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6th June 2023

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Rockbeare Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, to be held at **6pm, on Tuesday 13th June 2023**, at Rockbeare Village Hall, for the purposes of transacting the following business:

Carolyn May
Clerk to Rockbeare Parish Council

AGENDA

All Councillors are politely reminded of their obligation to declare interests under the Code of Conduct.

Please Note: This meeting will be recorded.

1.0 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

2.0 CO-OPTION OF APPLICANTS FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR ROLE

3.0 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

4.0 APOLOGIES: To receive apologies for absence.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: To receive declarations of interest.

Members – please remember that you must declare any personal or prejudicial interest at the start of the meeting. Please ensure that you state the reason for your interest, as this must be included in the Minutes of the meeting. If your interest is a ‘Declarable Pecuniary Interest’ then you must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

5.0 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Strictly 15 minutes in total. Thereafter, members of the public may not enter discussions without the express permission of the Parish Council Chairman.

- 6.0 MINUTES:** Minutes Of the last Meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on 20th April 2023 to be signed as a true correct record of that Meeting (Appendix A).
- 5.0 REPORTS**
- 5.1 Chairman's Report
 - 5.3 County/ District Councillors Report
 - 5.4 Any other reports
- 6.0 PLANNING**
- 6.1 To consider Planning Applications –Appendix B
 - 6.2 To consider Planning Applications received since the date of this Agenda - None
 - 6.3 To receive, and note, details of Planning Determinations - None
 - 6.4 Ford Oaks Solar Farm Appeal - Update
- 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**
- 8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCE**
- 8.1 **Schedule of Payments** – to follow.
- 9.0 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**
- 10.0 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**
- 11.0 ANNUAL FINANCE STATEMENT**
- 12.0 WARM SPACES / PARISHIONER SUPPORT** – Update
- 13.0 CAR PARKING AREA** – Rockbeare - Update
- 14.0 LAND ACQUISITION/ DISPOSAL PROJECT**
- 15.0 PARISH NEWSLETTER**
- 16.0 MILLENNIUM FIELD PROJECT** – Update
- 17.0 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2023**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Franklin (Chairman), M. Nequest, R. Nequest

Also: Cllr Richard Lawrence (EDDC) and three members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Down, Cllr Randall-Johnson (DC) and Cllr. Gent (DC)

Clerk/ RFO: Carolyn Y. May

AGENDA

01.0 Declarations of Interest - No declarations of Interest were made.

02.0 Questions from the Public

02.1 A Parishioner in attendance at the meeting raised the issue of the use of the land at Birchend. It was suggested that the area could be utilised for a range of activities, intended to benefit residents of the Parish. A second proposal highlighted the possibility for older residents to meet in a safe environment, for social purposes. It was **agreed** that Sharon Thorne should be involved in these discussions, and local Care Homes.

02.2 The area referred to as 'Birchend' was raised by a further Parishioner, who enquired about the Parish Council's plans for the same.

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council is currently in the process of having the land transferred to it, from EDDC. The intention, subject to consultation, is to use the space as a play (for under 6 years) / seating, green area, for the public. However, a caveat currently registered on the land only permits the area to be used for building purposes. The Parish Council is seeking to have the caveat removed.

The Parishioner asked what would happen to the play equipment at the Village Green. Cllr Franklin advised the meeting that the equipment referred to fell under the control of the Village Hall, not the Parish Council. It was added that the Parish Council had attempted to purchase the Village Green, to ensure its survival in perpetuity. Unfortunately, the owners of the land were not willing to sell the land. The landowners (Rockbeare Manor) communicate

only through their agents, who are resistant to any applications, by the local community, to purchase the land.

A Parishioner raised the matter of the presence of rubbish in the river at Rockbeare. He advised the meeting that the river had, in fact, run red during the day (20th April 2023). The Environment Agency is aware of the situation.

02.3 The issue of litter in the village (between the school and the bridge) was alluded to. The previous Sunday, one Parishioner picked up 58 cans in the area. The Parishioner has spoken with the Environment Agency because of the debris which is being caught in the filters at either end of the bridge. He was referred to the Rural Crime department. The Clerk stated that, should the situation persist, she would be willing to speak with the Environment Agency.

02.4 On 20th April 2023, the stream which runs through the village turned bright red. The Environment Agency were informed and it is believed that they did identify the source of the problem.

03.0 Approval of Minutes

03.1 The Minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 16th March 2023 were considered.

03.2 It was proposed by Cllr. M. Nequest seconded by Cllr R. Nequest and RESOLVED that the Minutes would be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Unanimous. Carried. The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

04.0 Reports

04.1 **Chairmans Report** – The Chairman had no matters to report.

04.2 **EDDC Councillor Report** – Cllr Lawrence advised the meeting that planned housing developments adjacent to the Parish of Rockbeare should be considered by the Parish Council. More weight is now being given to Neighbourhood Plans, and what residents have to say.

Cllr Lawrence alluded to the Treasbeare expansion and the proposed Grange development at Rockbeare. Whilst he felt that Treasebeare had already agreed, the Grange development could reasonably be objected to.

05.0 Planning – there were no Planning Applications for discussion. **Decisions** were noted.

06.0 Correspondence

06.1 Cllr Franklin reported that he had been contacted by a Parishioner, who had voiced his concern about the dangerous crossing conditions, for pedestrians, at Rockbeare Road. The Parishioner highlighted the need for the creation of a crossing at the roundabout, to enable safe passage to and from the bus stop.

06.2 Members were advised that the Parish has a new Vicar.

07.0 Business and Finance

- 07.1 **Payments** - Members considered the schedule of payments for the current month. It was **proposed** by Cllr. Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr M. Nequest, and RESOLVED that the Schedule of expenses would be discharged. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 07.2 **Delegated Power to Clerk** – The Clerk raised the matter of payment of Invoices during the period of purdah/ the next official meeting of the Parish Council. It was **proposed** by Cllr. Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr M. Nequest, and RESOLVED that the Clerk would utilize delegated powers, to discharge invoices and to manage the Parish Accounts. The power includes the right to address emergency financial matters. Unanimous. **Carried.**
- 07.3 **Bank Account** –. It was agreed that a different bank should be selected to hold the Parish Council's funds. It was also felt that the Parish Council should move to a BACS payment system.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mark Nequest, seconded by Cllr. Franklin, and RESOLVED that Cllr Nequest would identify an appropriate bank with which to open an account for the Parish Council, thereafter the body's funds should be transferred to the same. Unanimous. Carried

08.0 Warm Rooms

- 08.1 Sharon Thorne had provided a written update in respect of the Warm Spaces Project. Number are increasing and the project has been embraced by residents of all ages.
- 08.2 Members discussed the success of the project. It was **proposed** by Cllr. Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr R. Nequest, and RESOLVED that the project would continue until September 2023, whereafter the Parish Council would consider the matter again. Unanimous. **Carried.**

09.0 Millennium Field Update

- 09.1 Cllr Nequest gave a brief update in relation to the project.
- 09.2 Most of the wildlife work has been completed, dying trees have been felled and chips have been provided for pathways. A cage will be installed and a pond put in place.
- 09.3 An appropriate storage container will be installed at the site, once the ground has been properly prepared.

10.0 Emergency Numbers Flyer

- 10.1 It was suggested to Members that a flyer containing emergency (EDDC etc) contact details could be provided to residents of the parish. Cllr. Lawrence stated that it was likely that such a document was available from EDDC, directly.

11.0 Parish Magazine

- 11.1 Cllr Franklin advised that the next issue of the Parish Magazine was ready to be sent to the printer. Once copies are received, arrangements will be made for distribution.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th June 2023

Appendix B

Reference	23/1018/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-12147792
Application Validated	Tue 09 May 2023
Address	15 Rookwood Lane Rockbeare EX5 2LG
Proposal	Construction of single storey rear extension.
Status	Awaiting decision