Bratton Clovelly Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (no.216) held at 7:30pm on Wed 11th October 2023.**

Present: Bratton Clovelly Cllrs. Gilbert, May, Huggins, Jellyman, Braidwood, WDBC Cllr. Southcott,

Clerk Mrs R Ward

Two members of the public

Cllr McNelis was absent so Cllr Huggins was elected Chairman.

1. Public Participation: Restricted to 15 mins in total. The state for the empty house in the village was raised. The guttering is damaged and it is falling into disrepair. Cllr Southcott said he would see what is happening with it, and report back.

A parishioner reported that some street lights are on all night. They used to go off at some point but no longer do. The member of the public was referred the “Report it” page on DCC website for street lighting issues.

1. Apologies: Cllr McNelis and Cllr Bowyer sent apologies and these were accepted.
2. Declaration of Interest:

Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to keep their register of interests up to date.

To declare any personal or pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. (Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant items). ***None***

1. West Devon Report: Cllr Southcott/Mott
2. Planning
   1. None
   2. Other planning – the decision about an appeal result needs to be clarified. Cllr Southcott will investigate.
3. Agree and sign minutes: - from 13th September 2023 (215) ***Agreed***
4. Finance:
   1. Financial report (Clerk - emailed round) withdrawn as an error was found – will be October’s report will show corrected information. It was agreed to hold all ring fenced sums into a separate savings account. Clerk will action.
   2. To note payment of Clerk’s wages and HMRC Payments - Total to be paid from 4th Sept to 3rd Oct 2023 - £266.07 ***Agreed***
   3. To note donation for the Playground, from the BC Toddler Group. £100. The PC would like to thank the toddler group for this kind donation
   4. To approve the following:

TEEC Website Hosting and domain name £151.19

Broadbury Landcare knotweed treatment £50.00

The Clovelly Inn Defibrillator power £25.00 ***Approved***

(Knotweed will be treated in the spring and autumn next year as suggested by the contractor.)

1. PHMC report – Cllr Gilbert: Friendly Friday proved very successful with the mobile shop and coffee and soup morning. The U/5’s Christmas Fair will be taken over by the BCPHC and will take place on 3rd December. 15 stalls have booked so far.

Next year there are plans to hold a hog roast, and Bingo will be coming back. The Harvest service will be held in the hall on 15th Oct at 4pm. There will be a raffle.

1. Square: Update Cllr Huggins/Jellyman – a trailer has been arranged to take away the green waste from the volunteer day on 14th Oct, so far there are 7 volunteers with a further two possible. After the vegetation has been cleared away Cllr Huggins will inspect the railings and see what needs doing to maintain them.
2. Defibrillator – update this was deployed but not actually used. A check list will be laminated and placed in the defibrillator box so anyone can check its functioning. It is all reset and functioning currently.
3. 20’s plenty: Cllr Southcott/Mott (signage around the Parish). Cllr Southcott explained and it was agreed to test public support via The Hub. Clerk will post something and we will revisit this next month
4. Citizens Advice: consider a donation (CA supported 6 residents with 26 issues in the last year.) Agreed £60 donation to be funded from VAT refund due January. Cllr Braidwood will draft a donations policy to give guidance going forward.
5. Police Liaison: Update  Cllr Huggins D&C police have been busy with operations: Scorpion – county lines and Ragwort – organised crime targeting rural communities, Walrus – to target GPS theft; there have been 35 allegations of tractor GPS theft and 58 of quad bikes. Please report suspicious behaviour to [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk) or crime stopper on 0800 555111

The Okehampton desk will be open towards the end of the year.

There has been good engagement with farmers etc. at shows

1. P3 – Cllrs Gilbert and Braidwood – Update None Cllrs will walk the footpaths in a few weeks. We are also looking for volunteers to walk the footpaths and report issues.
2. Playground Report – refurbishment update: - consider the issues around the garage wall. The playground is currently closed as a precaution, due to the potentially unsafe garage wall. The insurance co. suggest contacting DASS for further advice – Cllr Huggins will follow up and ask Richard Mitchell for a quote to install a safety fence, Cllr Huggins is approved to spend up to £1500 on fencing in the playground without further recourse to PC.
3. Items for next agenda: As raised: Noticeboard. Policy review.
4. General updates to note: it was raised that potholes that previously didn’t meet criteria for filling are now too big to fix = Cllr Southcott suggested contacting Cllr Samuels about this.
5. Date of next meeting: 8th November at 7:30pm - School Room