

## **BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7:00 pm by video conference call.**

- Present** Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, E Wood, G Bell, J Chesters, A Bradford, P Lord and V Cann,  
Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO.  
4 members of the public.  
Technical checks were undertaken, the Chair read out the procedures for virtual meetings.
- 245/2020/21 **Apologies** Received from Cllrs B Bunyard, A Bryant and D Relph.
- 246/2020/21 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr A Bradford declared a non Pecuniary interest in Min Ref: (72848), as the applicant is known to him.  
Cllr J Chesters declared a non Pecuniary interest in Min Ref: 256/2020/21 (a) (72918), as the applicant is known to her.
- 247/2020/21 **Receive items for information not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council.** The Chair announced that Max Woosey would be invited to attend the next Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Max is a local young person who has been camping out in his garden for the past 12 months and has so far raised £140,000 for the North Devon Hospice. Max has also raised awareness of children's mental health and the Council will be inviting him to the next meeting so that he can share his experiences over the past 12 months with members.
- 248/2020/21 **Public Participation** There was no public participation.
- 249/2020/21 **Minutes** RESOLVED: That  
a. the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.  
b. the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

- c. the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February be adopted and ratified by the Council. (NC)

250/2020/21	<b><u>Action Sheet</u></b>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Council notes the updated Action.</p> <p>Cllr J Chesters requested that the Action Sheet be reduced as many actions could now be removed.</p> <p>Cllr G Bell suggested that perhaps the Council should review the closure of the Lloyds Pharmacy. If another pharmacy will not be opened in Braunton perhaps this should also be removed from the Action Sheet. (NC)</p>
251/2020/21	<b><u>Braunton Museum</u></b>	<p>The Chair welcomed the Chair of Trustees James Benning.</p> <p>James explained that the Museum had been working on plans to modernise the building and make the Museum a more exciting place to visit. Plans included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relocating the archivists to the upstairs office space. This will require combining the existing office and store to provide sufficient space for them to work. This would be non-structural as it will only require the removal of a partition wall.</li><li>• Remove stone wall in foyer and replace with a modern reinforced glass panel this will open up that area and let more light into the building.</li></ul> <p>The Museum plans to reopen in May following the lifting of the current Covid-19 restrictions so now would be a good opportunity to carry out these internal modifications. James would be happy to meet with councillors on site to explain their plans in more detail.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council agrees to these modifications being carried out subject to the Museum carrying out the necessary checks to comply with building regulations and fire safety. (NC)</p>
252/2020/21	<b><u>Police Report</u></b>	<p>a) The Council noted the police newsletters for February and March 2021.</p> <p>b) The Council accepted the six months' notice received from the Devon and Cornwall Police to vacate the Braunton Community Work Hub by the 12 July 2021.</p>
253/2020/21	<b><u>Surfwell</u></b>	<p>The Chair welcomed James Mallows and Sam Davis from Surfwell.</p> <p>James explained that Surfwell is a pilot project working with Emergency Service providers to improve staff mental well-being, resilience and workplace performance through the proven scientific benefits of surf therapy. Surfwell is a national project supporting the frontline emergency</p>

services including the NHS.

James understands the police have served notice to the Council to vacate the Braunton Community Work Hub and Surfwell would like to take this opportunity to express its interest in renting the office space. Surfwell would also be interested in using the Police owned storage shed located on Parish land.

The Clerk explained to members that the Council had also received an expression of interest from the South Street Foodbank for premises. Cllr V Cann requested if Surfwell would be in a position to share the premises with the Foodbank. James explained that this would not be possible as they require the office Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. It would act as a drop-in centre for emergency service responders where they could talk confidentially about the difficulties they might be experiencing.

The Council thanked James Mallows and Sam Davies for attending the meeting. No decision could be made at present as the Council would need to consider all expressions of interests that had been received.

254/2020/21

**Reports from  
the Devon  
County  
Councillor**

Members considered the County Councillor report circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr D Spear explained that some of the information within the County Councillor's report relating to air quality in Braunton was now out of date. Things had moved on positively and many of the statements relate to the situation more than four years ago. The Clerk now sits on the Air Quality Technical Working Group along with officers from Devon County Council and North Devon Council and it will next meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. He also explained that the money allocated towards introducing MOVA at the Square had been raised via Section 106 contributions from developments and not from the County's budget. In fact, the County had not included any money in its budget for 2020-2024 towards the cost of implementing MOVA. He was glad that the County had budgeted to upgrade the existing Zebra Crossing on Chaloners Road with a Signal Light Crossing and that this work would be carried out in the Autumn.

255/2020/21

**Reports from  
the North Devon  
Councillors**

Cllr J Chesters expressed her disappointment regarding North Devon Council not taken the Parish Council's views into account when determining planning applications. She would like to compare NDC's decision in relation to comments made by the Parish Council as a statutory consultee.

It was agreed that Cllr J Chesters would report on the matter at the April full Council meeting.

256/2020/21

**Planning**

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.

Cllr J Chesters declared a non Pecuniary interest.

(a) 72918

Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling.

Location: 3 Mint Park Road, Braunton, Devon EX33 1LE

Applicant: John Symonds

It was moved by Cllr P Lord, seconded by Cllr E Wood to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.  
(9.1abs)

Cllr A Bradford declared a non Pecuniary interest.

(b) 72848

Proposal: Extension to dwelling.

Location: 90 South Street, Braunton, Devon EX33 2AS

Applicant: Mr Scott Maynard

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

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.  
(9.1abs)

(c) 72935

Proposal: Variation of condition 6 (Occupancy) attached to planning permission 61585 (APP/X1118/W16/3161353) (Erection of a dwelling to be used in conjunction with the adjacent proposed offices) to allow flexible use.

Location: Satara House, Saunton Road, Braunton, Devon EX33 1HG

Applicant: Peter Caswell

It was moved by Cllr P Lord, seconded by Cllr D Spear to recommend refusal.

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

- Further over intensification of the site resulting in the cumulative environmental harm arising from the development.
- Outside of the development boundary.
- Concerns with regards to creeping industrialisation in the countryside.

- Inadequate vehicular access to the site off of Moor Lane.
- Adverse influences on the coastal zone and North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve which is a key natural capital asset and has a value to the local community and its economy.
- There is no evidence to demonstrate a proven need for this development.

(NC)

(d) 72939

Proposal: Erection of balcony and associated works.  
 Location: Brambles, Ash Road, Braunton, Devon  
 EX33 2EF  
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Bale

It was moved by Cllr A Bradford, seconded by Cllr J Chesters to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval:  
 (NC)

(e) 72965

Proposal: Change of use from nursery & dwelling to solely a dwelling.  
 Location: 18 Saunton Road, Braunton, Devon EX33  
 1HB  
 Applicant: Mrs Linda Bennetts

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

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval subject to it remaining part of the main house and occupied by the same family who reside at 18 Saunton Road.  
 (NC)

(f) 72933

Proposal: Conversion of barn to office together with change of roof & insertion of conservation rooflights.  
 Location: The Barn, Nethercott, Braunton, Devon,  
 EX33 1HT  
 Applicant: Mr Daniel Edge

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

RESOLVED: That the Council defers making representation to request clarity from the Planning Case Officer at North Devon Council regarding whether the application is for a separate residential development or if it will remain ancillary to the main house.  
 (NC)

**Planning  
Decisions**

filed:

72751

Proposal: Extension & alterations to dwelling.

Location: 2 Barton Lane Close, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2AZ

Applicant: Mr & Mrs N Grimshaw

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 15/02/21

72657

Proposal: Removal of a chimney and the addition of a porch onto the kitchen diner.

Location: Little Close, Hills View, Devon, EX33 2LA

Applicant: David Sweeting

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 15/02/21

72730

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building.

Location: Branch Farm, Pippacott, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 4EJ

Applicant: Mr M Brend

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 22/02/21

258/2020/21

**Accounts due  
for Payment for  
the period 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February to the  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2021,  
including PAYE  
and NI.**

RESOLVED: That the

a) Payments totalling £698.01 be approved and paid as detailed on the attached list.

b) PAYE and NI for March 2021 be approved as detailed on the attached list.

(NC)

259/2020/21

**Hire of  
Community  
Shared Space  
(CSS)**

RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the Caen Rotary Club to the use the Village Green (western side where it has been surfaced with a hardstanding resin) on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July to park two cherished/classic vehicles to promote the Wheels Event.

(NC)

260/2020/21

**Hire of  
Recreation  
Ground**

RESOLVED: That the Council grants the Caen Rotary Club permission to hire the Recreation Ground on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July to hold their annual Wheels Event.

(NC)

The meeting closed at 8:27 pm.

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

Date: .....