

LUXBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Luxborough Parish Council held on 16 June 2021 at Luxborough Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors D Powell (Chair), Chris Henson, Richard O'Hare, Anne Sparling (Vice Chair), Judy Tombleson, Doug Yiend, Jennifer Duke, Frances Nicholson (County) Steven Pugsley (SW&T), Jeanna Grenville – Clerk. Five members of the public were present.

Public Question Time: [Cllr Duke left the meeting.] Members of the public spoke to raise a number of concerns about the proposal for the emergency mast (agenda item 6). These included concerns that the application was mis-titled and inaccurate in several respects, casting doubts over its validity, the radiation report was missing from the application which was vital information for those living or playing in close proximity to mast. Statements included about ownership of the land were questioned, the right of access and ownership of the lane needed clarification alongside full information about how the installation was to work. Concerns remain regarding the visual impact of the mast and hard standing and the potential for increased traffic. Cllr Pugsley joined the meeting, noting the points raised; as representative for Luxborough he will raise them with the Planning Officer at Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA).

The chair opened the Parish Council Meeting at 19:45.

21/15 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Tombleson declared a personal interest regarding the Planning application (agenda item 6), noting that the proposed relocation meant that individuals in Kingsbridge will be affected more than those in Pooltown.

21/16 Minutes - Resolved to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 May 2021 as a true and accurate record. The minutes of the Annual Parishioner's Meeting (APM) were also agreed as a true and accurate record to be presented at the APM in 2022.

21/17 Planning 6/20/21/102 West Slowley Farm – erection of an emergency services' mast. Cllrs noted that their duty as formal consultees to represent the best interests of the PC, but the decision will be made by ENPA for what is a national scheme rolling out emergency services' masts. Cllr Pugsley noted that each application is considered on the facts and merits with no guarantee of approval. Cllrs noted the difficulty in making a decision given a number of unanswered issues: the ownership of the site is unclear; permitted use and maintenance of the lane/bridlepath is unclear; likely volumes of traffic; precisely how the mast will operate and be maintained; the missing radiation report. [A member of the public joined the meeting.] Noting the deadline of October 2021 for the mast to be erected, Cllrs were unable to achieve a conclusion about whether or not the application was supported without having accurate information. The Clerk is to contact ENPA to raise these issues to ensure an accurate application can be further considered and determined by the PC at its next meeting. Cllr Pugsley undertook also to speak to the Planning Officer to raise concerns. [Three members of the public left the meeting].

The Chair noted a Planning application for Little Acres, in Treborough Parish. The PC agreed that it had no formal standing to provide a consultation response. Cllrs were entitled to offer their views as members of the public should they wish. [Cllr Nicholson joined the meeting, after finishing a clashing meeting.]

21/18 Promotion of footpaths in the village – the proposal for laminated footpath guides to be made available promoting local footpaths for walkers was considered, having been brought forward from the Annual Parishioners' Meeting. The proposal, made by a parishioner who is the local footpath and bridleway liaison person with ENPA, was welcomed by the PC who would consider a contribution to costs once further information was available. The Clerk will follow up with the individual.

21/19 Finance – Resolved to pay: £180 Clerk's salary, £120 Income Tax to HMRC and £89.64 reasonable Parish expenses as per the schedule circulated prior to the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:45

Date of the next meeting 21 July 2020, 7.30 pm Luxborough Village Hall