

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7:00 pm by video conference call.

	<u>Present</u>	Cllrs: E Spear in the Chair, D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, E Wood, G Bell, D Relph, B Bunyard and V Cann, Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO. Three members of the public.
261/2020/21	<u>Apologies</u>	Received from Cllrs A Bradford, P Lord, J Chesters and A Bryant.
262/2020/21	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	None received.
263/2020/21	<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.
264/2020/21	<u>Public Participation</u>	None received.
265/2020/21	<u>Max's Big Camp Out</u>	The Chair welcomed Max Woosey to the meeting. Max explained that he had been camping out in his garden for the past 12 months to raise money for the North Devon Hospice. He came up with the idea following the loss of his friend Rick who left him his tent and told him to go and have an adventure. Max is encouraging people across the Country to get involved with his Big Camp Out on Saturday the 27 th March. If you don't have a garden you can camp out in your front room. This is an opportunity for people to take part and raise money for their chosen charity. Max will be on television and radio shows all week promoting

his Big Camp Out. Members congratulated him on raising £150,000 so far for the North Devon Hospice. To recognise his achievements the Council presented Max with a Certificate and wished him the best of luck with his Big Camp Out on Saturday night.

266/2020/21

**Braunton
Neighbourhood
Plan (BNP)**

Members considered a report and the draft Economy theme which was circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting.

Cllr B Bunyard expressed his concern that some of the public open space provisions identified in the BNP Built Environment theme were actually inaccessible by the public. Sue Prosper, Secretary of the BNP Steering Group (SG) requested if Cllr Bunyard could be more specific and the SG would look into the matter. It was suggested that perhaps Cllr Bunyard had an old map the SG would forward him the most up to date map for his information.

RESOLVED: That the Council thanked the SG for drafting another excellent theme within the BNP. It requested that its thanks and congratulations on a job well done be passed onto the rest of the SG members.

(NC)

267/2020/21

**Hire of Braunton
Recreation
Ground**

The Clerk reported that Mr Johnson has sent his apologies as he no longer wished to hire the Recreation Ground to hold Walking Rugby fitness classes. He had found an alternative space which does not require him to have public liability insurance.

268/2020/21

Planning

Cllrs 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) 71940

Proposal: - Removal of Condition 8i (Flood Defence) attached to planning permission 57649 (Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans), 13 (garaging & vehicle parking) attached to planning permission 54108 to provide 12 affordable & 11 open market dwellings (amended plans))

Location: Land at Velator Bridge Braunton Devon
Applicant: Green Favero Velator Ltd

The Planning Lead member explained that the Parish Council should not been consulted on the above application.

(b) 73011

Proposal: Extension to create fitness studio.

Location: Saunton Sands Hotel, Saunton, Braunton, Devon EX33 1LQ

Applicant: Percy R Brend & sons (hoteliers) Ltd

It was moved by Cllr B Bunyard, seconded by Cllr E Wood to recommend refusal as no Seascape Character Assessment had been submitted.

Cllr D Spear, seconded by M Shapland moved an amendment to defer the application to the next meeting to allow the Clerk to the request if the Applicant has provided a Seascape Character Assessment. If the application will be determined before the Council next meet to call an extra ordinary meeting to consider the application within the consultation period.

Cllr B Bunyard accepted the amendment and a vote was taken.

RESOLVED: That this application be deferred and that the Clerk to request if the Applicant has provided a Seascape Character Assessment.

(NC)

- (c) 73041
Proposal: Installation of slurry store cover.
Location: Higher Boode Farm, Halsinger, Braunton, Devon EX33 2NN
Applicant: Gavin Fowler

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

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval.
(NC)

- (d) 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 G Bell, seconded by Cllr R Shapland to recommend approval.

RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval subject to the barn remaining ancillary to the main house.

(8.1)

269/2020/21

**North Devon
Council –
Planning
Decisions**

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

72808

Proposal: Demolition of garage and conservatory and erection of single storey extension.

Location: 6 South View Close, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2JX

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Waghorn

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 04/03/21

72817

Proposal: Loft conversion & raised decking including retrospective South elevation raised decking (amended plans, forms & description)).

Location: Corhill, Corilhead Road, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2EW

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nick & Madeleine Cooke.

Decision: APPROVED

Decision Date: 02/03/21

72995

Proposal: Prior notification to install a cover over an existing slurry store.

Location: Higher Boode Farm, Halsinger, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2NN.

Applicant: Gavin Fowler

Decision: WITHDRAWN

Decision Date: 11/03/21

72395

Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from hairdresser (A1) to café (A3).

Location: Kimarie, 1 Exeter Road, Braunton, Devon, EX33 2LJ

Applicant: Mr Carl Anderson

Decision: REFUSED

Decision Date: 12/03/21

270/2020/21

Accounts due for Payment for the period 8th February to 22nd February 2021.

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RESOLVED:

- a. That the payments totalling £8,926.21 be approved and paid.
- b. PAYE, NI and Pensions for March 2021 be approved as detailed on the attached list.

(NC)

271/2020/21

Virtual Meetings 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the Council takes out an annual subscription with Zoom to hold virtual meetings during 2021/22. The maximum cost would be £119.90 per annum the Clerk be authorised to set up a direct debit on account.

(NC)

272/2020/21

Functioning of Test and Trace in England

The Council considered a motion received from Cllr E Wood, seconded by Cllr V Cann to call for responsibility and funding of the test and trace in England to be handed over to local authorities.

RESOLVED:

- a. That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Selaine Saxby MP for North Devon expressing the Council's concern regarding the failure of the test and trace system in England and request that the funding and responsibility be passed to local authorities.
- b. The Clerk to circulate the draft letter to members for comment prior to it being sent.
- c. A copy of the letter to be sent to Steve Brown Director of Public Health for Devon County Council, Cllr John Hart Leader of Devon County Council, Cllr Andrew Leadbetter Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Service and Cllr David Worden Leader of North Devon Council.

(NC)

Cllr G Bell left the meeting at 9 pm.

273/2020/21

Electoral Reform
- Proportional
Representation

The Council considered a motion received from Cllr E Wood, seconded by Cllr D Relph to call for proportional representation in Braunton.

Members expressed concern that it is an inappropriate time to consider this motion whilst the Country is dealing with a pandemic. It was suggested that this matter be deferred to allow time to engage the public regarding their opinion on proportional representation.

RESOLVED: That the motion be deferred until a future meeting once the pressures on workload, due to the pandemic, have eased and the Council is in a position to engage the public.

(5.3)

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

Signed by the Chair:

(Cllr E Spear)

Date: