

**West Bagborough Parish Council.**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held at the Popham Hall on 15/07/2021**

**DRAFT minutes. These minutes are published for general information only and are not formally adopted as a true record until the next Council meeting.**

**Present:** Cllrs: Stuart Parkman., Martin King, Martin Jones., Jenny Taylor

**In Attendance:** None.

**Apologies.** Cllr A Trollope Bellew, Cllr M Rigby. (COVID 19 control) Lorna Hending, W. Waygood, Meg Clothier

**Public Questions.** Sue Southwell and Nic Kemp from SWAT led a discussion about carrying out a housing needs survey for the Parish, why it was recommended, how it would work and what help was required from the PC if they decided to support the project. (see minute 310 under Matters Arising for the PC decision.)

**Declaration of Interest.** Nothing New

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

300. Council accepted the minutes as true record of business.

**Police Report**

301. Council reviewed the report.

**District and County Councillors Report.**

302. Nothing reported.

**Matters Arising.**

303. Play Park. Council agreed to proceed with the option to lay a bonded rubber surface onto the ground around the swings. This is the lower cost option to laying onto a fully prepared stone surface but still provides proper protection with an acceptable life span and cost of any ongoing maintenance and repair. The Clerk has one more quotation but has approval; to proceed with the best value quote.

304. Broadband Update. The project for fibre broadband is in construction phase and on target for West Bagborough. Triscombe is in the early stage of pre-construction planning.

305. Proposed Parking Area. Execs of Kings Estates have approved the plans and are consulting solicitors to draw up a lease for the PC to take occupation of the area. The Clerk has produced an outline project plan to identify potential costs to the PC and who is going to do what.

306. Flood Protection and damage. The Clerk has forwarded a letter of complaint to SCC ROW about the work that has been completed on Rock Lane. Nothing heard to date

307. Local Community Networks. Chair advised Council about the plan to build Local Community Networks post the re-organisation of local Councils. Council asked the Chair to approach Cllr Clothier to attend a first exploratory meeting of the group on the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

308. Queens Jubilee. Cllrs Jones and Taylor recommended that adopting a community orchard/garden as suggested at the last meeting was not an ideal plan. They recommended instead that the Queens Jubilee in 2022 should be marked by the establishment of a memorial and some trees at the top of the cricket ground near

the millennium stone. Council agreed and Cllr Taylor agreed to research availability of suitable benches etc. Council also suggested that a celebration event should be arranged to 'open' the area on the occasion of the Jubilee.

309. Re-opening Community Facilities Fund. Council noted the plans and confirmed they would support any application from the Village Hall Committee.

310. Local housing Needs Survey. Council agreed to support the survey and help with the distribution. Plan to carry out later in the year (September?).

311. SWAT Design Codes Council noted the new draft code and its importance in guiding future planning decisions. It was also noted that the meeting to discuss the new code was recorded and would be available to view.

312. Other items. Council made no comment on the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

**313. Finances**

313.1. Payment to Mj & MA King for emergency recovery work after failure of new contractor re grounds maintenance contract.

**Planning.**

314. Council made no comments on 45/21/0008. 45/21/0014/WB. 45/21/0013

**Correspondence for Information. Briefing/Library Documents.**

Information from regular sources such as CPRE, SCC, Somerset Waste, TDBC, NHS etc are now circulated electronically between meetings for Councillors to review and to raise agenda items if required.

**A.O.B.**

Cllr King reported that security checks at Triscombe Quarry have been stepped up. Problems are being experienced with extreme swimmers using the old quarry. If anyone sees this activity please report it to the Police on 101

**Date of Next Meeting.**

The next full meeting will be held in the Popham Hall 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021