

## **BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Chaloners Road, Braunton.**

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, R Shapland, M Shapland, V Cann, J Chesters, P Lord, G Bell, D Relph and E Wood.  Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO  Devon County Councillor Pru Maskell  14 members of the public.
	<b><u>Not in attendance</u></b>	Cllrs: B Bunyard and A Bradford.
171/2022/23	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Received from Cllr A Bryant
172/2022/23	<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.
173/2022/23	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>	Cllr V Cann declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 187/2022/23(c) - 76560, as the applicant is a neighbour.  Cllr M Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 187/2022/23(b) – 76491, as the applicant is known to her.  Cllr R Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest in Minute Ref: 187/2022/23(b) – 76491, as the applicant is known to him.
174/2022/23	<b><u>Public Participation</u></b>	A member of the public requested if the Council had any plans to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. This item was on the agenda for discussion.  Representatives from Plastic Free North Devon (PFND) addressed the Council regarding agenda item 25 – Motion to encourage local businesses to use reusable

coffee cups. The vision is for Braunton to be the first village to have plastic free coffee cups. A local coffee shop owner explained that he already encourages people to bring their own cup. He also offers a coffee cup rental service for a small refundable deposit on return of the cup. It would be great if all local coffee providers would sign up to the rental scheme. The Council agreed to consider this matter later on in the meeting, as it was on the agenda.

A member of the public addressed the Council regarding funding dementia bikes and improving accessibility along the Tarka Trail. He is a carer for his mother who suffers with Vascular Dementia and Alzheimer's. Her mobility is not good but she can operate a pedal machine. Access to a dementia bike would greatly improve her wellbeing and physical fitness. A dementia bike is adapted to carry a carer and their patient, in a safe, stable, controlled way – riding side by side. He has set up a JustGiving page to fundraise for the purchase of a dementia bike, and would request if the Council would consider providing any funding. He also requested if the Council could help to improve accessibility along the Tarka Trail as the dementia bike is wider than regular bikes and some access may need to be widened. Alternatively, perhaps carers could be provided with access via the maintenance gates but these are locked so a key would need to be arranged. The Council agreed to consider this request later on in meeting, as it was on the agenda.

175/2022/23

**Requests for Dispensation**

There were none.

176/2022/23

**Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a. That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 19 December 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

(9.1.0abs)

No motion was raised regarding the accuracy of the Minutes in accordance with paragraph 16 of the Council's Standing Orders.

- b. That the Minutes of the Parks and Gardens Committee meeting held on 20 December 2022 be ratified and adopted by the Council.

(9.0.1abs)

- c. That the Minutes of the Property Committee meeting held on 20 December 2022 be ratified and adopted by the Council.

(9.1.0abs)

- d. That the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on 8 February 2023 be

ratified and adopted by the Council.

(9.0.1abs)

177/2022/23	<b><u>Action Sheet</u></b>	RESOLVED: That the Action Sheet be noted. (NC)
178/2022/23	<b><u>Police Report</u></b>	<p>Members requested if the police could be asked to attend a future Council meeting to update on the increase in reported crime locally. The Clerk reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the 15 March, the police are invited to attend to update the community.</p> <p>The County Cllr reported that she would be meeting with the local policing team next week to discuss their response to the local burglaries. She had received complaints from residents who were dissatisfied with the service received from the police.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council</p> <p>a. notes the December police newsletter.</p> <p>b. requests an update from the local policing team. The Clerk to invite them to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 15 March 2023.</p>
179/2022/23	<b><u>Braunton Masterplan</u></b>	<p>Members considered the Clerk's report, circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Council successfully secured funding from Locality for Technical Support. AECOM were commissioned to design a Braunton Masterplan providing a framework for the Parish Council to take forward to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a Braunton Community Action Plan (CAP) prioritising what is most important to the local community</li><li>• Opportunity to secure funding by having a number of 'shovel ready projects'</li></ul> <p>There are four sections to the Masterplan, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction</li><li>2. The Site and Braunton Village</li><li>3. Landscape – Existing constraints &amp; opportunities/High level landscape strategies &amp; Next Steps.</li><li>4. Transport – Existing analysis, data, constraints &amp; opportunities &amp; Next Steps.</li></ol> <p>The overall vision, objectives and principles of the Braunton Masterplan are set out on page 11, along with fourteen Design Objectives. Each section within the Masterplan has its own Analysis/Strategic Summary.</p> <p>The Council met on the 25 January to consider the Masterplan. Members concluded that the Masterplan was an excellent 'road map' which could be used by the</p>

Parish Council to inform on standards for design and help Braunton to create its own identity.

RESOLVED: That the Council agrees: -

- a. to formally adopt the Braunton Masterplan to be used by the Council as a framework to inform the Braunton CAP.
- b. to grant delegated powers to the Braunton Economy Working Party to prioritise the proposals within the Masterplan, and create a Braunton CAP in consultation with the community.
- c. to work collaboratively across all tiers of local councils (NDC/DCC) to deliver the proposals within the Braunton Masterplan.
- d. to thank the BNPSG, in particular Sue Prosper, for giving her time to help create the Braunton Masterplan.

(NC)

180/2022/23

**Braunton and  
Rural Mens  
Shed**

The Chair welcomed Roger Byrom and Jonathan Rodney-Jones to the meeting.

Jonathan Rodney-Jones updated members regarding progress with plans for the Braunton and Rural Mens Shed. Unfortunately, the original 62ft Southern Railway Carriage was to corroded and could not be used due to health and safety reasons. They now propose to use two smaller goods carriages provided by Swanage Railway. The design of these two carriages will fit in more with the village, as the Braunton railway was used for goods carriages rather than passenger carriages.

They have been awarded a further £9,500 funding from the Lottery Fund. A local business in Knowle has given them use of their yard and facilities so the volunteers don't have to travel to Willington.

The Barnstaple Partnership have advised that they shouldn't require any planning. Although the site is within a Flood Zone 3 there shouldn't be any flood issues with their proposal. They have submitted their plans to the Local Planning Authority and should hear back within 8 weeks.

Nick Sampson has offered to move the carriages at a discounted rate.

Cllr M Shapland pointed out that goods carriages wouldn't have any windows. Jonathan Rodney-Jones confirmed that windows would need to be installed. He further explained that the goods carriages would be Mark 1 which were around in the 70s. The best condition carriages are still being used for heritage purposes but

they have managed to obtain two which can be refurbished. He agreed to send a photograph of the proposed goods carriages to the Clerk to be circulated to members.

181/2022/23

**Dementia Bike**

The Chair welcomed a member of the public to the meeting to address the Council regarding funding dementia bikes and improving accessibility along the Tarka Trail. The member of public reiterated what he had said under public participation and thanked the Council for their time and attention regarding this matter.

Members explained that some pedestrian access gates along the Tarka Trail had been updated with bollards which appear to much easier to manoeuvre around. It was agreed that the Council would discuss further accessibility improvements with the land owners North Devon Council and Devon County Council.

RESOLVED: That

- a. The Council, in principle, supports the dementia bike and it will help to raise awareness of the JustGiving page by publishing details on its website, social media and notice boards.
- b. The request for funding be deferred to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration.

(NC)

182/2022/23

**Mountain Bike (MTB) Trail Park**

The Chair welcomed representatives from Braunton Free Ride to the meeting.

There are no local MTB facilities in the community. Many MTB user have to travel outside of the area or use unofficial trails in local woodlands. A local landowner has offered his land to provide an official MTB Trail Park. The site is accessible from the road but does require clearance of brambles. There has already been a huge response from the local community to help prepare the site. The MTB Trail Park would require planning consent. They are still in the early stages regarding fund raising.

Members suggested that they engage with the Braunton Countryside Centre as they would be able to advise regarding wildlife and protection of woodland. This would be part of the planning process.

The Council thanked Braunton Free Ride for the update and wished them luck with their project.

183/2022/23

**Traders Christmas Decorations in the Village 2023**

The Chair welcomed Mr Benning who was representing the local businesses in the village.

Mr Benning had volunteered for many years to help organise the local shops Christmas decorations. The majority of shops are in support and contribute towards

the installation of Christmas trees and lights on their shop fronts. Mr Benning explained that the cost is around £800 per annum and he is reliant on volunteer time to put up and take down the tress and lights. He requested if the Council would be able to make a financial contribution towards this year's shop front Christmas decorations.

The Council explained that it had budgeted £2,000 for Christmas 2023. It had planned to provide at 25ft real Christmas tree including cost for electrician to install and remove the lights and crowd control barriers.

The Council haven't yet ordered the village Christmas tree for 2023. It would be happy to work with the local traders and community to find out what Christmas decorations they want in the village for 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Council to work with the local community and traders to consult on what Christmas decoration to provide in the village for 2023.

(NC)

184/2022/23

**Devon County  
Councillor  
Report**

Budget Day – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February is budget day for Devon County Council. If approved by full council it will see a 10.5% increase to fund vital services for the most vulnerable children and adults. There will be an 18.4% increase in spending on children's services and an 8.8% rise on adult services to keep up with increasing demand on these services which account for 79% of the total budget.

Potholes – This winter has posed challenges for the Highways and Traffic Management Service. The mix of prolonged sub-zero temperatures and heavy rain led to a rapid deterioration in the condition of the network highlighting the fragility of the asset following decades of under investment (Cllr Stuart Hughes, Cabinet member for Highways). At the beginning of February Devon County Council had a list of over 3,000 potholes awaiting repair. That figure is now down to 2,000. In January some 10,000 potholes were filled. An additional £2million of funding has been added to the budget from government for pothole repairs, which won't fix the problems, but is welcome.

Funding for Road Safety A361 - Following the A361 between Barnstaple and Ilfracombe being labelled a "high harm route" by Devon and Cornwall Police, we have been told that there is to be £5million of government funding for safety improvements along this stretch. I have been working with DCC's road safety team to come up with some schemes for our bid. These would include a crossing and footpath at Ashford, a crossing at the Williams Arms junction, widening the pavements in Knowle and adding a crossing, extending the 30mph limit past the houses on the edge of Knowle,

a reduction in the speed limit for Heddon Mills junction (which already has approval) and some average speed cameras along there. It depends upon the criteria for the scheme as to whether any of these are successful, but we are hopeful that we will get some of the above.

Loading Bay – Following a request last summer for a loading bay on the Exeter Road, I have applied to Highways to put this on the next HATOC list. DCC have no objection to moving the disabled bay back slightly but it would mean losing the taxi rank which we are waiting for comment from NDC on. Shops report how difficult it is to receive deliveries, especially during the summer months and they don't feel that the taxi rank is widely used.

Cllr Bell requested an update regarding when the temporary lights would be back in operation outside Heanton Court. He requested if Easter and summer could be avoided as that road becomes even busier during tourist season. The County Cllr agreed to find out.

Cllr Wood expressed her concerns regarding the Counties proposal for the North Devon Link Centres to be run by volunteers. As we are currently in a mental health crisis this service is vital to the local community requires professional trained staff to provide support.

The damaged bollard on the island crossing on Exeter Road still hasn't been repaired. This crossing is well used by pedestrians.

Chair proposed and it was unanimously agreed to move agenda item 19 – North Devon Environmental Trust (NDET) forward to this point on the agenda, to allow the Trustees to leave the meeting.

185/2022/23

**North Devon  
Environmental  
Trust (NDET)  
proposal for  
internal  
alterations to  
the Countryside  
Centre**

The Chair welcomed Martin Batt Trustee at the NDET to the meeting.

Martin Batt explained that their Connect 2 Nature project which has been funded by the Lottery and Fullabrook was going very well, they have 20 events planned. Nicola Corrigan also a Trustee at the NDET had attended an informal meeting of Council on the 26 September, to update members on their Connect 2 Nature project. She had explained that one of the objectives of the project was to develop new business opportunities to secure new income streams to the Centre to support their financial future such as a coffee shop offer. The NDET provided a plan for an onsite commercial coffee shop and exhibition area. Internal alterations would be required including plumbing and electrical work but no structural alterations would be required.

It was noted that whilst members had unanimously supported the aims and objectives of the Connect 2 Nature project and were keen to see the project succeed,

the Council had not given consent for a commercial coffee shop to operate on the premises. Any business proposal or alterations to premises would be subject to the conditions in the Lease.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to Part B on the agenda and considered under agenda item 29 to enable the Council to consider the terms and conditions as per the Lease.

(NC)

186/2022/23

**North Devon  
Councillor  
Report**

Cllr D Spear explained that North Devon Council had experienced cuts in local government funding for the past 10 years.

The legislation for empty homes is changing. If after 1 year a property remains empty it will now be subject to paying double council tax. Only 10% of the additional income will go to NDC and the remaining will go to Devon County Council, police and the fire service.

At the February Strategy and Resources Committee meeting it agreed to increase NDC Council Tax by 2.99%. Housing is a big issue at the moment and NDC need to find additional funding to rehome refugees and free up the holiday accommodation which is being used as a temporary solution.

Cllr E Spear reported that there is still a local housing crisis, between April 2022 to January 2023 NDC received just under 1500 homelessness requests. The Housing team have requested that the Council purchase new homes to acquire a local housing stock to help improve the current situation.

187/2022/23

**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 a preliminary view and that they will naturally reconsider the application fresh when presented all the facts at principal level.*

(a) 76551

Proposal: Extension to increase size of kitchen and associated works

Location: 3 Bias Lane Braunton Devon EX33 2EB

Applicant: Mr Paul Griffin

Moved by Cllr J Chesters, seconded by Cllr V Cann to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.

(NC)



Cllr M Shapland and R Shapland declared a non Pecuniary interest.

(b) 76491

Proposal: Erection of a porch

Location: 2 Norley Road Knowle Braunton EX33 2LJ

Applicant: Mr Andrew Mason

Moved By Cllr V Cann, seconded by Cllr G Bell to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.  
(NC)

Cllr V Cann declared a non Pecuniary interest

(c) 76560

Proposal: Replacement rear extension, loft conversion and parking alterations

Location: 68 Saunton Road Braunton Devon EX33 1HF

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Oliver and Karen Lines and Shillingford

Moved by Cllr D Spear, seconded by Cllr G Bell to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.  
(9.0.1abs)

(d) 76591

Proposal: Extension and alterations to dwelling

Location: 8 Silvan Drive Braunton Devon EX33 2EQ

Applicant: Mr James Sanders-Elliott

Moved by Cllr E Wood, seconded by Cllr V Cann to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.  
(NC)

(e) 76367

Proposal: Proposed works to widen the existing vehicular access and car parking area

Location: Saunton Heath Saunton Braunton EX33 1LG

Applicant: Mr Simon Cresswell

RESOLVED: That this application be deferred until the advisory discussion meeting. The Clerk to obtain clarification regarding the plans submitted in relation to number of parking spaces, visibility splay and turning area.

(NC)

(f) 76645

Proposal: Demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey extension and raised patio

Location: 23 Willoway Lane Braunton Devon EX33 1BS

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Brookes and Tanton

Moved by Cllr E Wood, seconded by Cllr D Spear to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.  
(9.0.1abs)

(g) 76630

Proposal: Reserved matters application for residential Development comprising 80 dwellings public open space and associated works (Outline planning permission 64000)

Location: Chivenor Cross Chivenor Devon

Applicant: Chichester Homes Developments Ltd.

RESOLVED: That this application be deferred to the advisory discussion meeting so that it can be considered alongside Planning Application 76670.

(NC)

### **Appeal**

(h) 74303

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to dwelling and associated works

Location: Thistledene Exeter Road Braunton EX33 2BN

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Williams

RESOLVED: That the Council reiterates it previous reasons for refusal.

- Negative visual impact on the street scene as it is not in keeping with the surrounding area.
- Comments made by the neighbouring property should be taken into consideration.

(NC)

189/2022/23

**North Devon**  
**Council**  
**Planning**  
**Decisions**

74667

Description: Erection of dwelling

Site Address: Plot 3 The Stables Saunton Road Braunton Devon EX33 1HG

Applicant: Grove Caravans Limited

Decision: REFUSED

Decision Date: 09/06/2022

74668

Description: Erection of dwelling

Site Address: Plot 4 The Stables Saunton Road Braunton Devon EX33 1HG

Applicant: Grove Caravans Limited

Decision: REFUSED

Decision Date: 09/06/2022

74675

Description: Erection of dwelling

Site Address: Land at The Stables, Saunton Road, Braunton, Devon

Applicant: Grove Caravans Limited  
Decision: REFUSED  
Decision Date: 10/06/2022

76227

Description: Sunrays Frog Lane Braunton Devon EX33 1BB  
Site Address: Demolition of existing and construction of replacement dwelling  
Applicant: Mr Pullen  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 26/01/2023

76282

Description: Extensions to dwelling  
Site Address: Summerfield Corilhead Road Braunton Devon EX33 2EW  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nik & Jenna Jagodzinski  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 23/01/2023

76305

Description: Variation of condition 7 (lighting) attached to planning permission 71733 (demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling) to allow an alteration to the tint and update the lighting report reference  
Site Address: Ferndown Saunton Braunton Devon EX33 1LG  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs James  
Decision: APPROVED  
Decision Date: 24/01/2023

190/2022/23

**Finance**

- (a) RESOLVED: That the cheques on the attached schedule from 19 December 2022 to 23 January 2023 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £10,029.48, attached.
- (b) RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for January 2023 be approve, attached.
- (c) RESOLVED: That the cheques on the attached schedule from 24 January to 14 February 2023 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £10,228.36, attached.
- (d) RESOLVED: That the credits on the attached schedule from 24 January to 14 February 2023 were received in the total sum of £124.21, attached.
- (e) RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for February 2023 be approve, attached.

(NC)

191/2022/23

**To ratify  
decision taken  
under delegated  
powers 19  
December 22 to  
14 February 23**

RESOLVED: That the decisions taken under delegated powers from the 19 December 2022 to 14 February 2023 be ratified and adopted, attached as Appendix A.

(NC)

Cllr J Chesters left the meeting.

192/2022/23

**HM King Charles III Coronation**

The Council considered a report by the Clerk regarding the donation of an Oak tree to the Parish Council. The Oak tree is believed to be a descendant of the tree in which Charles II hid when escaping from the Parliamentarians in the 17th century. This was at Boscobel House in Staffordshire. The tree was planted at Velator Quay last autumn. The residents who gifted the tree to the community would be happy for the Council to dedicated it to HM Charles III to mark his Coronation in May.

The Chair proposed and it was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Order to allow the public to speak.

(NC)

A member of the public, on behalf of the Braunton Caen Rotary, shared plans for events during the coronation weekend. Monday 8 May is the 'Big Help Out' it has been suggested that community clean up events could take place on this day. A further idea is to have community 'open mic' event in the village as part of the celebrations. It was requested if the Council would facilitate a public meeting inviting residents to attend and share their ideas.

A member of the public, on behalf of Plastic Free North Devon, requested if those holding events could be encouraged to use sustainable materials for decorations. PFND are working with the North Devon and Torridge councils Climate Change Officer to issue guidance on holding sustainable events.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be reinstated.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That

- a. the Council to dedicate the Oak tree planted at Velator Quay to HM King Charles III to mark his Coronation. The Clerk be authorised to arrange the purchase and installation of a plaque.
- b. the Council to include an item on the Annual Parish Meeting agenda being held on the 15 March at 7pm in the Parish Hall. To invite residents to attend to discuss community events being held as part of the coronation celebrations.

(NC)

193/2022/23

**Calendar of Parish Council Meetings**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Meeting had been moved to the 15 March to avoid holding it during Purdah, which starts on the 18 March.

The Annual Council Meeting was scheduled to take place on the 9 May. The Coronation of HM King Charles III has impacted the election timetable. With elections

taking place on Thursday 4 May, new councillors would normally take office on Monday 8 May but since that is now a bank holiday, new councillor will now take office on Tuesday 9 May. This means that the Annual Council Meeting must take place between Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 25 May.

RESOLVED: That the

- a. Annual Parish Meeting be held on Wednesday 15 March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
- b. Annual Council Meeting be held on Wednesday 10 May at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

(NC)

194/2022/23

**Braunton Parish  
Car Parks**

- a. RESOLVED: That the Council agrees the revised North Devon Council Management and Operational Agreement for the Caen Street and Chaloners Road car parks.
- b. RESOLVED: That the Council authorises the purchase of 22,500 Stelio single issue non adhesive pay and display tickets. At a cost of £1,336.50 + VAT and £85 Carriage + VAT.
- c. RESOLVED: That the Council grants Ginger Monkey Events permission to hire the Caen Street Car Park on Saturday 2 December 2023 to hold their annual North Devon Christmas Market. This would be subject to all licences and insurances being obtained by Ginger Monkey Events, in accordance with the Council's outside space and car parks hire Policy.

(NC)

195/2022/23

**Mobile Vehicle  
Activated Speed  
(VAS) sign**

The Council considered an update regarding the installation of the mobile VAS sign in Braunton.

RESOLVED: That mobile VAS sign

- a. Risk Assessment be approved.
- b. Method Statement be approved.

(NC)

196/2022/23

**To consider  
motion of which  
notice has been  
submitted by a  
member in  
accordance with  
Standing Order  
21**

To receive the following notice of motion from Cllr E Wood.

The Chair proposed and unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

A member of the public, on behalf of Plastic Free North Devon, explained that the government would be bringing in new legislation that will ban the supply of some single use plastics, in England from October 2023. In her opinion, the legislation does not go far enough and has no teeth. Communities need to act to minimise the impact of single use plastic locally.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be reinstated.

Cllr E Wood presented her notice of motion to Council. It was moved by Cllr E Wood and seconded by Cllr V Cann “that the notice of motion be adopted”

RESOLVED: That the Council, in principle, supports:

- a. Plastic Free North Devon’s aim to make Braunton the first village to be single use coffee cup free.
- b. the idea of a rentable Braunton cup, which could be hired from any participating business and returned for a refund to any other participating business in the parish.

(7.1.1abs)

197/2022/23

**Braunton  
Recreational  
Ground**

RESOLVED: That the Council

- a. grants permission for the Braunton Dog Training Club to hire the Recreational Ground on Sunday 11 June 2023 to hold their annual Dog Show. All proceeds to go to Guide Dogs for the Blind.
- b. grants permission for Ginger Monkey Events to hire the Recreational Ground on Saturday 5 August 2023 to hold their annual Braunton Big Bash. This is a commercial event.

(NC)

198/2022/23

**Exclusion of  
Press and  
Public – Part II**

RESOLVED that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters be taken in the absence of press and public (Public (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960) as the items contain exempt information as defined by the Local Government Act 1972 Sch. 12a Pt(3).

(NC)

199/2022/23

**Acquisition of  
land**

Members considered an offer received from the North Devon Council Solicitor for Tesco to transfer land directly to the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that the land in question has not been maintained in recent years. It is likely to require a replacement boundary fence and the removal and management of various trees and vegetation. The Play Park has been managed by NDC. The Braunton Community Land Trust have expressed an interest in leasing part of the Tesco land.

RESOLVED: That the Council

- a. would not be in position to take on the Tesco land as outlined blue on the plan, as it has no funds to bring the land up to an acceptable condition.
- b. would consider taking on the ownership of the Play Park, as this provides a benefit to the local community. This would be subject to conditional surveys being carried out prior to agreeing the transfer.
- c. would agree, in principle, to take on the ownership of the land that the BCLT are interested in leasing. This would subject to BCLT proceeding with leasing the land.

(NC)

Cllr G Bell left the meeting.

Moved by Cllr M Shapland, seconded by Cllr D Spear to suspend Standing Order to allow the meeting to continue beyond 2 hours and 55 minutes.

RESOLVED: With no votes to the contrary Standing Orders were suspended.

(NC)

200/2022/23

**North Devon  
Environmental  
Trust (NDET)  
Lease**

Member considered a request from NDET to assign part of their demised premises to a commercial business, to provide an onsite coffee shop. The Clerk advised that their Lease does not allow them to assign part only of the demised premises.

RESOLVED: That the Council to seek professional legal advice regarding the NDET request to sub-lease part of their demised premises. Until legal advice has been obtained the NDET be advised not to proceed with their planned internal alterations.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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

Date: .....