Bratton Clovelly Parish Council



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**Minutes of the** Parish Council Meeting (no.215) held at 7:30pm on Wed 13th September 2023. In the Large Back room in the Hall.

Present: Cllrs. B McNelis, S. May, W. Jellyman, K. Huggins, P. Gilbert, C. Bowyer WDBC T. Southcott

Clerk Mrs R Ward

**Minutes**

1. Public Participation: Restricted to 15 mins in total. A member of the public talked about her planning application
2. Apologies: Cllr Mott – clash of meetings, Cllr Braidwood – train delayed. Cllr McNelis will have to leave before item 7.
3. Declaration of Interest:

Cllr McNelis declared a personal interest in Item 5.1

1. West Devon Report: Cllr Southcott/Mott Very little going on at the moment Funding email was sent round by the Clerk. There will be an “emergency planning” meeting in the School room soon.
2. Planning
   1. 2590/23/FUL Proposal: Application for ancillary domestic timber studio building (retrospective) Site Address: Willowdene, Bratton Clovelly, EX20 4LB Support for the following reasons: Initial enquiries suggested that this was within permitted development. It is a temporary structure which can’t be seen from anywhere else. It has been built using environmentally friendly materials.
   2. Other planning - None decision making None
3. Agree and sign minutes: - from 12th July 2023 (214) ***Agreed***

**Cllr McNelis left the meeting Cllr Huggins was elected to take over as Chair.**

1. Finance:
   1. Financial report (Clerk - emailed round) ***Approved***
   2. To note payment of Clerk’s wages and HMRC Payments including incremental pay rise from 4th Aug to £12.28 - Total to be paid from 4th Aug to 3rd Sept 2023 - £266.07 ***Agreed payrise, note wages***
   3. To note the following payment: £357.00 Community Heartbeat Trust – new battery for defibrillator ***Noted***
   4. To approve the following: DALC £360 training new councillors ***Approved with excess coming from contingency.***
   5. To note second precept payment of £3462 on 07/08/23 ***Noted***
2. PHMC report – Cllr Gilbert The mobile shop will be coming on 29/09/23 from 12:30 to 13:30 and the Hall will be open for coffee and chat from 11;30 to 14:30 on the same day. This info will be put on the hub. The hall will meet on 18th Sept and will discuss the new noticeboard. The open day in August was not very well attended but there were some suggestions for future uses of the Hall.
3. Square: Update Cllr Huggins/Jellyman - including the future of grass cutting here, gardening and railing repairs. The square needs a good tidy up but this should wait until Oct/Nov. it was agreed to hold a volunteer tidy up day on 14th Oct. This will be put on the hub. Waste will need tom be removed – ask for volunteers for this. Clerk to check re power tools and insurance.

A program of annual autumn pruning will be set up.

Grass cutting is currently paid for by a parishioner – ***vote of thanks proposed and agreed***

1. Defibrillator – update Pads will need replacing in Oct. ***agreed*** that Cllr May will order and invoice will be paid as soon as it comes in
2. ODCTG – consider grant request, ***£100 agreed*** (£40 over budgeted amount)
3. Mobile Library: Update Cllr Southcott. Following protests the mobile library will continue until DCC have further talks about it.
4. Police Liaison: Update Cllr Huggins Front desk should open soon in Okehampton and pos. Tavistock. A30 speeding is a priority. Community speed initiatives discussed Cllr Bowyer will liaise with Cllr Southcott re a speed check survey.
5. P3 – Cllrs Gilbert and Braidwood – Update None
6. Playground Report – refurbishment update (Cllr Bowyer) funding short fall agree from contingency. Localities grant applied for £500 and received. Issues around the damp at the garages discussed – clerk to seek further advice. Concern raised as the wall moves when touched. Cllr Southcott to make enquiries at Borough level.
7. Correspondence – none decision making:
8. Items for next agenda: As raised: Cllr Bowyer offered her apologies as she will be away for the next meeting Cllr McNelis said he might be away too.
9. General updates to note: Hedgehog crossing discussed leaflet left at hall for parishioners who might be interested. The street light at Church Meadows will be capped.
10. Date of next meeting: 11th October at 7:30pm - School Room

Signed: chairman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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