

**Minutes of Yarnscombe Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 24 October 2018**

Present: Cllrs. Brice (chair), Martin, Pengilley, Williams, Saywell (Devon County Council / DCC), PCSO Brown and M. Dymond

18.106 Apologies, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllrs. Cooke, Farr, Morrish (Torrige District Council / TDC) and Stephens. There were no declarations of interests and no requests for dispensations had been received.

18.107 Public Participation and Feedback

Dogs barking — Update from Environmental Health

The issue had been reported to relevant department and representative of Environmental Health had spoken to owner(s) of dogs. They had been made aware that fines could and would be issued if the problem persisted. Clerk had also included topic in last edition of "Eagle".

Actions taken: None at present.

18.108 Representatives Reports

1) County — Cllr. Saywell explained that the problems with misleading signage was due to communication error between DCC and the local council, problematic because part of the road is in TDC area and part in NDC, which is covered by a separate Highways Team who organised the closure. He asked to report poor signage straight away.

A3124 — First phase is completed, good progress had been made. So far, project is on track to be finished by end of November. Possibly switch to traffic lights by 3 November.

Cllr. Pengilley informed Cllr. Saywell that he now had received email from DCC regarding Emergency Plan contact.

Cllr. Saywell and Cllr. Brice had recently attended meeting at Deep Moor. They pointed out that ninety per cent of grants will be gone after January 2019. Viridor is shutting down and going to Holsworthy. St. John's nursery will be moving to Braunton.

Actions taken: Clerk to inform Sharron Newberry (Village Hall / Social Club) of majority of grants being stopped by beginning of next year.

District — None

2) Village Hall / Social Club

Feedback from AGM — Chair and clerk had attended recent AGM. Richard Purchase was elected as chair for another year, after which he said would not stand again. Social Club is supporting Village Hall financially. In response to a question by Cllr. Brice, it was stated that at present Village Hall does not reclaim VAT. The committee is considering raising hall rent. Any monies raised at Village Fete will be equally divided between church and village hall. Clerk had asked at meeting, whether it would be possible to install a key safe, so that it would be possible for clerk to open hall for council meetings. Some committee members raised concerns, that installation of key safe would void insurance policy. Chair of village hall promised to investigate and advise clerk accordingly.

Display of Minutes and Agendas in Village Hall Notice board — The old notice board has been repaired and is ready to go up in original place, if and when possible. Should that not be possible, councillors will discuss purchasing smaller board and finding alternative location. One possibility would be corner of playing field or telephone box, as it is more central. In the meantime, clerk forwards agendas and minutes to Sharron Newberry who had agreed to display them in village hall notice board.

Actions taken: Purchase of smaller notice board and alternative location to be put on next month's agenda. Clerk to contact Richard Purchase in a couple of weeks, should no update re. key come forward.

3) Youth Club — Not running at present.

4) PCSO/Police report — PCSO Brown attended meeting. She reported that over last 30 days three crimes had been reported: 1 violence with injury, 2 public order offences.

Speeding remains an ongoing issue. Councillors queried the value of speeding surveys, as often it is the standard of driving that contributes to accidents. All road users should be mindful of horses and cyclists and drive according to condition of roads, especially in rural areas. PCSO Brown reported that there had been problems at Alverdiscott regarding speed and inconsiderate driving.

5) Playing Field — Grass had been cut two weeks ago, possibly one last cut required this year. Last invoice had been paid.

6) Snow Warden

Award of Councillor Grant for sum of £1000 for purchase of additional salt grit storage

Clerk confirmed that grant money had been received and banked.

Actions taken: Purchase of additional storage bins to be put on next agenda.

18.109 Minutes from Meeting of 26 September 2018

Minutes were approved and signed off as a true record.

18.110 Matters arising from last Minutes

NALC Quality Award — When last of councillors' profiles had been received, next steps to be considered.

18.111 New Matters

Annual renewal of website domain and hosting £30 — Cllr. Brice proposed, Cllr. Williams seconded. All agreed.

Actions taken: Clerk to bring cheque to Cllr. Brice to sign, Cllr. Pengilly to countersign and send cheque off.

Councillors' Support Grant for Citizens Advice Bureau — Clerk had been contacted to see whether council would consider donation, as CAB had helped numerous residents in Torridge area. Cllr. Martin proposed, Cllr. Pengilly seconded. All agreed to donate £50 out of "Chairman's Allowance".

Actions taken: Clerk will contact CAB and inform them of council's decision. Also, she will find out who to make cheque out to. Grant of £50 to be put on next agenda.

18.112 PROW — Monthly Report

Cllr. Williams will fill in Annual Return.

18.113 Planning

Extension to dwelling, Lower Ward Farm, Yarnscombe, EX31 3LU, Ref. [1/0801/2018/FUL](#) — Application refused

Extension to dwelling, Lower Ward Farm, Yarnscombe, EX31 3LU, Ref. [1/0802/2018/LBC](#) — Application refused

Erection of agricultural barn to store equipment, fodder and feed and accommodate livestock in winter (resubmission of application [1/0556/2018/FUL](#)), land at Yarnscombe, Devon, Ref. [1/0837/2018/FUL](#) — Application refused

Two storey side extension and erection of garage, Tawny Cottage, Yarnscombe, EX31 3LZ,

Ref. [1/0807/2018/FUL](#) — Application permitted

Replacement Conservatory with garden room, extension to garage and installation of additional windows to east elevation, Primrose Cottage, Yarnscombe, EX31 3LN, Ref. [1/0871/2018/FUL](#) — Application permitted

18.114 Additional Planning

None

18.115 Accounts

Renewal for website domain and hosting £30 (Local Government Act 1972, sect.142)

Bank reconciliation June to September 2018 — bank reconciliation had been carried out and cash book countersigned by chair.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm.