

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Braunton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Chaloners Road, Braunton.

	<u>Present</u>	Cllrs: M Shapland in the Chair, E Spear, D Spear, V Cann, R Shapland, L Childs, R Byrom, T Kirby, M Cann, D Relph, H Seymour and A Bryant.
	<u>In attendance</u>	Officers: T Lovell, Parish Clerk & RFO. County and District Cllr Pru Maskell. District Cllr Simon Maddocks. PCSO Andy Frisby. Sue Prosper, Secretary Braunton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (BNPSG). 2 members of the public
088/2023/24	<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies received from: Cllr G Bell work commitments.
089/2023/24	<u>Items not on the agenda, which in the opinion of the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the Council</u>	The Chairman informed members that the Administrative Assistant was due to start on the 9 August but unfortunately due to personal circumstances she had declined to accept the position. The Clerk will readvertise the Post.
090/2023/24	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	Cllr R Byrom declared a Personal interest in Minute Ref: 104/2023/24 and 105/2023/24, as he is a member of the Braunton Caen Rotary Club.
091/2023/24	<u>Public Participation</u>	There were none.
092/2023/24	<u>Request for Dispensation</u>	There were none.
093/2023/24	<u>Minutes</u>	RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 July 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to Min. Ref. 069/2023/24 second paragraph 'Devon Planning Committee' being removed.

(NC)

094/2023/24

Action Sheet

Members considered the action sheet, circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr A Bryant expressed his concerns regarding the proposed White Cross Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) planning application. The proposal will cause harm to the local environment as they plan to direct drill the cable across Saunton Burrows and Golf Club which are both part of the SAC and North Devon UNESCO Biosphere. The remainder of the cable will be trench dug across the Marshes and medieval fields and finally direct drilled under the Taw to reach Yelland Power Station. Cllr Bryant supports the renewable energy project but not at the cost to the local natural environment. There appears to be no benefits to the local community regarding employment or skills.

RESOLVED: That the action sheet be noted.

(NC)

095/2023/24

Police Representation

a. RESOLVED: That the Council notes the July 2023 police newsletter.

(NC)

b. The Chairman welcomed PCSO Andy Frisby to the meeting. Andy explained that he had been a PCSO in Braunton for many years and shares the role with Dale Kingdom. Inspector Richard Preston, Sgt Malcolm Kirk and PC Roger Copeland also cover the Braunton area. Their current priorities are anti-social behaviour, visibility in the community and safeguarding the vulnerable. They want to concentrate on engagement and have booked two community drop-in sessions in the Parish Hall on 15 August and 12 September. PC Roger Copeland also attended the Wheels Event held on Sunday 30 July at the Braunton Recreational Ground.

The police have stopped the 101 email as enquiries were being missed. The public can still report via the 'Report a Crime' on the police website or take part in webchat.

The Community Speed Watch Team have been active on the A361 and B3231. The Pottington to Mullacott road has been classed a 'red route' for the past 18-24 months. This means that it has had the highest number of deaths related to a motor vehicle accidents.

There have been reports on social media of anti-social behaviour at the Skate Bowl and Pump Track but the police have received no reports. The police have issued 12 letter for ASB related to incidences in Braunton but not necessarily at the Pump Track or Skate Bowl. They do however intend to have a

presence at the Pump Track and Skate Bowl.

Cllr Seymour requested how the police manage county lines and drugs being used in public houses. Police can only react to intel, PCSO Frisby reported that the situation is better than previous years. The police have an excellent Licensing Officer who will clamp down on venues if issues arise.

Members raised concerns regarding cyclists cycling the wrong way along South Street. This is an ongoing issue in most one-way streets unfortunately the police have to be present and witness it to be able to take action against the offender. It was noted that schools no longer taught cycling proficiency which might be one of the reasons why cyclists continue to break the law. With the introduction of E-scooters the situation may become worse.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Andy Frisby for attending.

(NC)

096/2023/24

**Braunton
Neighbourhood
Plan Update**

The Chairman welcomed Sue Prosper Secretary of the BNPSG. Sue informed members that the Referendum would be held on Thursday 7 September. The North Devon Council Elections Office will be sending polling cards to all electors eligible to vote. There were concerns that the public would forget the Referendum date as polling cards would be issued in advance. The Council agreed to announce the Referendum date in its EX33 newsletter. Members were concerned that the need for voter ID may put some electors off of voting. Cllr Maddocks suggested displaying the date in the village to remind members of the public when the Referendum would be held.

RESOLVED: That the Council to include the Referendum date in its EX33 newsletter and display the date in the village to remind electors to vote.

(NC)

097/2023/24

**Report from
Devon County
Cllr.**

Receive Cllr Pru Maskell see report attached as **(appendix one)**.

Cllr Adrian Bryant requested an update on progress with the Tarka Trail extension between Knowle and Willingcott. Cllr Maskell explained that phase two of the scheme would be going to planning soon. The final phase will be considered at the Cabinet meeting held in the autumn. Designs still need to be finalised and there are ongoing negotiations with some landowners. Although phase one is now complete it cannot be used by the public until after phase two is complete. This is because a final surface needs to be laid which will be done as part of phase two.

098/2023/24

**Report from
North Devon
District
Councillors**

- a. Receive Cllr E Spear, see report attached as **appendix two**.

Cllr E Spear informed members that the District Council had been told that the White Cross planning application would be submitted by the 11 August. It was requested whether members would be required to obtain a dispensation to discuss the application. The Clerk would investigate this and report back to Council.

- b. Receive Cllr G Bell, see report attached as **appendix three**.

- c. Receive Cllr P Maskell, see report attached as **appendix four**.

- d. Receive Cllr S Maddocks - Torridge District Council have voted to leave the joint North Devon and Torridge Local Plan and create a new Plan over the next 30 months. North Devon Council have not yet decided whether to create a new Plan or continue with a review of the existing Local Plan until 2031. Neighbourhood plans are safe for at least 2 to 3 years, and if a new Local Plan is produced, NDC will have to consider the neighbourhood plans policies and incorporate them into any new local plans.

Cllr Maddock apologised for missing the meeting with the NDC Leader Cllr Ian Roome, he arrived late and didn't want to disturb the meeting.

Farming is under great pressure at the moment, an event had been held with Derek Gow on 'Rewinding' which was well attended by the Braunton farming community. It was a good platform to get the farming community together and put their concerns forward. It is hoped that more events will be held in the future.

099/2023/24

Planning

Cllrs E Spear and G Bell in their capacity as North Devon Councillors, stated that any opinions expressed during discussions on the following planning application represent a preliminary view and that they will naturally reconsider the application fresh when presented all the facts at principal level.

(a) 77432

Proposed: Removal of existing conservatory & erection of two-storey west extension, extension of north single-storey outbuilding to provide service spaces and extension of front terrace.

Location: The Red House, Braunton, Devon, EX33 1AR

Applicant: Ms Laura Melville-Brown

Moved by Cllr M Cann, seconded by Cllr D Spear to recommend approval.

100/2023/24	<u>North Devon Council Planning Decisions</u>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Council recommends approval. (NC)</p> <p>77174 Description: Conversion of garage into habitable accommodation with partial pitched roof over together with a rear extension and internal alterations Site Address: 42 The Fairway Braunton Devon EX33 1DZ Applicant: Mr & Mrs Braithwaite Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 19/07/2023</p>
		<p>77239 Description: Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) and condition 5 (materials) attached to planning permission 76465 (proposed new dwelling) to allow variation to the roof material from tile to slate and amendment to the design of the gable ends Site Address: 20 Pixie Lane Braunton Devon EX33 1AZ Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dougall Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 17/07/2023</p>
		<p>77190 Description: Partial conversion of garage into additional living accommodation and associated works Site Address: 3 Bias Lane Braunton Devon EX33 2EB Applicant: Mr Paul Griffin Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 27/07/2023</p>
		<p>7728 Description: Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission 71584 (Extension to dwelling) to allow amendment to the roof design over the extension Site Address: Willoway Barn Fairlynch Lane Braunton Devon EX33 1BT Applicant: Mr Ian Copp Decision: APPROVED Decision Date: 25/07/2023</p>
101/2023/24	<u>Finance Matters</u>	<p>(a) RESOLVED: That the cheques on the schedule from 12 July to 8 August 2023 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £6,166.57. (NC)</p> <p>(b) RESOLVED: That the Council's July 2023 direct debits and standing orders for the sum of £6,026.81 be retrospectively approved.</p> <p>(c) RESOLVED: That the PAYE, NI and pension contributions for August 2023 were approved and drawn in the total sum of £16,159.94. (NC)</p>
102/2023/24	<u>Consultation on revised</u>	<p>Members considered the Licensing Act Consultation 2003. It was noted that the link provided by NDC did not work.</p>

	<u>Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy</u>	RESOLVED: That the Clerk to circulate the correct link and members to make representation as individuals by the 22 August 2023. (NC)
103/2023/24	<u>To ratify decision taken under delegated powers from the 12 July to 8 August 2023</u>	RESOLVED: That the decisions taken under delegated powers from the 12 July – 8 August 2023 be ratified and adopted, attached as appendix five . (NC)
104/2023/24	<u>Braunton Recreational Ground</u>	a. RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the Braunton Rotary Clubs to hire the Recreational Ground on Monday 27 May 2024 for their annual Village Fair event. b. RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the Braunton Caen Rotary Club to hire the Recreational Ground on Sunday 28 July 2024 for their annual Braunton Wheels event (NC)
105/2023/24	<u>Hire of outside space</u>	RESOLVED: That the Council grants permission for the Braunton Caen Rotary Club to hire the village green on Saturday 20 and 27 July 2024 to promote their annual Braunton Wheels event. (NC)

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed by the Chair:
(Cllr M Shapland)
Date: