

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee Meeting held on 2nd January 2019.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WAS NOT QUORATE AND ANY DECISION FROM THIS MEETING IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING.

Present: Councillors Janet Jones (Chair), Andy Stokes, Huw Cox and Judith Hart (Town Clerk)

In attendance: 2 members of the public

Part I (Open to the Public)

19/104. Questions raised by the public: None

19/105. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Pam Barrett and Pamela Forbes.

No apologies received from Cllrs Ben Cattrall, Ron Fox or Kate Paxman.

19/106. Declaration of Interests: None

19/107. To approve & sign as correct the Minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2018.

Meeting not quorate so unable to sign the minutes

19/108. Review of actions from previous meeting:

Barn Park planning application No. 0615/18 – Council response submitted by the Clerk and acknowledged.

Buckfast Village Hall – public meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th January to consider the following 3 proposals: the hall to stay as it is, demolish and provide space on site to be developed by Buckfast Abbey, or build a smaller hall. A second public meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 22nd January to vote on the above proposals.

Whitecleave Quarry Restoration Plan – Devon County Council have confirmed that as yet no restoration plan is in place.

Dartmoor Local Plan – First Draft Consultation - Cllr Andy Stokes to draft a response for circulation and comment.

Action: Clerk to request an extension from DNPA to formulate a response for the February Environment and Transport Committee meeting. Cllr Stokes to meet with Cllr Jones to take this forward.

Stagecoach/Falcon bus – The Stagecoach response regarding the Falcon bus stopping at Buckfastleigh has been sent to councillors and published on the website and Facebook.

Drainage – The Clerk has responded to Cllr Stuart Barker's email regarding blocked drains around the parish.

19/109. Comments on planning applications received prior to this meeting and after Agenda set:

None

19/110. Planning Application for commercial sites and areas of significant development:

None

19/111. Dartmoor Local Plan – First Draft Consultation (Regulation 18):

Discussed under minute no. 19/108.

19/112. Proposal to support a Declaration of Climate Emergency:

Deferred to the January Town Council meeting as an urgent item to be raised by the Chair. The proposal is to commit to supporting climate change reduction measures in the town.

19/113: HGV movements from Kings Wood and implications of increased vehicle movement if the proposed Barn Park housing development BCK1 site is approved:

It was acknowledged that the HGVs have changed their route and now turn left at Jordan Street into Market Street and Bridge Street. They are unable to leave the site without passing through Buckfastleigh. There is no alternative route despite the restricted access through narrow roads with parked vehicles however, the HGV movements are not on a regular basis. Residents in Jordan Street do cooperate when asked by the company to move their cars.

19/114. To discuss the planning, management and communications issues for projects which are within the remit of this committee:

Whitecleave Quarry – Action: Clerk to ask the site owner for a site visit by a small number of Town Councillors to assess the condition of the site and ensure that all the equipment, machinery and waste has been removed by the quarry operator who vacated in the summer.

Parking – Members are still waiting for progress by Teignbridge District Council.

Action: Clerk to ask again as to when a meeting will be scheduled. Members would like a response regarding the suggestion to introduce 20 minutes free parking at The Globe car park.

Buckfastleigh Neighbourhood Plan – Action: Meeting to be arranged with Martin Parkes of Devon Communities Together. Admin Assistant to arrange.

Drains – The Town Ranger is reporting blocked drains to Highways as part of his regular walkabouts. It was suggested to take photos, publicise and report.

Action: Cllr Cox to liaise with the Town Ranger.

19/115. Correspondence: None

19/116. Items requiring urgent attention: None

Meeting closed at 8.03 pm