

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Meeting held on 4th May 2016.

Present: Councillors Janet Jones (Chair), Andy Stokes, Mark Maish, Ron Fox, Fanny Jackson and Clair Stevens (Town Hall Administrator)

Councillor Neil Smith arrived at 7.30pm

In attendance: Louise Barber joined the meeting at 7.10pm. Kathryn Hughes arrived at 7.20pm.

Part I (Open to the Public)

16/15. **Questions raised by the public:** None

16/16. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Pam Barrett, Simon Rines (non-Committee Member) Dan Simpson (non-Committee Member)

16/17. **Declaration of Interests:** None

16/18. **To approve & sign as a correct the Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee meeting on Wednesday 6th April 2016.**

Signed by Cllr Janet Jones

16/19. **Planning Applications received after Agenda Set:** None

16/20. **Whitecleave Quarry Working Party:** No recent meetings. No update available.

16/21. **Buckfastleigh Emergency Plan:**

16/22. **To Discuss Flood Planning:**

16/23. **Snow Wardens:**

A working party will be formed to combine Agenda items 7/8 & 9. Initially this will be made up of volunteers from the existing Councillors, together with Judith Hart, Town Clerk who produced the original Emergency Plan. The first meeting will be arranged for the Councillors and once they have read the plan they will decide if they wish to be part of the working party. Councillors Janet Jones and Ron Fox agreed to be members of the new working party.

Action: Clerk to circulate the original Emergency Plan to all Councillors.

Clair Stevens provided an update in relation to the remainder of the original Snow Wardens. When the working party has been set up and the first meeting has taken place, local residents will be asked to volunteer via Social Media.

16/24. **Correspondence:**

- i) Teignbridge District Council – email 15.04.16 response in relation to the use of weed killers was read out by Clair Stevens. It was agreed that concerns should be registered in relation to spraying the weed killers in close proximity to children playing in the park. This was witnessed by a member of the public who saw a

person in full protective clothing, including goggles, spraying the weeds with unprotected children in the play area where the spraying was being carried out.

Action: Clair Stevens to contact Devon County Council to request their response to the use of the chemicals.

Clair Stevens to register concerns over safety with Teignbridge District Council and also request an alternative option to consider. A town plan showing where these chemicals are also used would be of benefit.

- ii) Highways England – letter 31.03.16 response in relation to A38 Devon Expressway. No response to letter due to its content. Councillors agreed that the original letter expressing concerns to Highways England should be posted on the Town Council Website, along with the response so that the public could be kept updated.

Action: Clair Stevens to forward letter to Devon County Council to request an update on the actions that they are taking to ease the problems of surface water in that area.

- iii) Response from Scott Riddell, Highways Officer – email 22.04.16 to areas of concern in the Town.

All Councillors agreed that they were not happy with the Highway Officer's response to concerns regarding slabs/paving stones and feel that they are dangerous.

Action: Clair Stevens to contact Stuart Barker and suggest that the original contractor should correct the work. The Council also wish to note their objection to the use of red thermo plastic to mark the entrance to the street.

16/25. Items requiring urgent attention:

- i) Robert L. Young, Programme Officer - email 03.05.16 Devon Minerals Plan Hearing participants.

Action: Clair Stevens to respond to this email with the names of 3 Councillors; Janet Jones, Simon Rines and Mark Maish who will attend the Devon Minerals Plan hearing. Mr Young to be notified if other Councillors will be in attendance.

- ii) DCC Development Management Committee Meeting 27.04.16 - Whitecelave Quarry planning application: DCC/3784/2015 update

Cllr Simon Rines was unable to attend this meeting.

Action: Cllr Simon Rines will take the conclusions from the meeting held at County Hall to the next full Town Council meeting to discuss.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm