

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Meeting held on 7th September 2016.

Present: Councillors Andy Stokes (Acting Chair), Pam Barrett, Pamela Forbes, Ron Fox, (arrived at 7.25pm), Mark Maish, Linus McCloskey and Judith Hart (Town Clerk)

Part I (Open to the Public)

16/60. Questions raised by the public: None

16/61. Apologies for absence: Cllr Janet Jones
Cllr Greg Porter did not attend

16/62. Declaration of Interests: None

16/63. To approve & sign as a correct the Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee meeting on Wednesday 3rd August 2016.

Signed by Cllr Andy Stokes

16/64. Review of actions from previous meeting:

Parking Working Party – Awaiting update from the first meeting.

Church Hill Tree update – Cllr Janet Jones has discussed the concerns of the Town Council regarding this potential hazard to road users with the Highways Officer who is arranging an inspection.

Linhay Hill Quarry, Ashburton – Planning application consultation now deferred until October 2016. Members are awaiting a report from Ashburton Town Council before forwarding any comments to the planning authority.

Whitecleave Quarry Working Party – Cllr Simon Rines is drafting a response to correspondence received from Devon County Council (DCC) dated 05.07.16, concerning the complaint from the Town Council regarding the planning process with respect to Whitecelave Quarry. To be circulated at the September Town Council meeting for comment as an agenda item.

The Clerk has also sent a letter to DCC dated 05.08.16 regarding the request for more open channels of communication. Response received dated 15.08.16 to confirm that the quarry operator has agreed in principle to notify the Clerk by email of any activity which is likely to cause comment.

Devon Minerals Plan – Awaiting feedback from Members to formulate a response to the amendments. Comments due by 23.09.16.

A2 Printer – Cllrs Andy Stokes and Cllr Greg Porter to research.

Proposal to facilitate cluster meetings – The Clerk confirmed that all neighbouring parishes had been contacted regarding this proposal, but only two have responded so far which may be due to holidays and the lack of meetings held during August.

Action: Clerk to monitor and gauge interest.

16/65. Planning Applications received after Agenda Set:

0457/16 Proposed: Erection of single storey front porch at 27 Tweenaways, Buckfastleigh

No Objection

16/66. Whitecleave Quarry Working Party Update:

Cllr Pam Barrett: No significant developments to report following the update provided under Agenda Item No: 5). Cllr Rines and Smith are awaiting the second round of the mediation process.

16/67. Response to amendments to the Devon Minerals Plan – email 01.08.16:

Discussed under Agenda Item No 5).

16/68. Response to the Dartmoor National Park Authority Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document – emails 15.08.16:

Cllr Andy Stokes: Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) are responding to the changes in Government housing policy by reviewing their Local Plan.

It was agreed that Buckfastleigh has as yet little experience of affordable housing development so it is difficult to comment on this document.

Cllr Pam Barrett: The Housing Needs Survey undertaken in 2014 is not an accurate snapshot of the parish at that time and the results published were poor and misleading.

Action: Clerk to contact Stephen Belli at DNPA to arrange a further meeting to discuss not only the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process, but also to clarify various planning matters such as affordable housing, the Housing Needs Survey and involvement with the review of the Local Plan.

16/69. Dartmoor Community Path Scheme:

Correspondence received from DNPA noted including the responsibilities of landowners.

The Park Ranger has already provided a presentation to the Council at a recent Town Council meeting regarding this initiative and the recruitment of volunteers. A Community Path Day for the Church Hill area of Buckfastleigh has been organised and advertised for Saturday 17th September 2016.

16/70. Correspondence: None

16/71. Items requiring urgent attention: None

Meeting closed at 8.23pm