

Minutes of Georgeham Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 17 November 2022 in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm.

Chaired by: Councillor M Beaumont	Clerked by: Mrs Sue Squire
<p>Present: Councillors</p> <p>M Beaumont Mrs E Huggett Mrs T Luxton M Taffinder Dr E Williams Mrs J Young</p> <p>District Councillor Mrs J Chesters</p>	<p>Agenda: - Representations from the public Apologies Declarations of Interest Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 October 2022 Reports Planning Planning Correspondence Finance To consider responses to matters raised under Representations from the public Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 October 2022 Correspondence Urgent items raised by the Chairman Items raised by Councillors / Clerk Part II Confidential Date of next meeting</p>
	Action:
<p>124. Representations from the public. 124.1 Request for replacement street sign at David's Hill. The Clerk had liaised with North Devon Council about this and arrangements are being made for its replacement. The parishioner has been kept informed. 124.2 Email of thanks following the Crydda at Croyde being cleared of overgrowth. 124.3 Email of objection regarding Planning Application 75804 – 8 Broad Park Close. Councillors had been circulated with the details of the representations put on North Devon planning portal. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been informed of an amendment to this Application and therefore, the item had not been included on the Agenda for this meeting. The Clerk to liaise with the planning officer to request an extension so that the amended application can be further considered by the Parish Council. District Councillor Mrs Chesters would also follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council. 124.4 Email from a resident regarding the Parish Council's response to a planning application in relation to the Policies and details of the Georgeham Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk was instructed to send a reply on behalf of the Parish Council as directed.</p>	<p>Clerk JC</p>
<p>125. Apologies. Councillors J Gething, S Maddocks and R Tucker, County Councillor Mrs P Maskell.</p>	
<p>126. Declarations of Interest. Councillor Mrs Young declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute No. 129.4, Planning Application 74488 – land adjacent to Langsfield, Croyde.</p>	
<p>127. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 October 2022. Approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Councillor Williams Seconded by Councillor Taffinder and unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>128. Reports.</p>	
<p>128.1 County Councillor Mrs P Maskell. Apologies received. Written Report received and circulated to Councillors.</p>	
<p>128.2 District Councillor Mrs J Chesters.</p>	

	<p>A number of meetings had been attended including a joint Crime and Disorder Committee and Planning Committee with officers and members of Torridge District Council. The latter was to continue reviewing the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan and it is anticipated that it will be finalized in approximately 2 years.</p> <p>Also a planning meeting regarding Barnstaple Pannier Market where the wooden doors of the arches facing Butchers Row are to be replaced with reinforced glass and new toilets are to be installed nearby.</p> <p>At a Strategy and Resources meeting, it was agreed for the Biclescombe Nursery land to be passed to a Community Trust to enable 17 social houses to be built.</p> <p>An Ilfracombe Harbour meeting had been attended together with a Policy and Development meeting and a full Council meeting was due to be held on 23 November.</p> <p>The next planning meeting on 30 November would be looking at various Applications which have been approved. Councillor Beaumont mentioned the property 'Serenity', Moor Lane, Croyde which it was considered was unsightly and out of keeping with the surrounding properties.</p> <p>District Councillor Mrs Chesters was of the opinion that the Broad Park Close application, mentioned under Representations from the Public, that it was wrong to determine it without the Parish Council's comment, particularly due to the fact that Policy BE2 of the Georgeham Parish Neighbourhood Plan applied and she would be speaking to the planning officer in this regard.</p>	
<p>128.3</p>	<p>Croyde Play Area – Councillor Taffinder.</p> <p>⇒ The Georgeham School advertisement banner required refixing which had been done. There was nothing else to report.</p> <p>⇒ To arrange an annual inspection of the play equipment. The Clerk to obtain quotations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Play Inspection Company - Wicksteed - RoSPA 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>128.4</p>	<p>Georgeham Play Park – Councillor Taffinder. Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>128.5</p>	<p>Potholes – Councillor Taffinder. Nothing to report other than that the road outside Dhekalia House has finally been repaired in spite of the fact that the Parish council decided not to pursue it at the last Parish Council meeting. Councillor Taffinder was trying to get work done on the North Buckland road which is badly deteriorating.</p>	
<p>128.6</p>	<p>P3 Parish Paths Partnership – Councillor Mrs Young.</p> <p>The Parish Council had already agreed to pay a local farmer to maintain Footpath 22. They did not have to spend so much time on it this year due to the drought.</p> <p>There is another section of the Footpath which links with Ramson Lane and the farmer had been asked to give a quotation to attend to this, which was £70.00. This could be paid for by using existing P3 funds.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Taffinder to proceed.</p> <p>Seconded by Councillor Beaumont and agreed, with one objection.</p> <p>Suggested sign for junction in connection with the above. A site meeting is being held on 9 December when this item will be further discussed and the hope of funding being available.</p> <p>Hedge work on Jones's Hill has been done. This is a big improvement with good collaboration of neighbours, the Parish Council and DCC Highways.</p> <p>Adwell Lane. Councillor Taffinder advised that the Public Footpath sign was in poor condition and he has repaired it.</p> <p>The P3 Annual Survey will be carried out in the new year with the deadline being mid February. An additional Footpath in an adjoining Parish towards Nethercott will be included.</p>	<p>JY to advise</p>
<p>128.7</p>	<p>Climate Emergency.</p> <p>The Clerk is in contact with PodPoint regarding the recharging point invoice and invoices to be paid by them to the Parish Council.</p>	

	The Clerk has informed the contractor that his estimate to paint relevant electrical hook up signage in Georgeham car park has been accepted.	
129.	Planning. The following Applications were considered:	Clerk
129.1	<p>76112 – Extension & alterations to dwelling – Hobbs House, Hobbs Hill, Croyde, EX33 1NE Proposed by Councillor Taffinder to recommend refusal on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over development of the site due to the size (70% increase in GIA) 2. The site is at the start of the Conservation Area and would create a visual 'block'. 3. There is concern over the amount of glass spanning two storeys, together with the resulting light pollution where there is a hedged farm track and undeveloped field. 4. There is insufficient parking for the proposed extensive size of the property compared to the present footprint. <p>Seconded by Councillor Mrs Huggett and unanimously agreed.</p>	
129.2	<p>76180 – Variation of condition number 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials) attached to planning permission 74998 (extension and alterations to form new first floor) to allow changes to approved material finishes and add solar PV panels to South elevation - Ocean Sands, 16 Lane Head Close, Croyde, EX33 1NW. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Luxton to recommend approval. Seconded by Councillor Taffinder and unanimously agreed.</p>	
129.3	<p>76218 – Single storey extension to rear elevation of dwelling and associated works at Kernow House, 17 Myrtle Farm View, Croyde, EX33 1QH Proposed by Councillor Mrs Luxton to recommend refusal on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed extension will result in over development of the site. 2. There is concern about the large windows and glass balconies as the living accommodation is planned to be upstairs, this will create light pollution issues. The house is quite high up in the valley, above its neighbours, and backs onto undeveloped farmland so light pollution and noise will impact nearby wildlife. The associated ecology report does not fully address this aspect of the development. 3. The parking space is inadequate for a 4 / 5 bedroom, house especially one which is a holiday let. <p>Seconded by Councillor Beaumont and unanimously agreed.</p>	
129.4	<p>74488 – erection of 5 residential dwellings at land adjacent to Langsfield, Croyde, EX33 1QD. New information has been provided on the planning portal and there has been a further extension of the consultation period to 17 November. Councillor Mrs Young declared a Prejudicial Interest, left the room and did not take part in the discussion decision or voting thereon. Proposed by Councillor Taffinder to recommend refusal on the grounds that Georgeham Parish Council wishes to convey its previously expressed concerns and support the numerous representations from the residents and organisations in the Parish. Seconded by Councillor Beaumont and agreed.</p>	
129.5	<p>75540 – Replacement of existing dwelling with new dwelling (amended plans) at Magnolia, Putsborough, EX33 1LB. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Luxton to recommend refusal on the grounds that it is in a prominent place in the AONB and that it does not comply with Policies BE1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Neighbourhood Plan. Seconded by Councillor Mrs Huggett and unanimously agreed.</p>	
130.	<p>Planning Correspondence. 130.1 The following North Devon Council Decision Notices were noted: APPROVALS for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 75844 – Replace roof with a solid roof and change the frames and glazing using the existing base – Brooklands, Georgeham, EX33 1JJ ▪ 75912 – Installation of gable window – 3 Leadengate Fields, Croyde, EX33 1PB <p>WITHDRAWN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 75880 – Extension to dwelling and associated works – Pebbledown, 24 Moor Lane, Croyde, EX33 1NN 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 75670 – Mixed use development of the forecourt comprising additional car showroom space and two holiday lets – Croyde Motors, 3 Jones Hill, Croyde, EX33 1LX <p>130.2 Enforcement. File No. 12725 – Alleged unauthorized development – groundworks in field at Cap Field opposite Thornberry, Stentaway Lane, Croyde, EX33 1NH. An email was noted from the enforcement officer advising that although the planning officer has decided that the groundworks in the field requires planning permission, the planning officer has judged the groundworks in the field against NDC planning policies and concluded that the works are acceptable and no further action is to be taken.</p> <p>File No. 12826 – Croyde Bay Campsite. NDC Enforcement Department has received photographic evidence that the wash basins and fencing in the same area have now been removed. There may be some bench furniture still on site and as previously stated the blue unit if still on the site of the new authorised barn, may be outside of enforcement due to the reasons outlined.</p> <p>The Enforcement Department notes that the land owner has acted in a prompt manner and although there is a history of breaches on this site, this land owner appears to be committed to following guidance. The site will continue to be monitored.</p>																													
<p>131.</p>	<p>Finance. Balances: Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account as at 17 November 2022: £61,899.50 Lloyds Bank Instant Access Savings Account as at 17 November 2022: £12,082.66</p> <p>131.1 The following payments were authorised and approved by BACS: Proposed by Councillor Beaumont Seconded by Councillor Mrs Luxton and unanimously agreed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="177 943 1422 1346"> <tr> <td>Mrs S Squire</td> <td>Broadband Photocopying Mileage (17/11/22)</td> <td>3.00 4.55 17.10</td> <td>£24.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Devon Council</td> <td>Salary recharge for October 2022</td> <td></td> <td>£852.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr T Squire</td> <td>Cleaning public toilets at Georgeham (Nov 22) Cleaning Pavilion</td> <td>120.00 50.00</td> <td>£170.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr S Wightman</td> <td>Grounds maintenance (November 22)</td> <td></td> <td>£722.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr P Dymond</td> <td>Work on Footpath 22. June – October 2022</td> <td></td> <td>£276.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Devon Council</td> <td>Collection of dog waste bins July – Sept 22</td> <td></td> <td>£873.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bay Gardens</td> <td>3rd payment grass cutting & maintenance contract Georgeham Churchyard maintenance</td> <td>980.00 570.00</td> <td>£1,550.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>131.2 2021/22 Audit. The external auditor’s Report is being circulated to Councillors.</p>	Mrs S Squire	Broadband Photocopying Mileage (17/11/22)	3.00 4.55 17.10	£24.65	North Devon Council	Salary recharge for October 2022		£852.39	Mr T Squire	Cleaning public toilets at Georgeham (Nov 22) Cleaning Pavilion	120.00 50.00	£170.00	Mr S Wightman	Grounds maintenance (November 22)		£722.68	Mr P Dymond	Work on Footpath 22. June – October 2022		£276.00	North Devon Council	Collection of dog waste bins July – Sept 22		£873.60	Bay Gardens	3 rd payment grass cutting & maintenance contract Georgeham Churchyard maintenance	980.00 570.00	£1,550.00	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>132.</p>	<p>To consider responses to matters raised under Public Participation. None.</p>																													
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<p>133.1</p>	<p>Request for two additional dog bins by the Ruda Ranger. To be considered at the budget meeting.</p>	<p>Dec Agenda</p>																												
<p>133.2</p>	<p>Defibrillators. (1) At the North End of Croyde Beach and in Georgeham. Councillor Mrs Huggett had circulated a report relating to the defibrillator situated on the wall of Georgeham Post Office.</p> <p>It had been noticed that the casing housing the device was broken and the plastic was brittle. In the circumstances, Councillor Tucker had ordered a replacement when ordering a similar product for use at Putsborough Beach, at a cost of £425.00 which had been authorised by Councillor Beaumont.</p> <p>The new cabinets have a lining to protect the defibrillator pads and it was understood that there is a backup pad replacement scheme, as once the pads have been used, they cannot be used again.</p> <p>The Parish Council wanted to be assured that regular monthly checks will be carried out by the guardian, Mrs L Greenaway. Councillor Beaumont to request this and the Clerk to include a standing item on all future Agendas.</p> <p>Once the device is registered and the Clerk is submitting the monthly reports, enquiries to be made that the Parish Council will be notified if the defibrillator is used, so that arrangements can be made for replacement pads to be obtained.</p>	<p>MB / Clerk</p>																												

	As regards the defibrillators in Croyde, Georgeham Parish Council is not responsible for any of these as they are owned / run by businesses.	
133.3	<p>Tree Work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The work in Chapel Street, Georgeham had been done. ⇒ The work at Jones's Hill, Croyde, as recorded under Minute No. 128.6 had been done. ⇒ Regarding tree management at the public footpath linking to the Rabbit Field, quotations were being obtained and pending further information, the item to be removed from the Agenda. 	
133.4	<p>Croyde Bus Shelter. Councillor Williams reported on a site meeting with one of the contractors who had provided a quotation of £5,000.00 and the work had been awarded.</p> <p>To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Williams had requested Arbmark for an opinion regarding the trees behind the bus shelter and had been informed that they were not dead and could be trimmed to make room for the proposed bus shelter. The nearby home owner had been informed and welcomed this action.</p>	Dec Agenda
133.5	<p>Hire of The John Symonds' Pavilion.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Luxton is to set up a working party to agree a sliding scale of fees for use of the Pavilion by individuals / groups / organisations.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that Croyde and Georgeham Rovers Football Club had made representations that the surface of the playing field was poor and had requested that the Parish Council address this. Councillors referred to the Licence which states that the Parish Council will be responsible for cutting the grass, but any other work is the responsibility of the Football Club. The Clerk to reply as directed and refer them to the Agreement.</p>	TL Clerk
133.6	Repair of surface of Croyde footbridge. It was noted that the Clerk has advised the successful and unsuccessful contractors.	
133.7	Finger Post outside Brooks Stores in Croyde. It was noted that the Clerk has advised the contractor that the quotation has been accepted.	
133.8	Pedestrian Sign at Jones's Hill. It was noted that the Clerk has advised the contractor that the quotation has been accepted.	
133.9	Overgrown vegetation at Bay View Close fronting Croyde Road. It was noted that the Clerk has requested Pearce Construction to deal with this.	Dec Agenda
134.	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>134.1 Airband. Details of 28 day notice for new telecom poles under various reference numbers, relating to broadband in North Buckland and surrounding area and Putsborough Road, Georgeham. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>134.2 Charity Commission. The Annual Return for the Trustees of Georgeham Playing Field is due to be submitted by 31/1/23. It was noted that the Clerk has submitted the Return.</p>	
135.	<p>Urgent items raised by the Chairman.</p> <p>135.1 Croyde Public Toilets. North Devon Council had invited the Chairman and Clerk to a Teams Meeting on 23 November 2022 to discuss the future of the facility.</p>	
136.	<p>Items raised by Councillors / Clerk.</p> <p>136.1 Date of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM). This is a legal requirement and has to be held between 1 March and 1 June each year. Due to Parish Council elections on 4 May 2023, the Clerk suggested the APM is held on Thursday, 16 March 2023. Councillors were in agreement with this.</p>	EW book hall
137.	<p>Part II Confidential.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Williams that the meeting move into Part II Confidential</p> <p>Seconded by Councillor Mrs Huggett and unanimously agreed.</p>	
138.	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Thursday, 15 December 2022 in Georgeham Village Hall at 5pm.</p> <p>January 2023 Meeting: Thursday 19th in Georgeham Village Hall at 6pm.</p> <p>Clerk's Leave: Thursday 24 November to Sunday 4 December inclusive and Friday, 9 December 2022.</p> <p>The 2023/24 Budget and Precept will be agreed at the January meeting.</p>	TL apols

	The meeting ended at 8.08pm.	
Summary of Decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 October 2022➤ Agreement for maintenance of Footpath 22 (Ransom Lane) in the sum of £70.00➤ Planning➤ Payments➤ That the meeting move into Part II Confidential		
These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.		
Signed: Chair of Georgeham Parish Council.	Date:	