one response confirming that it would not affect their business.

During the installation of the Business FTTC 80/20 line it was identified that a 24-Port network switch had not previously been installed. This network switch provides the whole building with VLANs setup for each office to split the network complying with GDPR for shared office space.

The Council have been quoted £783.50 to provide and install the above.

RESOLVED: That the Council approves to the quotation to the install a 24-Port network switch at the Hub.

(NC)

090/2022/23

**Bumblebee
Conservation
Trust Wildflower
Verge Project**

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BCT) will be holding an event at the Braunton Countryside Centre on Wednesday 14th September at 7pm. Jamie Buxton-Gould, Project Officer for the Westcountry Buzz will give a talk regarding planting wildflower verges. The BCT would like to organise a practical community wildflower sowing event Braunton. They have identified a suitable verge on Homer Road next to the play park and are requesting if the Parish Council would adopt the verge as a wildflower verge. The verge would need to be prepared by scraping off the grass to give the wildflowers an opportunity to grow, which would involve a cost to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the

- a. Council to work in partnership with the BCT to organise a community wildflower planting event to create a new wildflower area in Braunton.
- b. Council to fund the preparation of the agreed site ready for wildflower sowing.

(NC)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed by the Chair:
(Cllr E Spear)

Date:

075/2021/22.

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL ACTION SHEET

DATE	TOPIC	PROGRESS
April 2021	Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)	Air Quality Technical Working Group meeting took place on 23 rd March 22. Andy Cole NDC Environmental Health will comment on the air quality policies and Matt Collins DDC Transport Planner will make comments. Clerk circulated to member minutes from previous meetings. Next meeting will take place on the 27th July at 11am – meeting postponed until October.
October 2019- Ongoing	Extension of Tarka Trail from Knowle towards Ilfracombe	No updates have been received from the County – refer to October 2019 AS. The Braunton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have been successful in securing funding to commission AECOM to provide a Masterplan for Braunton. This will look at active travel options to try to improve the traffic issues in Braunton. Liz Holloway the senior DCC transport planning officer attended the July Council meeting to discuss work commencing this summer.
June 2019 - ongoing	Braunton Neighbourhood Plan (BNP)	The Council appointed Cllrs M Shapland, A Bryant, D Relph and G Bell as its four representatives to serve on the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (BNPSG) (Min Ref: 075/2019/20). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Group were successful in securing a further £6,681 funding from Locality. • New Braunton Neighbourhood Plan website went live on 11th March – http://www.brauntonparishneighbourhoodplan.org.uk • First draft of the Plan has been approved and adopted by Braunton Parish Council (Min Ref: 169/2021/22) • First draft of the Plan has been submitted to the North Devon Council Local Planning Authority for review. • The Plan will be revised over the summer. • Initial meeting with AECOM on the 12th May to discuss the Masterplanning for Braunton. • Meeting took place with Devon Communities Together on 18th May to discuss feedback from the Reg 14 public consultation. Full report on results to be submitted to Council in the summer. DCT Reg. 14 public consultation report completed. Revisions to the Neighbourhood Plan following Reg. 14 consultation. Met with Ian Egerton DWT/DBRC to provide maps for the Neighbourhood Plan Met with Sarah Maddocks at Ilfracombe TC to discuss the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan, as they are at the early stages to produce a Plan for Ilfracombe.
February 2020 - ongoing	Men's Shed – Live Well in Braunton	The Council at its meeting on the 10 th August agreed to provide a Letter of Intent (LOI) to use the Stoney Bridge Depot for the Braunton and Rural Communities Men's Shed subject to planning being granted. Full Planning required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mens Shed have withdrawn their planning application at the Stoney Bridge Depot due to concerns expressed by the Highway's Officer regarding vehicular access to the site. • The Council have agreed for the Mens Shed to use five spaces in the Caen Street Overflow Car Park to park a 62ft refurbished railway carriage, subject to permissions being granted. Mens Shed to attend the August Council meeting to update members.
June 2021	Anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the Recreational Ground	Neighbouring residents have complained about ASB on the Recreation Ground and in the Illingworth Shelter. The Chair and Clerk met with the police and local residents to discuss options to improve the situation. The Police explained that only 4% of ASB happens in Braunton but this might not be a true a reflection, as many people don't report incidences to the 101 number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council used EX33 to encourage people to report to the 101 non-emergency number. • Invited the Police and Crime Commissioner to a future Council meeting. • New double metal bin on order the Recreation Ground (previous bin burnt to the ground)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mick Harrison, Sgt Thuborn to attend the Council meeting on the 14th December 21 – postponed due to Covid. Invited to attend the APM on 19 April The Police Crime and Prevention Office to advise Council regarding CCTV and lighting on site. Local policing team to attend the June Council meeting. <p>Two wheelie bins fires in the Chaloner Road Play Park over two weekends. Damage to safety surfacing being replaced by contractor in August.</p>
July 2021	Pharmacy provisions in the village	<p>The assessment regarding pharmacy provisions in Braunton has been delayed for a further year due to Covid 19.</p> <p>Write to Devon County Council Health and Wellbeing Board, National Health Service (NHS) England, Devon Local Pharmaceutical Committee (DLPC) and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</p> <p>What is the process to open a pharmacy?</p> <p>When is the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) being carried out for Braunton?</p> <p>Why has the PNA for Braunton been delayed?</p> <p>Who has the overall authority/responsibility to ensure that the demand for pharmacy provisions is being met?</p> <p>Council wrote to, the following bodies, requesting to meet with them to discuss the issues in Braunton but have received no responses to date.</p> <p>Cllr James McInnes Chair Devon Health and Wellbeing Board Elizabeth O'Mahony, Chief Executive NHS England South West Jane Milligan, Chief Executive NHS Devon CCG Andrew Howitt, Chair Devon Local Pharmaceutical Committee</p> <p>Issued a press release and article in the EX33 encouraging the public to take part in the PNA.</p>
June 2022		
October 2021 ongoing	Braunton Parish Action Plan	<p>Council agreed to produce a Braunton Parish Action Plan working party consisting of: Cllrs D Relph, M Shapland, A Bryant, D Spear, E Spear and J Chesters.</p> <p>Waiting for AECOM Masterplan which will inform the Community Action Plan.</p>
March 2022	Acquisition of Batts Meadow	<p>Completion on the acquisition of Batts Meadow. Section 106 – funding to improve open space at Batts Meadow.</p>
April 2022	Reintroducing beavers in Braunton	<p>Council to write to Defra and Natural England to support Braunton becoming a 'trial status' area.</p> <p>Cllr A Bryant to provide further details to the Clerk.</p> <p>Council wrote to Tony Juniper Chair of Natural England and George Eustice MP Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.</p>
June 2022		
April 2022	Wildflower Verges	<p>Met with AONB and Bumblebee Conservation Trust to discuss trialling different grass verge management techniques to encourage biodiversity.</p> <p>In discussion with DCC regarding obtaining permission to carry out these trials.</p> <p>Met with Mark Saunders, the NDC Sustainability Office, to discuss working with them to encourage more wildflower verges in Braunton.</p>
June 2022	Whitecross OWF	<p>Members of the Council and BNPSG have been invited to attend a virtual meeting on the 21st July to discuss proposals for the Whitecross Offshore Wind Farm.</p> <p>Whitecross OWF intend to hold a public consultation in the Parish Hall in the Autumn, tbc.</p>
June 2022	People and Places (ND&T Local Plan)	<p>Attended virtual meeting on 30 June to discuss Evidence Base Surveys and Sustainability questionnaires for Braunton, Braunton, Wrafton and Knowle. Responses submitted on the 5 August.</p>
July 2022	Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)	<p>Applied for funding from the District Community Councillors Grants and Fullabrook.</p> <p>Cllr V Cann to provide an update at the August Council meeting.</p>
July 2022	Relining the Council's Car Parks	<p>Applied for funding from the District Community Councillors Grants.</p> <p>Accept quote to carry out the works as agreed at the July Council meeting, date tbc.</p>

July 2022	Playing a Key Role in Creating Green and Resilient Communities	Booked Cllr A Bryant to attend a course over three evenings in September and to report back to Council in October.
July 2022	Braunton Community Work Hub	Issued poster to campsites promoting the co-working space at the Work Hub.
July 2022	Chair's Civic Service	Civic Service took place on the 17 th July and raised £200 for the Braunton Lunch Club held at Christchurch.
July 2022	Committees	The Finance & Admin Comm. and Property Comm. met in July.
<u>PARKS AND GARDENS/PROPERTY COMMITTEE</u>		<u>PROGRESS</u>
2019 – delayed (waiting for s106)		Install new swing set and communal area in Knowle Play Park. The Clerk has submitted a new S106 application for funding.
General ground work		<p>Cut and strim: Georgeham Cross, Knowle Play Park, Vellator Way, Williams Close, Capern Close, Fortescue Close, Mowstead Play Park, Pixie Dell Green, Recreational Ground, Village Green, Memorial Gardens, Chaloners Play Park, Anchor to Georgeham Cross, Caen Car Park, Vellator Quay and cut grass behind Council office,</p> <p>Ground Maintenance: Memorial Garden hedgerow, collected donated Oak tree from Homer Crescent, inspected Pine tree at the Beacon, Chaloners Road Play Park hedgerow, replaced broken tree ties in Recreational Ground, cleared weeds from Anchor area, crown lift trees in Memorial Garden, Prune Willow tree in Memorial Garden, cut back brambles Recreational Ground entrance, cut back overgrown beds at Lindon Close, cleared raised bed Memorial Gardens, weeded around Parish Hall, cut back buddleia, removed Himalayan Balsam Memorial Gardens, cleared brambles and weeds around J Wensleys, and cut back brambles back around Vivian Moon Centre,</p> <p>General maintenance: Repaired fence at Knowle Play Park, fit new bench in Lower Park Road, removed rotten post Knowle Play Park, reprogrammed irrigation system, taped off damaged play area Chaloners Play Park, watered hanging baskets, took meter reading all Council properties, checked toilets and cleaned them prior to Wheels and Big Bash events, stained memorial signs in Memorial Gardens, checked defibrillator at Knowle phone box, cleaned windows Parish Hall, adjust door closers in Chamber and Committee Room, painted metal barrier at Vellator, measured safety surface for contractor, rubbed down and painted metal gates at Recreational Ground and fixed disabled toilet door at Pavilion.</p>

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council Advisory Discussion meeting held on Monday 25th July 2022 at 7pm by video conference call.

Present

Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, V Cann, A Bryant and E Wood.

Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk

Liz Holloway, Senior Transport Planning Officer Devon County Council.
County Cllr Pru Maskell
Sue Prosper, Secretary of Braunton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (BNPSG)

AD/14/2022/23

Apologies

Received from Cllrs: D Relph, G Bell due to work commitments and P Lord.

AD/15/2022/23

Receive items for information not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chair should be brought to the attention of members.

There were none.

AD/16/2022/23

Declaration of Interest

There were none.

AD/17/2022/23

Public Participation

There were none.

AD/18/2022/23

DCC Works to the Tarka Trail between Knowle and Willingcott

The Chair welcomed Liz Holloway, Senior Transport Planning Officer at DCC.

Liz Holloway reported that at the North Devon Highway and Traffic Order Committee (HATOC) held on the 27th June, it agreed to construct a section of the Tarka Trail in North Devon, between Willingcott and Buttercombe Lane. This would enable 0.6 km of the missing 6.4 km gap between Knowle and Willingcott to be completed. The work for construction is estimated to cost £220,000.

The Tarka Trail connecting Willingcott to Knowle was one of Devon's top priorities as it would go towards completing the Coast to Coast cycle network between Ilfracombe and Plymouth. The County Council have been working hard to

progress this link as quickly as possible, however delivery of rural trails had been constrained by the limited external funding available.

The section being completed will link the green third party holiday village to Buttercombe Lane. The path will be 3.5m wide with a 1m buffer either side and will be used as a bridleway and for walking and cycling. There will be no access beyond Buttercombe Lane as this is in private ownership.

Following an unsuccessful bid to the Active Travel Fund the County Council would continue to make progress with Local Transport Plan funds and deliver the remaining sections incrementally over the years when funding became available. Trudi Harrison MP visited the site but unfortunately this did not result in any funding being allocated.

In the meantime, the County Council will continue to carry out ongoing consultation with landowners and the County Ecologist team.

Councillor D Spear was pleased that the County are making progress with this project and requested what plans they had to improve the Tarka Trail south of the village. Liz Holloway confirmed that there would be no further works planned to other areas until existing projects had been completed.

It was noted that there is poor directional signage to the Tarka Trail around Station Road. This would be addressed in the Council's Masterplan being prepared by AECOM.

The Chair thanked Liz Holloway for attending the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Sue Prosper, Secretary of the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (BNPSG).

Sue had circulated her report to members, prior to the meeting, attached as Appendix A.

Cllr E Wood requested if all new housing could be passivhaus standard. Sue explained that the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan went further than passivhaus standard. The Built Environment policy requests that development proposals should exceed standards relating to Building for a Healthy Life for dwellings and BREEAM "VeryGood" for commercial/employment uses, or other up to date standards at the time of application.

The Council thanks Sue and the rest team on the BNPSG for the amazing amount work they have done on the Braunton Neighbourhood Plan.

AD/19/2022/23

**Braunton
Neighbourhood Plan**

(a) 75397

Proposal: Part demolition of existing vacant building and erection of 3 detached residential dwellings together with the conversion of the retained part of the property into 2 residential dwellings

Location: 25 Wrafton Road Braunton Devon EX33 2BT

Applicant: Mr A Wreford

Moved by Cllr D Spear, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval.

With no votes to the contrary the Council recommended approval.

(b) 75596

Proposal: Replacement of existing sun room

Location: Kingsacre House 66 Saunton Road Braunton EX33 1HF

Applicant: Heather & Sarah Westmorland

Moved by Cllr V Cann, seconded by Cllr D Spear to recommend approval.

With no votes to the contrary the Council recommended approval.

(c) 75565

Proposal: Listed building consent for conversion of a redundant agricultural building into a dwelling, to include the erection of a modest extension on the east elevation.

Location: Middle Winsham Farm Road from Church Hill to Winsham Cross Winsham Braunton Devon EX33 2LX

Applicant: Mr Callum McGowan Hayes

With no votes to the contrary the Council wished to make the following observations:

Whilst this would be a modest dwelling and is identified as a need in Braunton Neighbourhood Plan. The Council have concerns regarding the loss of habitat for nesting birds and bats. The Bat Report identified several rare bat species currently roosting in the barn and it recommends that further survey works are carried out prior to development. There is also insufficient information regarding how the bat mitigation measures recommended in the Bat Survey will be implemented. As the proposal stands the loss of habitat would outweigh the creation of a new residential development.

(d) 75560

Proposal: Conversion of a redundant agricultural building into a dwelling, to include the erection of a modest extension on the east elevation

Location: Middle Winsham Farm Road from Church Hill to Winsham Cross Winsham Braunton Devon EX33 2LX

Applicant: Mr Callum McGowan Hayes

Whilst this would be a modest dwelling and is identified as a need in Braunton Neighbourhood Plan. The Council have concerns regarding the loss of habitat for nesting birds and bats. The Bat Report identified several rare bat species currently roosting in the barn and it recommends that further survey works are carried out prior to development. There is also insufficient information regarding how the bat mitigation measures recommended in the Bat Survey will be implemented. As the proposal stands the loss of habitat would outweigh the creation of a new residential development.

(e) 75590

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of 3m boundary fence to playing field
Location: Braunton School and Community College Barton Lane Braunton Devon EX33 2BP
Applicant: Mr Magson

Moved by Cllr R Shapland, seconded by V Cann to recommend approval.

With no votes to the contrary the Council recommended approval.

(f) 75503

Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling
Location: 34 Pixie Dell Braunton Devon EX33 1DP
Applicant: Mr Antoniou and Miss Kleim

Moved by Cllr V Cann, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval.

With no votes to the contrary the Council recommended approval.

AD/13/2022/23

**North Devon Council –
Planning Decision**

75331

Description: Demolition of conservatory together with extensions and alterations to dwelling
Site Address: 26 Limetree Grove Braunton Devon EX33 1HE
Applicant: Mr Wagg
Decision: APPROVED
Decision Date: 4/07/22

75146

Description: Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of land as a camping and caravan site
Site Address: Goulds Farm Nethercott Braunton Devon EX33 1HT
Applicant: Mr Richard Wright
Decision: APPROVED
Decision Date: 6/07/22

75154

Description: Single storey rear extension with new access, access gate and 3no. car parking spaces (Amended description)

Site Address: Slees Home Hardware 11 12 The Square Braunton EX33 2JQ

Applicant: Mrs Serret

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 5/07/22

74981

Description: Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of home office/ancillary accommodation building

Site Address: 23 Limetree Grove Braunton Devon EX33 1HE

Applicant: Mr Ed Mack

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 13/07/22

75154

Description: Demolition of conservatory and raising of roof to create additional accommodation

Site Address: 24 Hazel Avenue Braunton Devon EX33 2EZ

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Söderlund

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 14/07/22

Appeals

74115

Description: Outline application for erection 1 dwelling (All matters reserved)

Site Address: 1 Willoway Grove Braunton EX33 1AT

Applicant: Mrs Vicky Irwin

Decision: DISMISSED

Decision Date: 19/07/22

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed by the Chair:
(Cllr E Spear)

Date: