

## **BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 March 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, Chaloners Road, Braunton.**

- Present** Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, G Bell, V Cann, M Shapland, R Shapland, Lord, Mrs J Chesters and E Wood.
- Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO.
- Ian Cheesman, Secretary Royal British Legion (RBL) Braunton Branch  
Richard Maynard, Chairman RBL Braunton Branch
- 1 members of the public.
- 249/2019/20 **Apologies** Received and accepted from:  
Cllr D Relph indisposed.  
Cllr B Bunyard indisposed.  
Cllr A Bryant family commitment.
- 250/2019/20 **Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council** There were none.
- The Chair proposed and it was unanimously agreed to bring item 12 – Royal British Legion (RBL) Braunton Branch forward on the agenda to be considered after item 6 – Police Representation to enable guest speakers to leave the meeting. (NC)
- 251/2019/20 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr M Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 255/2019/20, as she is a member of the RBL Braunton branch.
- Cllr R Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 255/2019/20, as he is a member of the RBL Braunton branch.
- Cllr M Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 266/2019/20, as she is a member of the North Devon Environment Trust.
- Cllr J Chesters declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 266/2019/20, as she is a member of the North Devon Environmental Trust.

252/2019/20	<b><u>Request for Dispensation</u></b>	There were none.
253/2019/20	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>	<p>RESOLVED: That the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.</li> <li>(b) Minutes of the Additional Council meeting held on the 24 February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.</li> <li>(c) Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on the 24 February 2020 be ratified and adopted by Council.</li> <li>(d) Minutes of the Property Committee meeting held on the 18 February 2020 be ratified and adopted by Council.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(NC)</p>
254/2019/20	<b><u>Police Representation</u></b>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Council notes the latest Police Newsletter, which was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs M Shapland and R Shapland declared non Pecuniary interest.</p>
255/2019/20	<b><u>RBL Braunton Branch</u></b>	<p>The Chair welcomed to the meeting Richard Maynard Chair of the RBL Braunton Branch and Ian Cheesman Secretary.</p> <p>Ian Cheesman gave a brief presentation regarding the RBL Braunton Branch's plans to hold an event in the village to mark VE Day. The event will take place in and around the Village Green on Bank Holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It will include a street party with 1940s themed music and people will be encouraged to bring their own picnic. There will be a craft fair in the Caen Street School playground amongst other activities being providing by local groups.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Council fully supports the RBL Braunton Branch VE Day celebrations to be held in Braunton.</li> <li>b. the Council provides permission for the RBL Braunton Branch to use the Village Green, Tarka Trail and area outside the Countryside Centre.</li> <li>c. the Council to provide the RBL Braunton Branch use of the Parish Hall.</li> <li>d. the Council to provide grant funding towards the event in the sum of £200.</li> <li>e. North Devon Councillors D Spear, E Spear and J Chesters to provide £100 grant funding from each of their Councillor Grants towards the event.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(NC)</p>
256/2019/20	<b><u>Action Sheet</u></b>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Action Sheet be noted, attached.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to North Devon Council regarding the poor condition of the public conveniences in Caen Street</p>

Car Park and request what their plans are to provide public conveniences during the summer months.

(NC)

257/2019/20

**Report from  
Devon County  
Councillor**

The County Councillor explained that she had £5k Investing in Devon funding available which the Parish Council could bid for if they have a project that they would like to deliver.

There will be no additional funds to resurface the roads this year the County will do the best it can to maintain road surfaces with the funds available. It was noted that there are many bad road surfaces in Braunton including The Grange, South Street, Ilfracombe Road between Braunton and Knowle especially at Coril Head corner.

258/2019/20

**Report from  
North Devon  
District  
Councillors**

Cllr J Chesters reported that she would attending a meeting on Wednesday to discuss plans to develop the Shapland Petter site in Barnstaple.

Cllr D Spear explained that the Climate Change Policy Development Plan is a living document. It provides a template of actions to mitigate climate change.

The Policy Committee will meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> March to set out plans to challenge the Strategy and Resources Committee and Full Council.

(NC)

259/2019/20

**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.

(a) 71063 Single storey extension to dwelling at 2 Orchard Road, Knowle, EX33 2LY

Applicant: Mr John Garner

Comment: RESOLVED: To recommend approval.

(NC)

(b) 71171 Extension & alterations to dwelling together with raised decking at 11 Shortacombe Drive, Braunton, North Devon EX33 1JD

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Blott

Comment: RESOLVED: To recommend approval.

**Approvals**

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

## Appeals

APP/X1118/W Approved for one agricultural workers  
supervisory dwelling  
/19/3239842 at Gandies, Road to Braunton Burrows Car  
Park, Braunton, EX33 2NU

260/2019/20 **Finance**

- (a) RESOLVED: That the cheques on the schedule were approved and drawn in the total sum of £1,416.26.  
(b) RESOLVED: That the statement of accounts for February 2020 be approved and noted.

(NC)

261/2019/20 **North Devon Council (NDC) Agreement for the Management of Parish Council Car Parks**

NDC approached the Parish Council in February requesting a review of the existing NDC Agreement for managing the Parish Council car parks.

RESOLVED:

- a. To reduce the number of cash collections from the Parish Council's four pay and display machines. The revised collections days to be.

Monday	Machines 1 & 3
Tuesday	No collections
Wednesday	All machines
Thursday	No collections
Friday	Machines 1 & 3
Saturday	All machines
Sunday	No collections

- b. During the summer peak time (six weeks) an additional two cash collections per week will be carried out to take into account the increase in tourism in the area.

(NC)

262/2019/20 **Memorial Gardens**

The Council considered options to reinstate the hedgerow along the boundary of the Memorial Gardens. Members of the public had commented that the removal of the hedgerow had make the junctions along the A361 safer for motorist.

RESOLVED: That

- a. the Council to investigate low level sustainable planting along the boundary.  
b. this be deferred to the Parks and Gardens Committee.

(NC)

263/2019/20 **Utility Providers**

RESOLVED: That the Council moves its gas supply for the Parish Hall / Council Offices and Pavilion over to SEE.

(NC)

- 264/2019/20      **Notice of Motion**      RESOLVED: That the Notice of Motion be approved and that Cllrs must give seven days' notice to the Clerk if they wish to request a motion to be put on to a Council agenda. (NC)
- 265/2019/20      **Electric Town Bust**      Cllr E Wood proposed the following motion in advance of the meeting, seconded by Cllr V Cann: To request Devon County Council to put forward the Barnstaple area, including Braunton in a bid for the governments 'All Electric Bus Town' scheme.
- RESOLVED: That the Council
- a. to contact Devon County Council to request how it can become involved with the 'All Electric Bus Town' scheme.
  - b. to contact Barnstaple Town Council to request if it has considered putting Barnstaple forward for the 'All Electric Bus Town' scheme.
- (8.1)
- Cllr M Shapland and J Chesters declared a non Pecuniary Interest.
- 266/2019/20      **Water Fountain and Refill Station in Braunton**      Cllr E Wood proposed the following motion in advance of the meeting, seconded by Cllr V Cann: To install a water fountain and refill station in Braunton.
- The Council noted the benefits of a water refill station and that it would reduce single use plastics. Some members expressed concerns regarding costs to purchase, installation and location. It was advised that no funding was available at present for this project.
- RESOLVED:
- a. To agree in principle to the idea of a water fountain and refill station subject to consulting local businesses and a suitable location being identified.
  - b. The Council to investigate if there is any funding available for the purchase, installation and running costs of water fountains.
- (NC)
- 267/2019/20      **Purchase equipment to maintain grass verges**      RESOLVED: To part exchange the Kubota Flail for a new Kubota Flail to pay the difference of £2,900 + VAT. (NC)
- 268/2019/20      **Planting in the Village**      The Council considered a request from a community group to provide planters on the resin area on the Village Green.
- RESOLVED:
- a. The Council to create a plan to provide sustainable planting in the village.
  - b. To consult the public on the location and type of

- planter that it would like in the village.
- c. The details of the sustainable planting scheme to be considered by the Parks and Gardens Committee.
- d. To continue with the summer planting to improve the appearance of the village as many businesses rely on tourism.

(NC)

269/2019/20

**Community Shared Space (CSS)**

RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the CSS to be used every Tuesday morning starting from the 11<sup>th</sup> t May until 26<sup>th</sup> September and Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> August for the purpose of a table top plant sale in aid of Kidney Research.

(NC)

270/2019/20

**Braunton Skate Jam**

RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the Skate Bowl to be used to hold this years Skate Jam on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August subject to the organisers removing all sandbags at the end of the event.

(NC)

242/2019/20

**Items for Information**

Items a) to c) were noted.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed by the Chair: .....  
(Cllr E Spear)

Date: .....