



## ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

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10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, at Marsh Green 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 APOLOGIES:** To receive apologies for absence.
- 2.0 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 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 \_ attached at **Appendix D**
  - 5.4 Any other reports

## **6.0 FORD OAKS SOLAR FARM APPEAL**

6.1 Advice from Devon Association of Local Councils

## **7.0 PLANNING**

7.1 To consider Planning Applications –Appendix B

7.2 To consider Planning Applications received since the date of this Agenda - None

7.3 To receive, and note, details of Planning Determinations - None

7.4 Ford Oaks Solar Farm Appeal - Update

## **8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

## **9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

9.1 **Schedule of Payments** – to follow.

**10.0 WARM SPACES / PARISHIONER SUPPORT** – Update (Appendix D)

**12.0 CAR PARKING AREA** – Rockbeare – Update

**13.0 BIRCH END PROJECT** - Updatte

**13.0 LAND ACQUISITION/ DISPOSAL PROJECT** – Update

**14.0 HUB UPDATE**

**15.0 PARISH NEWSLETTER** - Update

**16.0 MILLENNIUM FIELD PROJECT** – Update



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MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Franklin, Cllr. Olive (EDDC), Cllr. Blakey (EDDC), Cllr Hawkins (EDDC)

**Also:** Nine Members of the Public

**Parish Clerk:** Carolyn Y. May

**AGENDA**

Due to the lack of elected Councillors to the Parish, three EDDC Councillors had been temporarily appointed to Rockbeare Parish Council, to ensure that the meeting was quorate. All three EDDC Members signed a Temporary Acceptance of Office document, for the sole purpose of co-opting new Parish Councillors.

**12.0 Election of the Chairman**

- 12.1 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Blakey, **seconded** by Cllr Olive and **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Franklin would be elected to the post of Chairman to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr Franklin signed the Chairman's Acceptance of Office.

**13.0 Co-option of Parish Councillors**

- 13.1 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Blakey, **seconded** by Cllr Olive and **RESOLVED** that Rebecca Nequest would be co-opted to the post of Councillor to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr. Nequest signed the Acceptance of Office.

- 13.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Blakey, **seconded** by Cllr Olive and **RESOLVED** that Simon Brodie would be co-opted to the post of Councillor to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr. Brodie signed the Acceptance of Office.

- 13.3 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Blakey, **seconded** by Cllr Olive and **RESOLVED** that Ripley Dunn would be co-opted to the post of Councillor to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr. Dunn signed the Acceptance of Office.

13.4 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Blakey, **seconded** by Cllr Olive and RESOLVED that Andrew Dunn (in absentia) would be co-opted to the post of Councillor to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

13.5 It was **proposed** by Cllr. Blakey, **seconded** by Cllr Olive and RESOLVED that Mark Nequest would be elected to the post of Councillor to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr. Nequest signed the Acceptance of Office.

At the conclusion of the Co-option process, Cllrs Blakey, Hawkins, and Olive retired as Temporary Parish Councillors and left the table. The Clerk thanked all three for their assistance.

#### **14.0 Election of Vice Chairman**

14.1 Two Nominations were received for the position of Vice Chairman to the Parish Council.

14.2 It was **proposed** by Cllr. M. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. Franklin and RESOLVED that Cllr. Brodie would be nominated for the post of Vice Chairman.

14.3 It was **proposed** by Cllr. R. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr Franklin and RESOLVED that Cllr. M. Nequest would be elected to the post of Vice Chairman to Rockbeare Parish Council.

14.4 A vote was held and it was RESOLVED that Cllr. M. Nequest would be elected to the post of Vice - Chairman to Rockbeare Parish Council. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr. Nequest signed the Vice Chairman's Acceptance of Office.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Brodie would be seconded to the post of Vice Chairman in the event that the Chairman/ Vice Chairman was not present.

#### **15.0 Apologies – None**

#### **16.0 Declarations of Interest**

16.1 The Clerk alluded to the fact that all Members of the Parish Council had a duty to declare an interest in matter 6.4 on the agenda. It was **agreed** therefore that all Members could participate in any discussions. This advice had been sought from DALC.

#### **17.0 Public Session**

17.1 Mr Paul Jefferson addressed the Members in relation to the Ford Oaks Solar Farm Appeal. He advised the meeting that the Marsh Green (Solar Farm) Objectors Group had on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, been granted Rule 6 status. And that the group intended to fight the appeal lodged by the Solar Farm developer.

17.2 'Rule 6 status' refers to Rule 6(6) of the Inquiries Procedure Rules. With Rule 6 status individuals/ groups are considered a main party to an Inquiry and will be sent copies of the documents provided by other main parties to the action. Rule 6 persons are entitled to appear at the inquiry and to 'cross-examine' other parties .

17.3 Rule 6(6) states that: "The Secretary of State may in writing require any other person, who has notified him of an intention or wish to appear at an inquiry, to send within 4 weeks of being so required – a. 3 copies of their statement of case to him; and b. a copy of their statement of case to any statutory party.

17.4 Mr Jefferson requested that the Parish Council ring-fence £10,000 to assist with the costs of opposing the appeal. It was suggested that the monies should be held by the Parish Council and that costs incurred would be paid from this sum, by the Parish Clerk. The purpose of this sum was to appoint an expert witness, who would provide clarification in respect of the grade of soil at the site.

## AGENDA

### 18.0 Ford Oaks Solar Farm

- 18.1 Cllr Franklin requested the permission of the Members to discuss Agenda Item 6.4 immediately. This was **agreed**.
- 18.2 Members of the Marsh Green Group were asked what contribution they intended to make towards the costs of the objection to the appeal. It was confirmed that no firm plans had been agreed on this point but that one member of their group had pledged to contribute.
- 18.3 The Clerk advised the meeting that she had been obliged to seek professional advice from the Devon Association of Local Councils (hereinafter referred to as 'DALC') on this matter.
- DALC had advised the Parish Council against agreeing to contribute as the monies held were public in nature and were intended to benefit the whole community.
- 18.4 Cllr Franklin also highlighted the need to consult with parishioners on the proposal and alluded to difficulties with a previous agreement – that is, *inter alia*, despite their being a definite requirement to seek the approval of the PC for any expenditure, this had not always been adhered to.
- 18.5 Mr Jefferson responded by suggesting that there would have to be clearer communication between the parties. He also advised that a consultation *had* been undertaken, but that it had been mainly confined to residents of Marsh Green, rather than the whole of Rockbeare Parish. Cllr. Franklin stated that the whole of the Parish should be consulted, as the Parish Council funds were intended to benefit of the whole Rockbeare community.
- 18.6 Another member of the group argued that the whole of the Parish would be affected by the installation of the solar farm, and alluded to the flooding problems which plague the area (currently in the area of Rockbeare Manor). It had been also noted by a previously appointed consultant that the incidence of flooding would likely be exacerbated by the presence of the solar farm. This, in turn, would affect the whole Parish adversely.
- 18.7 A further attendee alluded to the Parish Council's Warm Room (now Rockbeare Hub) project, stating that this did not benefit the whole of the Parish. Cllr Franklin disputed that claim, advising that the project was well supported, and that attendance was open to all parishioners. The attendee stated that the Hub project was 'a waste of money' – and stated that it would be unfair if funding was not provided, as the Group might lose the objection to the appeal.
- 18.8 The Clerk advised the meeting that no monies had been allocated for a campaign of this nature, in the 2023/24 budget. Further to this, the terms and conditions of the Parish Council's Grant Funding Policy would have to be applied to any request for funding, those rules included a requirement for match/ other funding to be provided by the applicant (*inter alia*). Members were reminded that those rules had been applied to an application for funding, received from another group, and the body had to be seen to be even-handed.
- The Clerk added that the Earmarked Reserves had been allocated to specific projects, compliant with CiL Funding conditions. This left the General Reserve, which was intended for the running of the body.
- 18.9 Mr Jefferson reiterated his view that the group was not seeking a grant but wished for the requested sum to be managed by the Parish Council.
- 18.10 The Clerk advised the meeting that the advice from DALC had been clear, and that, as the Responsible Finance Officer, she could not recommend agreement of the funding proposal to the Members. The Clerk stated that the ultimate decision, in respect of the request, lay with the Members of the Parish Councillors, but that she would leave the advice from DALC 'on the table'.
- 18.11 Mr Jefferson could not advise the Members of the actual sum that would be required in order to fight the appeal, due to the Rule 6 status having only been conferred on the group.
- 18.12 It was suggested by Cllr Brodie that the group should consider setting up a 'Go Fund Me' page, in order to raise funds, and that this would also gauge the level of support for the action of the group.
- 18.13 It was **agreed** that the following actions would be undertaken:

- The Clerk would seek further advice from DALC, on the issue of funding the action;
- The MG Group would identify the necessary expert witness(es) required to research and present their case. This action to include costs associated with the same – the information to be provided to the Parish Clerk;
- The MG Group would ascertain how much could be raised from residents contributions for the action.
- The MG group would investigate the setting up of a 'Go Fund Me' page.

18.14 Due to the time constraints faced by the Group, under the Inquiries Procedure Rules, it was **agreed** that the matter would either be listed for discussion at the July Meeting, or that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council could be called.

## 19.0 MINUTES

19.1 The Minutes of the meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were considered.

It was **proposed** by Cllr M. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. Brodie, and **RESOLVED** that the minutes for the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 would be approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

**The Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.**

## 20.0 REPORTS

20.1 **Chairman's Report** – no report

20.2 **EDDC Councillor Report** – Cllr Todd Olive introduced himself as the new EDDC Councillor for Whimble and Rockbeare. Members were advised that Cllr Olive has been appointed to the following District Council Committees:

- Auditing and Governance Committee
- Overview Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee

20.3 **County Councillor Report** - no report

**21.0 Village Hall Report** - Mr. Mark Cornish provided the following report to the meeting:

In 2022/23 the village hall committee ended the year with eight committee members. We are though seeking new members to take up trustee roles and will be updating our governing constitution.

Regular hirer income has more than doubled in the year with Little Ducklings Nursery commencing their operation in full in June 2022. The nursery group now use the hall over four days in the week. Regular hirers of the hall included:

- Little Ducklings Nursery Group;
- Michaela's Dance School;
- Cranbrook Choir;
- Women's Institute
- Rockbeare Parish Council;
- Needles & Pins Group;
- Cranbrook Board Games Group;
- Robot Reg;
- Yoga; and

- x) Yoga on-line

Sadly, during the year Robot Reg and the in-hall yoga class had to stop hire, however, we welcomed Cranbrook Choir on a Monday night.

Income from private hire saw a further marginal improvement in the year and has remained strong.

Grant income received during the COVID 19 period has helped finance a number of projects in the year. These have included;

- i) Replacement of the fence around the gas tank;
- ii) Replacement of the boiler;
- iii) Replacement of external fence;
- iv) External painting of hall; and
- v) Waste pipe repair.

In addition to this, along with contributions from Rockbeare Manor Estate and the Parish Council along with donations from the sponsors of the Rockbeare Rockets Football team the village hall contributed to the cost of repairs to the pavilion in Rockbeare field.

In 2023/24 our plans revolve around renewal of the lease agreement where discussions with representatives of the Rockbeare Manor Estate have been, and continue to be, undertaken. Those plans include:

- i) Concluding on negotiations of the new lease agreement relating to the village hall and Rockbeare Playing Field;
- ii) Development of a new constitution governing the management of the village hall; and
- iii) Recruitment of new trustees to ensure the running of the village hall remains in good hands.

On 29 June 2023 the village hall committee will hold its annual general meeting. At that meeting we will set out, to the extent possible, the current position in regard to lease negotiation and share what we can with the community in relation to progress on the lease negotiations.

Finally, on behalf of the Rockbeare Village Hall Committee I confirm we look forward to working with, and receiving the continued support from, the parish council in the coming year.

## 22.0 PLANNING

|                       |                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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                             |

22.1 Members discussed this application. It was **proposed** by Cllr Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr. M. Nequest and RESOLVED that the Parish Council does not object to this application. Unanimous. **Carried**

|                       |                                                                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reference             | 23/1211/FUL                                                             |
| Alternative Reference | PP-12210298                                                             |
| Application Validated | Mon 12 Jun 2023                                                         |
| Address               | Palmers Farm Marsh Green EX5 2EY                                        |
| Proposal              | Installation of 12 Ground Mounted solar panels on 2 frames of 6 panels. |
| Status                | Awaiting decision                                                       |
| Appeal Status         | Unknown                                                                 |

22.2 Members discussed this application. It was **proposed** by Cllr Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr. Brodie, and RESOLVED that the Parish Council does not object to this application. Unanimous. **Carried**

## 23.0 CORRESPONDENCE - None

## 24.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCE

24.1 Members considered the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation. A query was raised in relation to the invoice from Inspiring Connections. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would investigate this, prior to discharging the liability.

It was proposed by Cllr M. Nequest, seconded by Cllr Brodie, and RESOLVED that the schedule of payments would be accepted, and the liabilities discharged., subject to the aforementioned investigation. Unanimous. **Carried**.

24.2 The Bank Reconciliation was accepted.

## 25.0 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

25.1 Members considered the Annual Internal Audit Report. It was noted that no adverse comments had been recorded and that the Parish Council's internal controls are deemed effective.

## AGAR DOCUMENTS

### 26.1 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Members considered the Annual Governance Statement, which was presented by the Clerk. Having agreed the same, it was **proposed** by Cllr. R. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. M. Nequest and RESOLVED that the Parish Council would approve the document for submission to the External Auditor. Unanimous. **Carried**.

The document was duly signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

## 26.2 ANNUAL FINANCE STATEMENT

Members considered the Annual Finance Statement, which was presented by the Clerk. Having agreed the same, it was **proposed** by Cllr. M. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. S. Brodie and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would approve the document for submission to the External Auditor. Unanimous. **Carried.**

The document was duly signed by the Chairman.

## 27.0 WARM SPACES/ PARISHIONER SUPPORT – Report previously disseminated.

### 27.1 Rockbeare Parish Summary - June 2023

Congratulation on the recent forming of a new Parish Council.

Since we last caught up, the numbers have remained steady for most sessions (35/40 per session). There is a pattern emerging, preschool (chaotic, noisy but great fun!), then a small gap (if the ladies from Cherry Tree do not pop over), and then a steady flow of residents. Around 10.30 the group from The Court usually arrive for game of Bingo! The new Vicar is a regular visitor, and I will call people /drop over a bacon butty if I have not seen them for a few weeks.

We had a great community day for the Coronation. Whilst the weather was dull and wet, and the bouncy castle was cancelled, the craft and the outdoor screen were well received. The last-minute balloon man had a steady stream of kids (and adults) waiting for swords/dogs/crowns and dragons! The remaining crafts and a few bits were shared with Marsh Green. Thank you to Ron for helping with access to the gazebos. Plus, Lucy & Becky for their enthusiasm and help coordinating the event.

Half term was fun – and the kids used the outdoor space and games. We hope to plan some more activities for the summer holidays to come. The session was extra special, as not only did the new EDDC councillor, Cllr Todd Olive popped in, but we also had one of the refugee families who attend the school join us. This happened after some of the hub group wanted to invite the new families who have started at the school, think it's 7 kids. So, we handmade invites and sent them via the school. One family replied and we arranged to pick them up. It was lovely to welcome them to be part of the amazing Rockbeare parish community.

Mr S (the father) is very intelligent and a software engineer/developer. His daughter was shy but did some crafts and sewing. We did them up a bundle of crafts bits to take back - and extended a warm welcome for future sessions.

On a positive note, whilst not a full shop, one of the groups has linked in with The Cool Carrot company. They now deliver weekly to the hub – and 10% of sales goes to the school FRSA. I am hearing there is still a need for a regular community shop.

A summary of the numbers is attached to this report.

#### **Funding for Hub –**

We have been granted to DCC Growing Communities grant of £3,000. As it's over £1000 it is paid retrospectively from DCC to the Parish. This will cover the majority of May (022 – 2123.92) & June's invoice (023 – £1142.08) only in the draft at the moment- as I need to add the grant somehow one it's been confirmed as received by Carolyn etc ). These were higher costs, due to Coronation and Half Term. In general, food costs are higher, and this is noticeable.

The invoice from April (Inv 013) is outstanding (I have not received any queries). Costing-wise, sundries cost an average week between £45-60 on food (depending on non-food needed – such as coffee and help with cleaning products /kitchen roll, etc). Then any additional crafting material, Hall Hire and Inspiring connections costs.

I am currently collecting data/input and the plan is to undertake an Award for All /lottery application by mid-July.

#### **Summary –**

Overall, the regular hub space seems to continue to be used by a cross-section of the village and surrounding areas. I am sure some people still may associate it with ‘hardship’ or costs of living. This is not the case as you know. I consider Cllr Franklin’s write up in the village newsletter (thank you) has helped – but there is more I am sure we can. If you know any groups/events please let me know.

#### **Appended at ‘A’ – Facility Usage Statistics**

### **28.0 CAR PARKING AREA**

- 28.1 The Clerk stated that she had been disappointed to note that the tarmacing of the parking area at Rockbeare had not been undertaken, as per the contractual agreement. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would correspond with the contractor.

### **29.0 LAND ACQUISITION/ DISPOSAL**

- 29.1 The Clerk alluded to the small area of land, owned by the Parish Council, on Quarter Mile Lane at Marsh Green.

Members considered options open to them for use of the plot. It was **agreed** that Cllr. M. Nequest would measure the area in order that it may be assessed for a potential Parish Hall site.

### **30.0 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

- 30.1 Cllr Franklin advised the meeting that items for the next Parish Newsletter should be submitted in early course.
- 30.2 The Newsletter has been well received by Parishioners, and it is anticipated that the Parish Council will continue to produce the document.
- 30.3 Cllr. R. Dunn advised the meeting that she and Cllr. A. Dunn had delivered many of the publications to residents in Rockbeare. She suggested that an appropriate map/ list of properties could be supplied to those delivering the Newsletter, so that no properties are missed. It was **agreed** that this would be investigated by the Clerk.

### **31.0 MILLENNIUM FIELD UPDATE**

- 31.1 Cllr M. Nequest provided an update in respect of the Millennium Field Project. The majority of the work in Phase 1 has been completed.
- Felled trees have been logged/ chipped.
  - The Log Giveaway Event was held, with six people attending the site to collect free logs.
  - Land borders have been addressed.
  - Benches/ Picnic benches are to be ordered.
  - The storage container is to be ordered.
- 31.2 At that juncture, a parishioner raised a number of questions relating to the siting and screening of the container. Cllr M. Nequest stated that he had already addressed the questions with parishioners, who seemed to be happy with the responses. The gentleman then added that the Container may need Planning Permission.
- 31.3 Another parishioner suggested that there may be a caveat appended to the land, which prevents the siting of benches at the site. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would check the transfer Deed.

## APPENDIX A

### WARM ROOMS/ HUB FIGURES

| Date       | number<br>kids pre<br>school | number<br>adults pre<br>school | Care<br>Home | Residential<br>Home | Other<br>adults | Other<br>kids | Total |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| 19/01/2023 |                              |                                |              |                     | 6               | 2             | 8     |
| 26/01/2023 |                              |                                |              |                     | 16              | 4             | 20    |
| 02/02/2023 | 4                            | 2                              |              | 5                   | 23              | 3             | 37    |
| 09/02/2023 | 9                            | 4                              | 4            | 5                   | 22              | 0             | 44    |
| 16/02/2023 | 8                            | 6                              | 6            | 5                   | 30              | 0             | 55    |
| 23/02/2023 | 8                            | 6                              | 6            | 5                   | 40              | 3             | 68    |
| 02/03/2023 | 12                           | 5                              | 6            | 5                   | 25              | 6             | 59    |
| 09/03/2023 | 13                           | 5                              | 8            | 6                   | 30              | 2             | 64    |
| 16/03/2023 | 9                            | 4                              |              | 6                   | 20              | 0             | 39    |
| 23/03/2023 | 11                           | 6                              | 6            | 3                   | 14              | 0             | 40    |
| 30/03/2023 | 12                           | 7                              | 5            | 4                   | 8               | 0             | 36    |
| 06/04/2023 | 0                            | 0                              | 6            | 5                   | 24              | 20            | 55    |
| 13/04/2023 | 0                            | 0                              | 0            | 2                   | 16              | 20            | 38    |
| 20/04/2023 | 12                           | 5                              | 5            | 5                   | 18              | 0             | 45    |
| 27/04/2023 | 13                           | 5                              | 7            | 3                   | 15              | 1             | 44    |
| 04/05/2023 |                              |                                |              |                     |                 |               | 0     |
| 06/05/2023 | 0                            | 0                              | 0            | 6                   | 40              | 35            | 81    |
| 11/05/2023 | 9                            | 3                              | 10           | 8                   | 16              | 0             | 46    |
| 18/05/2023 | 12                           | 6                              | 8            | 0                   | 6               | 0             | 32    |
| 25/05/2023 | 10                           | 4                              | 7            | 0                   | 8               | 1             | 30    |
| 01/06/2023 | 0                            | 0                              | 7            | 0                   | 24              | 20            | 51    |
| 08/06/2023 | 12                           | 6                              | 8            | 0                   | 14              | 0             | 40    |
|            |                              |                                |              |                     |                 |               |       |
|            |                              |                                |              |                     |                 |               |       |
| Totals     | 154                          | 74                             | 99           | 73                  | 415             | 117           | 733   |

## APPENDIX B

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

|                       |                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reference             | 23/1250/MOUT                                                                                                           |
| Alternative Reference | PP-12134536                                                                                                            |
| Application Validated | Wed 21 Jun 2023                                                                                                        |
| Address               | Land East Of Antiques Complex/Harriers Court Industrial Estate Long Lane Rockbeare                                     |
| Proposal              | Outline application for the erection of HVDC Converter Station and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved |
| Status                | Awaiting decision                                                                                                      |

|                       |                                                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Reference             | 23/1462/FUL                                      |
| Alternative Reference | PP-12289548                                      |
| Application Validated | Thu 06 Jul 2023                                  |
| Address               | Marrickville London Road Rockbeare Devon EX5 2EA |
| Proposal              | Erection of a rear extension                     |
| Status                | Awaiting decision                                |

### PLANNING NOTICE

Date: 6 July 2023  
Please contact: Cranbrook Team  
Extension number: 01395 571735  
E-mail: [planningcranbrook@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:planningcranbrook@eastdevon.gov.uk)  
Our Reference: **HN3/19/1798/MOUT**

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**PROPOSAL:** Outline application for the construction of up to 180 dwellings and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved apart from access.

**LOCATION:** Land West Of Gribble Lane Rockbeare

I refer to your recent letter regarding the above.

I am writing to inform you that the application has been placed on the agenda for consideration by the Council's Planning Committee at their meeting on 18 July 2023.

The meeting will take place at The Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ and is due to commence at 10am.

To speak on an application at Planning Committee you must have submitted written documents during the consultation stage of the application. *Please note that any representations received during the consultation stage will have been summarised and addressed in the Planning Officer's report, and therefore the Committee members will be aware of the points raised.*

You can register your wish to speak on an application from **10am on Monday 10 July 2023** up until **12 noon on Thursday 13 July 2023**, by leaving a message on 01395 517525 or emailing [planningpublicspeaking@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:planningpublicspeaking@eastdevon.gov.uk) including the following details:

☐ Name

☐ Telephone number

☐ Application number/address

☐ Whether you wish to speak in support or against the application

☐ If you agree to your name and telephone number being published on the agenda

To ensure fairness in the allocation of speakers, we can only accept requests to speak made through the dedicated number and email above. Speakers will have 3 minutes to make their representation.

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The number of people that can speak on each application is limited to:

☐ Major applications – 5 supporters, 5 objectors and the applicant or agent

☐ Minor/other applications – 2 supporters, 2 objectors and the applicant or agent

Whether an application is classified under the legislation as a major, minor or other will be noted on the agenda for the meeting which will shortly be available at [Committees, Meetings, Minutes and Agendas - East Devon](#)

Speakers will be registered on a first come, first served basis. A Democratic Services Officer will contact you, by email or telephone, to acknowledge your request and to confirm whether your request to speak has been successful. The contact details of registered speakers, unless advised otherwise, will be posted on the website under Item 1 on the Planning Committee Agenda to allow others, who may have wished to speak, to contact them.

A revised running order for the applications to be considered by the Committee will be published on the agenda under agenda item 1 – public speaking, on the Friday before the meeting.

Applications with registered speakers will be taken first.

The meeting will be streamed live via Youtube and open to anyone who would like to listen by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNHQruge3LVI4hcgRnbwBw>

If you have any queries regarding this application, please contact the **Cranbrook Team** on

**01395 571735.**

Yours faithfully  
Cranbrook Team  
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## APPENDIX C

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| Reference | 23/1018/FUL |
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| Alternative Reference | PP-12147792                                   |
| Application Validated | Tue 09 May 2023                               |
| Address               | 15 Rookswood Lane Rockbeare EX5 2LG           |
| Proposal              | Construction of single storey rear extension. |
| Status                | Approved                                      |
| Decision              | Approval with conditions                      |
| Decision Issued Date  | Fri 30 Jun 2023                               |

## APPENDIX D

### Devon County Councillor Report July 2023 Cllr Sara Randall Johnson

Another diverse mix of items in this report, where many of the issues affecting wider Devon, they are often recognised as being something which impact our own local communities.

#### **Warning; cheap toys could contain harmful chemicals**

This subject comes up all too often as people seek out best value when shopping. Consumers across the region are being urged to ensure that the toys they buy display the [UKCA mark](#), or the [European CE equivalent](#), on the packaging following concerns that the cost-of-living crisis is driving people to buy cheaper but potentially dangerous products.

The warning, from our [Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service](#) which covers Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay, follows toy testing by our national partners the [Chartered Institute of Trading Standards \(CTSI\)](#).

Despite UK legislation to protect the public, recent testing on a toy bow-and-arrow set revealed that the product contained 100 times the legal limit of phthalates; while a fashion doll set was 300 times over the legal limit.

Phthalates are plastic-softening chemicals that are used to make plastic more durable.

The use of certain phthalates is tightly restricted in toys across Europe and toy products must contain no more than 0.1 per cent..

Restricted phthalates are carcinogenic and can cause reproductive problems and can affect child growth and neurodevelopment.

Pregnant women are vulnerable as are young children, who are prone to putting things in their mouths.

Other items that failed safety tests include a desktop fan heater with a counterfeit fuse and inadequate safety guards and an adaptor plug on a set of children's LED lights. This was found to have no breakdown isolation between the input and output, which is a fire hazard.

CTSI's product safety campaign sought to explore the link between the cost-of-living crisis and whether consumers were being forced to buy cheaper products, and if that was putting consumers at risk from substandard and unsafe goods.

They visited local high streets and found that the top products shoppers are seeking to save money on are phone chargers, toys, hair straighteners, washing machines toasters and kettles.

## **2 Overwhelming majority of councils want hybrid meeting powers**

A [new survey](#) by the Local Government Association to marking the second anniversary of the closing of the Government's call for evidence has found that there is still overwhelming support for councils to be allowed to use virtual meeting options for council meetings, where as it stands legislation says voting must take place in person.

95 per cent supported the return of powers to councils to decide for themselves whether or not to use virtual and hybrid meeting technologies for council meetings. In addition, one in 10 councils had had a councillor voluntarily step down because of the in person meeting requirement and nine in 10 councils said they have disabled councillors who would use virtual attendance as a way to attend.

The majority also said they have councillors who would use virtual attendance to manage clashes with work, childcare and other care commitments.

## **Government plans to scrap charges for DIY waste**

While outwardly looking like good news, the Government stating their intention to stop councils charging for DIY waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres lie Sutton Barton will come at a price.

DCC introduced charges for some DIY waste in 2011, in response to swingeing cuts to local council's funding. At the time it was stated that by introducing charges for items such as kitchen and bathroom refurbishments, those costs would be met by households who can afford to make such home improvements, rather than the wider general public.

The Government's decision will mean that DCC will lose around £1 million income, money used to maintain the comprehensive service across all of 19 Household Waste Recycling Centres in the county.

If the plans go ahead and stop councils charging for DIY waste, it will make it harder for DCC to maintain the Household Waste Recycling Centres service as it is and could mean consider reducing opening hours.

## **New wave of skills boot camps launched**

**A £3 million investment in skills across Devon and Cornwall has been announced today with the launch of the latest wave of [Train4Tomorrow Skills](#)**

**[Bootcamps](#) <https://www.train4tomorrow.org.uk/>** More than 50 boot camps are now recruiting learners with over 1,000 places available, and demand continues to grow for the training provided through this successful scheme. Courses are open to adults aged 19 or over who are looking to improve their skills and employability. For those seeking new employment a guaranteed interview is offered.



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Courses DCC are delivering in partnership with Cornwall Council, offer a range of fully-funded training courses of up to 16 weeks across a variety of sectors: Digital, Technical, Construction, Green Skills, Healthcare, Hospitality and Professional Services.

The latest Skills Boot camps being provided include: Modern Construction Methods, Regenerative Farming, Data Analyst, Digital Skills for the Workplace, Cloud Computing, Digital Marketing, Marine Engineering, Welding, Civils and Groundworks, Electrical Vehicles, Retrofit, Floating Offshore Renewables, Clinical Pathways, Long-term Health Conditions, Project Management, Coaching and Mentoring, Hospitality management and many more.

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