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13th May 2024

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Rockbeare Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, to be held at **6.45 pm**, on Tuesday 21st May, at Marsh Green Village Hall, for the purposes of transacting the following business:

Carolyn May
Clerk to Rockbeare Parish Council

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies** - To receive apologies and accept the reasons for non-attendance.
- 2. Election of Chairman**
- 3. Election of Vice Chairman**
- 4. Declarations of Interest** - To receive any declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda and accept dispensations.
- 5. Public Open Forum (strictly 15mins).**
- 6. Reports**
 - Chairman RPC
 - EDDC Councillor
 - DCC Councillor

- 7. To approve the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2024 (Appendix A)**
- 8. To receive the Annual Internal Audit Report.**
- 9. To Receive and Approve the Annual Governance Document.**
- 10. To Receive and Approve the Annual Finance Document.**
- 11. Re-Adoption of the following policies:**
 - Standing Orders
 - Financial Regulations
 - Statement of Internal Control
 - Risk Register
- 12. Finance and Economy:**
 - a. Payments to be approved.
 - b. Bank reconciliations to be reviewed and approved.
 - c. Financial Management report to be reviewed and approved.

Financial Documents to be distributed under separate cover.
- 13. Birchend Update**
- 16. Planning Applications – (Appendix B)**
- 17. Planning Decisions – to note**
- 18. MwRPC Project Updates**
 - Hub
 - Millennium Field
 - Newsletter



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DRAFT MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

19TH MARCH 2024

PRESENT: Cllr. Franklin (Chairman), Cllr. M. Nequest, Cllr A. Dunn, Cllr. R. Dunn

Also: Cllr T. Olive (EDDC), and nine members of the public

Parish Clerk: Carolyn May

AGENDA

103/23 Apologies – Cllr. R. Nequest, Cllr Sarah Randall – Johnson, Cllr. H. Gent (Devon Council)

104/23 Declarations of Interest - None

105/23 PUBLIC SESSION

Baker Estates – Mr P. Butler and Ms N. Stacey, representatives from Baker Estates (Development Company) addressed the meeting.

The company wished to consult with the Members of the Parish Council, in relation to the proposed development at the far end on Rockbeare, which will be part of the Cranbrook Extension Plan. It was acknowledged that the proposed, small housing estate planned by Baker Estates will be built on the 'Green Wedge', east of Gribble Lane, and south of the A30.

Mr Butler acknowledged that the land earmarked for the development does, in fact, fall within the parish of Rockbeare, and is referred to in the Cranbrook Development Plan as 'The Grange'.

However, EDDC has plans to subsume the Grange area of the extension into Cranbrook, thus denying Rockbeare Parish the opportunity to benefit from increased precept and CIL payments.

Meeting attendees were advised that, at present, surveys are being undertaken and that plans for the site will be available by the end of April 2024. The site will include SANGS, to satisfy environmental and green space requirements.

It was agreed that the development company will write to all householders in the parish in respect of the proposed development. Consultation events will also be held at Cranbrook and Rockbeare. A link to the consultation website is to be provided to the Parish Clerk in early course. This link will then be added to the Parish Council website.

One member of the public present asked how Rockbeare would benefit from the proposed development. Mr Butler advised the meeting that a 'neighbourhood centre' would be incorporated into the plans. The centre would provide, inter alia, a shopping area, café's etc.

Mr Peter Faithfull advised the meeting that, initially, Cranbrook (south of the airport) was to provide for 2,900 properties, this was then increased to 4500, then again to 8,000. Recently, Mr Faithfull was told (by SWW) there are now to be 20,000 homes in the area outlined.

Cllr Todd Olive (EDDC) advised the meeting that there is to be a Parish Boundary Consultation (organised by EDDC) and that any changes would not be made until 2027 at the earliest.

Signpost for Prickly Pear Cross - Mr Peter Faithfull raised the matter of the lack of signage at Prickly Pear Cross. He added that the original, fingerpost, sign, identifying the area, had been removed. Mr Faithfull requested that Devon County Council should be asked to provide a new sign. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would make a request to DCC Highways department, to replace the missing sign.

20 mph Speed Limit - Mrs Tracey Brookes addressed the Members, in relation to this issue. Mrs Brookes stated that she had communicated with the two local DCC Councillors. Cllr Gent had advised that THE Parish Council could still submit an application, to Mr Chris Parkes at DCC, requesting that the village of Rockbeare be designated a 20-mph area.

Mrs Brookes had also spoken with Mr Adrian Berendtt, Co-ordinator for the '20 is Plenty' campaign, in relation to the provision of appropriate signs.

106/23 It was **proposed** by Cllr Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr Nequest, and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should apply to DCC, requesting that Rockbeare should be designated a 20mph zone. Unanimous. **Carried.**

It was further suggested by Mr Adrian Berendtt, to Mrs Brookes, that the speed sign located at the boundary of Rockbeare towards Marsh Green is going to be moved anyway, because of the new development proposed on Land South of Hazel Grove Rockbeare (see 24/0120/RES) and therefore It is an ideal opportunity for the speed limit sign to be changed to 20mph at the same time.

Rockbeare Rockets – Ally (name) introduced herself as the new (title) of the Rockbeare Rockets Football Club.

Ally highlighted to the Members that she was keen to engage with the Parish Council on a regular basis. She provided the following update, in respect of the club:

- There are between 70 and 75 children attending training (from the wider area).
- The club is now Football Association affiliated.
- The under 11 years team now plays in the local league.
- There is an under 8 years team.
- There is an under 9 years team (which provides for children with special needs).
- Training for the under 7 years age group has commenced.
- Training for the under 6 years age group will commence shortly.

107/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on 12th FEBRUARY 2024

Members considered the draft Minutes for the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on 12th. It **proposed** by Cllr. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. A. Dunn, and **RESOLVED** that the Parish the Minutes would be accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Unanimous. **Carried.**

108/23 REPORTS

Chairmans Report – No report

County Councillor Report – Appended at A

EDDC Councillor Report – Appended at B

Cllr. Olive reported:

- **EDDC Emerging Local Plan** – a Section 18 Consultation is to be held on the Emerging Local Plan (including the proposals for the reduction of ‘Green Wedges’), Cllr Olive is to hold a consultation event.
- EDDC is trialling ‘Kerbside Nappy Collections’.

109/23 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Mrs Tracey Brookes indicated her willingness to serve as a Parish Councillor n RPC.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr Franklin, and **RESOLVED** Mrs Tracey Brookes would be co-opted to the Parish Council, as a Member. Unanimous. **Carried.**

Cllr Brookes joined the Members at the table.

110/23 WARM SPACES

Sharon Thorne addressed the meeting in relation to this matter. She reported that she was happy that the amenity was being used by a substantial number of people (40-50 each week), with a wide mix of age groups.

The signing-in process appeared to be working, and the Clerk commented that it was 'heartening' to note that a large number of attendees were parishioners. Charging for non-parishioners has been implemented, with monies collected being deducted from the PC Invoice from Inspiring Connections.

111/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application – 24/0366/VAR - Noted

Application - 24/0488/OHL – Noted

Application – 23/0394/FUL – no objection.

PLANNING DECISIONS – Noted

112 /23 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that a skip had been placed on Parish Council land in Rockbeare (newly surfaced parking area). Permission had not been sought from the Clerk for this and there was concern that the new tarmac may have been damaged.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would write to the householder responsible for the siting of the skip, advising that such action was not permissible.

113/23 BUSINESS AND FINANCE

113/23.1 Members considered the Schedule of Payments and Bank Reconciliation

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. Franklin, and **RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments would be accepted, and the liabilities discharged. Unanimous. **Carried.**

13/23.2 The Bank Reconciliation was accepted.

114/23 MILLENIUM FIELD UPDATE

The first phase of the project is almost complete, with the final stages of planting and re-wilding being undertaken. The final part of the path is to be completed. It was noted that, despite torrential rain, the field has not flooded.

Phase 2 of the project is currently being agreed. Ideally, a board walk around the site would be installed. This would enable visitors with disabilities to easily access the area. The approximate

cost of the walk way (which would be DDA compliant and constructed of wood – with suitable picnic areas) is £95,000.

Grant funding opportunities are to be researched to assist with this phase.

115/12 BIRCH END

It was **agreed** that Cllrs Franklin and Dunn would appoint a local solicitor to deal with the land transfer, and that suitable seating would be sought to be place on the site in the first instance.

The meeting closed at 19.30 hrs.

Planning Applications

Reference	24/O842/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-12995824
Application Validated	Thu 02 May 2024
Address	Waybrook Marsh Green Devon EX5 2EX
Proposal	Rear single storey extension
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown

Planning Decision – to Note

Reference 24/0120/RES

Alternative Reference PP-12719553

Application Validated - Wed 24 Jan 2024

Address - Land South Of Hazel Grove Rockbeare

Proposa -Approval of reserved matters (appearance, layout, access, scale and landscaping), pursuant to outline planning permission 22/2824/OUT, for the construction of four dwellings along with associated parking, landscaping and infrastructure

Status- Approved

Decision- Approval with conditions

Decision Issued - Fri 10 May 2024

Appeal Status - Unknown