

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020 at 7:00 pm by video conference call.

	<u>Present</u>	Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, A Bryant, E Wood (part), J Chesters, G Bell (part), D Relph and V Cann. Officers: T Lovell, Senior Council Officer The Chair welcomed those in attendance and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Technical checks were undertaken, the Chair read out the procedures for virtual meetings.
114/2020/21	<u>Apologies</u>	Received from Cllrs A Bradford, P Lord and B Bunyard.
115/2020/21	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	None received
116/2020/21	<u>Receive items for information not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council.</u>	None received.
117/2020/21	<u>Public Participation</u>	There was no public participation.
118/2020/21	<u>Planning</u>	Cllrs E Spear, D Spear and J Chesters in their capacity as North Devon Councillors, stated that any opinions expressed during discussions on the following planning applications represent a preliminary view and that they will naturally reconsider the application fresh when presented all the facts at principal level.

- (a) 72077
Proposal: Extension and alterations to dwelling to create first floor.
Location: Sansouci, Sah Road, Braunton. EX33 2EF
Applicant: Mr Dan Welburn

It was moved by Cllr R Shapland, seconded by Cllr V Cann to recommend approval.

Cllr E Wood joined the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.
(6.3abs)

- (b) 72088
Proposal: Extension to dwelling.
Location: 14 Kingsacre, Braunton, Devon EX33 1BL
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Morrison

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

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.
(NC)

- (c) 72120
Proposal: Change of use and conversion of building to create a residential dwelling.
Location: Land adj of Tennis Court Cottage, Saunton EX33 1LJ
Applicant: The Christie Devon Estate

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

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval and wishes to support the comments made by the Sustainability Officer and where possible a permeable surface to be used.

(NC)

Cllr J Chesters declared a Personal Interest

- (d) 71785
Proposal: Repair to slumped section of the outer bank of 65m section
Location: Horsey Island, Braunton, Devon
Applicant: Devon Wildlife Trust

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

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval. Member requested that this matter be expedited as soon as possible, without further delay, as winter is approaching and poor weather could result in further deterioration of the outer bank.

(NC)

119/2020/21

North Devon
Council –
Planning
Decisions

North Devon Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

- 71668 Proposal: Erection of a decking area and erection of privacy screening (amended description and plans)
Location: 12 Hills View, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2LA
Applicant: Mr Andrew Cork
Decision: APPROVED
Decision Date: 07/09/20
- 71612 Proposal: Reserved matters application for landscaping and layout (outline planning permission 65991 – erection of one agricultural workers supervisory dwelling (all matters reserved)).
Location: Gandies, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2NU
Applicant: RW Avery and Son
Decision: APPROVED
Decision Date: 08/09/20
- 71871 Proposal: Conversion of garage and outbuilding to form one unit of holiday accommodation.
Location: Springhaven, Hills View, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2LA
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hollister
Decision: APPROVED
Decision Date: 11/09/20
- 72064 Proposal: Prior notification for erection of agricultural barn to store straw
Location: South Winsham Farm, Winsham, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2LX
Applicant: Mr Peter Sharland
Decision: Prior Approval not required
Decision Date: 14/09/20
- 71356 Proposal: Erection of two dwellings with two detached garages (finished floor level clarified)
Location: Land to the rear of Steying, Lower Park Road, Braunton
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Reid
Decision: REFUSED
Decision Date: 19/09/20
- 71855 Proposal: Single Story rear extension
Location: 19 Mowstead Road, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1BJ
Applicant: Mr David Rees
Decision: APPROVED
Decision Date: 18/09/20
- 71861 Proposal: Erection of entrance porch
Location: 53 Moor Lea, Braunton, Devon, EX33

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Applicant: Mr and Mrs John Birbeck

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 18/09/20

- 120/2020/21 **Accounts due for payment for the period 15th September to 28th September 2020** RESOLVED: That the payments totalling £1,895.19 be approved and paid as detailed on the attached list. (NC)
- 121/2020/21 **Government Consultations**
- a. Changes to the Planning System: Consultation on changes to the planning system regulations.
- It was noted that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) would be presenting a formal representation on behalf of town and parish councils.
- b. Transparency and Competition – A call for evidence on data and land control.
- c. White Paper: Planning for the Future
- Cllr D Spear explained that the district councillors would be receiving a briefing from their planning officers.
- Items (b) and (c) were considered together. Members expressed concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Section 106 funding. Money would now be allocated centrally which could result in rural areas being at a disadvantage due to less population in comparison to urban areas. It was unclear how the monies would be fairly distributed. Town and parish councils will have less say in development in their local area. Planning fees appear to be disproportionate there should be a scale that meets affordable needs. The proposed new housing requirement methodology will impact negatively on the North Devon area. There were concerns regarding access to digital data many people do not have access to the internet and the broadband in some areas of Braunton is very poor.
- RESOLVED: That
- i. Members to make their individual responses to the Changes to the Planning System Consultation due to the closing date being 30th October.
- ii. Members to send their comments to Cllr D Relph who will produce a draft response to be approved at the October Additional Council meeting. An informal meeting to be held prior to the Additional Council meeting to allow discussion of the comments received.

- iii. District councillors to report back following their briefing and provide further information regarding the local area housing methodology.
- iv. A copy of the approved response to be sent to the local MP.

(NC)

Cllr G Bell joined the meeting.

122/2020/21

Covid-19 Secure Measures to reopen Council Services

The Clerk updated members on the recent changes to Council services due to the latest government restrictions being enforced.

- The Parish Council Office will remain open to the public to enable services to continue to operate. The Covid secure measures in the reception area are sufficient to meet the latest restrictions.
- To protect staff from contracted Covid-19 appointments in person will only take place if absolutely necessary. If a face to face meeting takes place on Council premises government guidance must be followed for the duration of the meeting.
- The Parish Hall will continue to stay open to hirers organised indoor sport and indoor exercise classes can continue to take place with larger numbers present, provided groups of more than six do not mix.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's update be noted and the changes approved.

(NC)

123/2020/21

Community Emergency Plan (CEP)

The Clerk explained that town and parish councils were being advised to incorporate the mutual aid support set up during Covid-19 into their existing CEP.

RESOLVED: That the Braunton Community Network set up to provide support to those self-isolating during Covid-19 be included in the Braunton CEP.

(NC)

124/2020/21

Community Shard Space (CSS)

RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the National Trust Dynamic Dunescape Engagement Officer to use the CSS w/c 26 October between 11 am and 2 pm to erect a Dune Den, subject to Covid secure guidance being followed.

(NC)

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

Signed by the Chair:
(Cllr E Spear)

Date: