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8th October 2024

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF ROCKBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Rockbeare Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Rockbeare Parish Council, to be held at **6.00pm**, on Tuesday 15th October, 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. **Declarations of Interest** - To receive any declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda and accept dispensations.
3. **Co-Option of New Member**
4. **Public Open Forum** (strictly 15mins).
5. **Baker Estates**
6. **Reports**
 - Chairman RPC
 - EDDC Councillor
 - DCC Councillor
7. **To approve the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2024** (Appendix A)

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8. Potential Acquisition of Asset
9. Member Training
10. 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.

11. Planning Applications – (Appendix B)
12. Planning Decisions – to note
13. Rockbeare Hub Management
14. Project Updates
 - Millennium Field
 - Newsletter
 - 20 is Plenty

Next Meeting – 19th November 2024



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DRAFT MINUTES OF ROCKBEARE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

17TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESENT: Cllr. Franklin (Chairman), Cllr. L. M. Nequest, Cllr. S. Wall

Also: Cllr T. Olive (EDDC), and two Members of the Public

Parish Clerk: Carolyn May

AGENDA

028/24 Apologies: Cllr. T. Brookes, Cllr. L. Priddis.

It is noted that Cllr. A. Dunn and Cllr. R. Dunn have now forfeited their seats on the Parish Council, having failed to attend six consecutive meetings.

029/24 Declarations of Interest Register both registerable and non-registerable under the Code of Conduct (to declare interests on agenda items), to issue dispensations (if required) & to declare gifts over £50. To consider if any alterations to Register of Interests.

No Interests declared.

030/24 Co-option of New Member – deferred.

031/24 Public Open Forum - none

032/24 Reports

RPC Chairman – Cllr Franklin advised the meeting of the outcome of a recent meeting with a local landowner who has alluded to a potential opportunity for the Parish Council to acquire an area of land within the Parish, close to the Hazel Grove development. It is the desire of the landowner to provide something for the Parish.

It was suggested that the area of land to be made available may be suitable for the construction of a small Parish Hall/ shop/café.

Prior to the matter being progressed, the Parish Council , and Landowner would be required to commission a feasibility study, to determine if the proposal is possible to undertake.

Currently, Rockbeare Parish is classed as a ‘Tier 4’ settlement. These are smaller villages and hamlets that have limited services and facilities, and are typically considered for minimal development, to maintain their rural character and support local needs.

Cllr Olive alluded to a potential application for an NDO (Neighbourhood Development Order), or, Community Right to Build Order (CRO).

Cllr Franklin highlighted that time was of the essence.

EDDC - Cllr Todd Olive – Things have been quiet due to the summer recess. However, one site, within Rockbeare Parish is being considered for development. It is anticipated that the said development would remain part of the parish, rather than being subsumed into Cranbrook.

A great deal of work is taking place in the EDDC Housing Directorate at present.

Warm Spaces Funding may be available again this year.

DCC - Cllr S. Randall-Johnstone – No Report

DCC – Cllr. H. Gent – no report

033/24 To approve the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2024

Members considered the Draft Minutes for the meeting held on the 16th July 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. Wall and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting, held on the 16th July 2024, provided a true reflection of the discussions, and that the Minutes would be approved. Unanimous. **Carried.**

034/24 Baker Estates – a consultation event was held in the Rockbeare Village Hall on 13th August 2024, in relation to PA24/1524MOUT and PA24/1525MOUT. It is proposed that there should be a total of 539 properties constructed (450 at site 1, and 189 at site 2).

The company is currently undertaking a design coding exercise with EDDC, though this is still at an early stage.

These developments will be south of the A30, in Rockbeare Parish. The development is to include a Multi-use games area (MUGA), recreational facilities and a SANGS area.

It is anticipated that this will be a seven year project. Cllr Nequest asked if solar panels are to be incorporated into the building designs, as the new Local Plan will have such a requirement stated within.

Section 106 funding discussions were entered into, with the Clerk asking what benefits would be brought to the Parish. Cranbrook had already identified some requirements and it was felt that the Parish Council should do the same, putting their ideas forward to EDDC for consideration.

The Clerk asked if the precept collected from the said properties would be paid to Rockbeare Parish. It was felt that they would – unless EDDC elects to change the Parish boundary (to be considered by May 2027).

035/24 Withdrawal of Winter Fuel Allowance

Members considered the proposal of the Government to withdraw the Winter Fuel Allowance from a substantial number of recipients. It was felt that the proposal highlighted a strange priority for the government.

It was proposed by Cllr. Franklin, **seconded** by Cllr. Nequest and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should correspond with David Reed (MP for the area), indicating our opposition to the proposal, highlighting that the said proposal represented an inappropriate priority for the Government, at this time. Unanimous. **Carried.**

036/24 Member Training - adjourned

037/24 Business and Finance

Members considered the Schedule of Payments provided.

Cllr Wall alluded to the costs incurred by the Hub. The Clerk added that she had attended the same the previous week and that eight people were present.

Members felt that the number of attendees did not justify the cost of the facility, stating that the project was not sustainable in the long term. It was felt that an alternative means of supporting those who use the facility should be considered. The creation of a CIC was mooted. It was **agreed** that a discussion would be held with Sharon Thorne.

Having considered the same, it was **proposed** by Cllr. Nequest, **seconded** by Cllr. Franklin and RESOLVED that the listed payments would be approved, and the liabilities discharged.
Unanimous. **Carried.**

Schedule of Payments – September 2024

Date	Payee	Invoice Ref	Gross	VAT	Net
17/09/2024	MGVH	14/2024	30.00	0.00	30.00
17/09/2024	J.C.ECROYD SERVICES	210	140.00	0.00	140.00
17/09/2024	INSPIRING CONNECTIONS (HUB)	081	1724.02	300.61	1423.41
17/09/2024	PKF LITTLEJOHN	DV0300	315.00	63.00	378.00
17/09/2024	IONOS	203041523983	21.60	3.60	25.20
17/09/2024	HMRC	N/A	777.30	0.00	777.30
17/09/2024	SALARY	N/A	1952.80	0.00	1952.80
17/09/2024	EXPENSES	N/A	323.01	0.00	323.01
17/09/2024	HOUSE IT	DD	145.00	24.17	169.17
17/09/2024	SIMON A. MARTIN	234804	24.00	0.00	24.00
17/09/2024	T. BROOKES REFUND	Deferred	60.00	0.00	60.00
Total			5512.73	391.38	5218.89

038/24

Conclusion of External Audit

The Clerk reported that the External Audit had now been completed by PKF Littlejohn. No issues were highlighted and, again, the financial statement had been given unconditional approval.

All documentation has been posted onto the Parish Council website.

039/24

Planning Applications

Application	Consideration
24/1721/FUL	This application relates to 'infill'. Therefore, the Parish Council does not object.

24/1728/DOC	It was 'agreed to 'leave this matter on the table'.
24/1403/LBC	It was 'agreed to 'leave this matter on the table'.

040/24 **Planning Decisions - Noted**

027/24 **Project Updates**

(a) Birchend Update

This matter is on-going. Solicitor appointed.

(b) Millenium Field

The Storage Shed has been ordered, and has to be paid for - 12 x 10 ft, renovated container. This will have to be clad in wood. Cost £3000.00, plus VA

(c) Newsletter

Next edition – October 2024

The meeting closed at 1920 hrs.

Next Meeting – 15th October 2024

Appendix B

Planning Applications

Reference	24/1524/MOUT
Alternative Reference	PP-13253919
Application Validated	Mon 12 Aug 2024
Address	Land To The South Of London Road (Grange Area) Cranbrook
Proposal	Outline planning application for a mixed use development, including residential development of up to 450 dwellings, a 750 sqm community building, a neighbourhood centre of 1600 sqm gross ground floor non-residential floor space, formation of accesses from London Road (B3174), provision of SANGS and other public open space (including a MUGA), allotments and associated drainage and other infrastructure. All matters are reserved for future consideration except principal accesses.
Status	Awaiting decision

Reference	24/1525/MOUT
Alternative Reference	PP-13254190
Application Validated	Mon 12 Aug 2024
Address	Land To The South Of London Road (Grange Area) Cranbrook
Proposal	Outline planning application for residential development of up to 89 dwellings, formation of access from London Road (B3174), provision of SANGS and other public open space together with associated drainage and other infrastructure. All matters are reserved for future consideration except principal access.

Status	Awaiting decision
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Planning Decisions - None