

**DRAFT MINUTES OF BRAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 16th March 2017 AT 7.30p.m.**

PRESENT: B.Symons (Chairman) N. Barrow , P. Crane, County Cllr J. Yabsley, T George. G.Collier J.Jeyes, M.Naden,Cllr Edgell, J. Poole

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies received from, S. MacAllister, A. Boddington, R. Dart

2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation, but two representatives from N.D.C (Councillor Cann and Dennis Shopland N.D.C Service Manager) attended to update the Parish Council on the forthcoming trial of major changes to waste and recycling collections.

It was explained that the aim of the trial is an attempt to drive up recycling rates from a current level of 44% to 50%, reduce waste going to landfill and save money to protect vital frontline services. There is a financial savings target of £340,000 in the 2017 budget. The proposed improvements to waste and recycling include:

A weekly food waste collection service (food waste will no longer go in green or black wheelie bins, it will be collected with the weekly kerbside recycling from new kerbside caddies to be delivered during May).

A paid for garden waste collection service, £ 36 a year, (to allow those who want to use it to continue receiving the service)

A trial of a major push on recycling in a chosen area to see if it is possible to reduce the amount destined for landfill in the black bin and trial a three weekly collection of black bins.

Only part of our Parish is in the trial area, involving some 15 properties (addresses on the N.D.C. Website). The trial, starting on the 5th June 2017, will include the unlimited recycling/cardboard collection (collapsed cartons) and last for 6 months. Then early in 2018 a decision will be made as to whether to roll out the scheme everywhere.

Councillor Cann stated that the new system would only be introduced if deemed a success. In this regard, 5 new recycling wardens will be employed to assess public reaction, and 4 new smaller sized vehicles are on order to assist the changes in collection procedures.

There was considerable discussion as to the merits and difficulties raised by the new collection procedures. It was agreed, that the Parish Clerk would write to Dennis Shopland summarising the Councils concerns and proposals for further improvement that should be considered. Councillor Cann and Dennis Shopland were thanked for their detailed explanation of the recycling Trial.



.3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DATED THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2017

M.Naden proposed and G.Colier seconded that the minutes are signed as correct.

4) MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Draft Lease Update

The Chairman reported that he has had further discussions with Tanya Mc Govern of the N.D.C. and has been impressed with her grasp and understanding of the complexities involved. She has been extremely helpful and has outlined a suggested way forward. After some discussion, It was proposed by J.Jeyes and seconded by G. Collier that she should be asked to continue with the approach outlined within the initial cost framework of £300. The proposal to go ahead with the course of action outlined was unanimously agreed. Chairman to continue with his discussions with the N.D.C. Assistant Solicitor.

4.2. Condition of the A399

County Councillor Yabsley confirmed receipt of the road map highlighting the main areas of concern. He explained that it was sometimes difficult to find the precise areas for repair, much depended on weather conditions prevailing at the time of inspection. Work, however, was in hand but he requested photographic evidence to support reported problems.

4.3. Photographic material—Road Warden Scheme

J. Jeyes reported that photographic material is being collated and will be forwarded to the Parish Clerk.

5) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nothing to report

6) LENGTHSMAN

Blocked drain at Whitefield undermining the road was reported.

7) PROJECT UPDATE

7.1. Solar –Community Fund up date

Nothing further to report.

8) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.1. Listed Building Application for creation of bathroom and associated works at Charlestown, Barton Charles, Brayford, Barnstaple. Ref: 62709.

9) FINANCE

9.1. Nat. West Statements for January and February awaited (**Included in the Reserve Account: Parish Paths £452, Play Area £979.29, Church Bells £2,960, possible Election costs £850, balance unallocated).**

Outgoings : Clerks salary £117.84 Postage/stamps 314.28 NDC Print Room January 2017 £31.50, Data Protection reg.renewal £35. DALC Affiliation Fee £96.30, Millennium Green Maintenance £485

N.Barrow proposed and P.Crane seconded the expenditure

10) MEETINGS ATTENDED

B. Jeyes

None attended

11) UPDATE ON LOCAL MATTERS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR YABSLEY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR EDGELL

County Councillor Yabsley gave a brief update on the North Devon & Torridge Local Plan. Housing build trajectory of 800 per year unlikely to be reached. 300 built this year. Problems of low wage economy and high house prices exacerbate the problem of achieving target goals.

District County Councillor Edgell confirmed that the Council Tax increases for 2017 supports spending of £5,749.00 for Brayford Parish Council which equates to a change of +2.8% for a Band F dwelling.

12) CORRESPONDENCE

Discussed throughout the meeting. £20 contribution agreed for Community News South Molton towards distribution costs. Parish Clerk to talk to News Centre re: financial assistance for drainage projects.

13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting ended at 9.20pm. Next meeting is on **Thursday 20th April.**

Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting

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