

**Minutes of Parkham Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday, 8 August 2016 in the Allardice Hall at 7.30pm.**

Chaired by: Councillor G Bridger	Clerked by: Sue Squire
Present: Councillors G Bridger Mrs L Costelloe R French Mrs S Greensill T Lang District Councillor Mrs A Boyle	Agenda: - Representations from the Public Apologies Declarations of Interest To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27/6/16 Reports Planning & Planning Correspondence Matters Arising Finance Meetings attended by Councillors / Clerk Correspondence / Notices & Publications Received Urgent items raised by the Chairman Matters raised by Councillors / Clerk including Highways Issues Date of next Meeting
	Action:
36.	Representations from the Public. None present.
37.	Apologies. Councillors R Brooke, P Dack, I Pincombe and D Stevens, County Councillor R Julian, PCSO Rendle.
38.	Declarations of Interest. Councillor French declared a Prejudicial Interest in Minute No. 42.2 – North Devon District Hospital as Chairman of the Primary Care Trust.
39.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2016. Approved and signed as a correct record after it was noted that Councillor French was not present.
40.	Reports. 40.1 Police. When sending her apologies, PCSO Rendle gave the following Report: These are the following crimes for the last 6 weeks, since my attendance at the last meeting: 1 x theft from a motor vehicle. 1 x assault. This is domestic related. 1 x conspire to outrage public decency. 1 x blackmail 2 x harassment without violence. These are both domestic related. Following on from my message at the last meeting, it is really important to remove all valuables from your vehicle and to make sure it is locked and secure. 40.2 County Councillor R Julian. When giving his apologies, the following report was sent: At the last Full Council meeting at County Hall on the 28 July, I discussed Bideford and Barnstaple Hospital. One of the committee members of the Health and Wellbeing approached me and told me that A & E will remain at Barnstaple. They are desperately trying to recruit medical staff of all levels to cover the immediate vacancies. There have been serious issues with poor performance given the lack of Consultants and after care. There is a meeting on the 20 August at Torrington Bowling Green and the public as well as Council members are invited to put questions in front of the Clinical Commission Group (CCG). Your support would be very much appreciated. More services will be provided at Bideford Hospital to enable it to be kept open. Further information will follow. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution is still being discussed and thrashed out by Government. County are looking to keep billions of pounds from Central Government to enhance our front line services. It will be run by a committee and not a mayor! This will ensure transparency and accountability. Torridge and North Devon will not be left behind given that it is the poorest part of the

	<p>County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glaxosmithkline had originally voted to stay in Europe but since Brexit they have decided to make the most it and are now heavily investing in their company. • The Farming Industry shows good progress and are securing to sell beef and lamb to America. Now that the value of the pound has dropped and we are more competitive, the British are buying locally. • It was announced on the TV by a 21 year old farmer that things are looking rosy and is investing in his pedigree sheep. • Route 39 at Fairy Cross has now been repaired after a very hard campaign. The ironworks in the vicinity of Hoops Inn will be repaired and the banks etc. will be trimmed. • A quotation from Kevin Johns at North Devon Joinery has been asked for in relation to the Speed Gates for the Parish. If you do not receive an answer within a week, can you please email him directly as time is running out? <p>Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any further issues. Hope you have a good meeting.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the Heart of the South West devolution issue and the reason why there would not be a Mayor.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: The Clerk had accessed a Report from a County Councillor given at a Parish Council Meeting in North Devon and emailed this to Councillors to give further information on the subject together with a communication from North Devon Council prepared following a meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives on 27 July 2016.</p> <p>40.3 District Councillor Mrs A Boyle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to the Planning Application for 4 bungalows at Chapel Road, TDC were minded to refuse and Councillor Mrs Boyle decided to call it in, supporting the Application. The Plans Committee agreed to approve. • Allardice Hall. Each Ward receives £10,000 under a Community Grants Scheme, the money coming from the government. Councillor Mrs Boyle wants to support the Allardice Hall and commended the work done by the Committee to ensure all the information was given to support the application in respect of the kitchen refurbishment. • Relocation of TDC staff. This will involve staff at Bridge Buildings and the Town Hall as the buildings are not easy to work in and suffer noise, particularly from traffic. • Parish Locality Group. A meeting at Welcombe was well supported. There is to be a third Advisory Board set up in Bideford, covering Bideford and the hinterland of Bideford. Many of those involved in this Advisory Group were keen for it to be in a rural setting and to accommodate this, Bideford will be set up as the main area with one meeting a year at a rural area. <p>Councillor Bridger asked cost of moving back to Riverbank House but no information was known.</p> <p>40.4 Planning Sub Committee. There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>41.</p>	<p>Planning and Planning Correspondence.</p> <p>41.1 Planning Applications: The following Certificate of Lawful Development Application was considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/0641/2016/CPE - Private Garden Use – 2 St James Close, Parkham. It had been ascertained from TDC website that this Application had been withdrawn and correspondence to support this was shown to Councillors. <p>Applications received after the Agenda was sent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/0631/2016/FUL – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building – Tuttsclump, Woolsery. To reply: No objections. • 1/0684/2016/DIS – Discharge of Conditions 5, 8, 22, 23, 26 & 27 of Planning Approval 1/0126/2014/FULM – Steart Farm Touring Park, Bucks Cross. To reply: These conditions were applied for a reason and if TDC can see a reason for discharging them, the Parish Council will support it. <p>41.2 Planning Correspondence. The following TDC Decision Notices were noted:</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>APPROVALS FOR 1/0381/2016/FUL – proposed extension to living accommodation – Old Police Station, Horns Cross. 1/0523/2016/FUL – proposed agricultural implement storage and feed store – Southcott Barn, Parkham Ash. 1/0346/2016/REM – 4 No. bungalows (including 1 No. affordable) – land at Chapel Road, Parkham.</p> <p>6.3 Land adjacent to the Allardice Hall. It was noted that a letter had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate as agreed at the last Meeting. No decision had, as yet, been received.</p>	
42.	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>42.1 Road Surface on A39 at Fairy Cross. It was noted that following representations by the Parish Council and a member of the public, DCC had advised this work had been done.</p> <p>42.2 North Devon District Hospital. Councillor French declared a Prejudicial Interest, left the room and did not take part in the discussion. It was noted that representations were sent to Mr G Cox MP regarding any reduced services planned. Mr Cox replied that in February the Success Regime released a document called 'Case of Change' and this is where the concerns stem from. Mr Cox stated in his reply: 'The Success Regime is reviewing the whole health and care system in Northern, Eastern and Western Devon and is in the process of developing options to transform services across the county to ensure they are clinically and financial sustainable for local people for years to come. The 'Case for Change' sets out the key issues and challenges facing the NHS in Devon, as well as a series of opportunities to transform services for the better. I recently met with Dame Ruth Carnall, the Secretary of state's Advisor on the Success Regime, and in the meeting she acknowledged that the A&E in Barnstaple would remain open as it is simply not viable in this rural area for it to close. Therefore I do not believe there is any serious intention in closing these essential services, however Dame Ruth Carnall also made clear that the Success Regime would have no 'red lines'. All options would be considered across Northern, Eastern and Western Devon. I have been informed that the Success Regime do not plan to either confirm or deny any rumours until they have gone through a proper process of analysis and consideration – including a more formal engagement with patients and the public. However I would like to state that it would be simply inconceivable for the A&E to close in Barnstaple. I can assure you that I will maintain a close watch on developments over the coming months and will soon be meeting with Angela, Pedder, the lead Chief Executive of the Success Regime, and will ensure I raise your concerns with her then'.</p> <p>The Clerk had also written to North Devon MP Mr Peter Heaton-Jones who had replied advising he had met with the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, Ben Gummer a Minister for Health and Managers of the Success Regime to discuss North Devon District Hospital. During these meetings he did not get the impression at all that we are being used as a 'guinea pig' for future national changes. Mr Heaton-Jones is going to write to Jeremy Hunt seeking clarification and an official response and he had promised to advise the Clerk of the response. Mr Heaton-Jones has asked parliamentary questions and would continue to do all he could.</p> <p>42.3 The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations. It was noted that a letter of thanks had been sent to the organisers of the event.</p> <p>42.4 Councillors reported on further areas identified for Lengthsmen work as a result of TAP (Town and Parish) funding awarded for this. Councillor Lang advised that 10 hours of trimming had been done and nothing further was planned for the time being.</p> <p>Councillor Bridger had received representations regarding the overgrown hedge opposite the School on the approach to the junction which required cutting back due to the building works shortly to be taking place and additionally, the vegetation is causing people to walk far out into the road. The Clerk advised that in such situations, responsibility for cutting a hedge growing over the highway rests with the house owner. It is usual for the Parish Council to mention this to the house owner so that they have the opportunity to cut the hedge. If the problem persists, the Parish Council ask DCC</p>	<p>Diary note to be made to enquire the position for a report to be given at the October Meeting</p>

	<p>to cut it and they invoice the house owner. Councillor Bridger would speak to the house owner.</p> <p>It was noted that Buckland Brewer Parish Council had been advised this Council wished to contact Woolsey Parish Council in the first instance regarding jointly claiming under the TAP funding.</p> <p>42.5 Potholes and other road safety issues. It was noted that the items raised at the June Meeting had been reported on the DCC interactive website. Councillor Bridger had included an article in Parkham Pie on how to log complaints on the DCC website. Councillor Brooke is having a meeting with County Councillor Julian to inspect the roads leading to the village and discuss the possibility of a campaign to repair them. He will report at the next meeting.</p> <p>42.6 Village Sign. This was progressing.</p> <p>42.7 Horns Cross Bus Shelter. It was noted that a letter of thanks had been sent to the proprietors of The Coach and Horses for their financial support. Councillor Bridger advised he had published an article from Mr A Grove in the Parkham Pie commending the efforts of the community.</p> <p>42.8 Website. It was noted this was live. Councillor Bridger advised this had been followed up by an article in the Parkham Pie with details of how it can be used.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>Sept Agenda</p> <p>Sept Agenda</p>																												
43.	<p>Finance.</p> <p>43.1 Balances. Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account as at 26/07/16: £8,250.88.</p> <p>Budgetary figures up to the end of June 2016 were circulated to Councillors ahead of the Meeting.</p> <p>43.2 The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="212 1059 1321 1294"> <tr> <td>Mrs S Squire</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>£235.26</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Contribution towards Broadband</td> <td>£ 1.50</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Photocopying</td> <td>£ 19.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mileage</td> <td>£ 10.00</td> <td>£266.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td></td> <td>£ 58.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allardice Hall</td> <td>Hire of Hall for Meeting on 27/6/16</td> <td></td> <td>£ 13.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South & West Internal Audit</td> <td>2015/16 Internal Audit Fee</td> <td></td> <td>£125.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>43.3 Bond with Lloyds Bank. The paperwork had been received which showed there would be interest of £149.37 due on 26 January 2017 when the Bond matures. The Clerk advised that due to a delay in the Bond being reinvested with the relevant paperwork in confirmation being received and the fact that no return telephone call had been received from the Bank as promised in this connection, an official letter of complaint had been submitted and as a result, the complaint had been upheld and compensation of £50.00 had been awarded for the inconvenience caused and to make up for any interest that may have been lost. In addition, the sum of £1.26 had been awarded for postage in connection with letters of complaint sent by the Clerk to the Bank. This £51.26 would be added to the total of the Legacy when the Bond matured on 26 January 2017 as it was not possible to add to the amount while invested for the next six months.</p> <p>43.4 Flower bed maintenance at the Village Green. Councillor Brooke had checked the specification and noted it does not specifically mention the large flower bed by the telephone box. Councillor Brooke has emailed Mr Turnbull (The Trusty Gardener) asking him to include it in his schedule. It was noted that The Trusty Gardener had advised he did not intend charging for the regular weekly maintenance and will look on this as voluntary work for the Parish. He would submit an invoice in the Autumn when the replanting is done.</p> <p>43.5 Parkham Village Fundraisers. Letter of thanks for the donation of £1,000.00.</p>	Mrs S Squire	Salary	£235.26			Contribution towards Broadband	£ 1.50			Photocopying	£ 19.80			Mileage	£ 10.00	£266.56	HMRC	PAYE		£ 58.80	Allardice Hall	Hire of Hall for Meeting on 27/6/16		£ 13.20	South & West Internal Audit	2015/16 Internal Audit Fee		£125.00	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Ch.No.495</p> <p>Ch.No.496 Ch.No.497</p> <p>Ch.No.498</p> <p>Diary note to be made</p> <p>Diary note to be made for Feb 2017</p>
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44.	Meetings attended by Councillors / Clerk. None.																													
45.	Correspondence & Notices / Publications Received (these were placed on the table & available to																													

	<p>read).</p> <p>45.1 Mr A Grove. Letter of thanks and congratulations to those involved in the refurbishment of the Horns Cross bus shelter.</p> <p>45.2 Parkham Parish Lands & Old School Charities. Email giving an update on the Charities' activities. <i>Noted.</i></p> <p>45.3 DCC. Reply regarding the Parish Road, previously raised by a parishioner. This advised that the section detailed is part of a network, UCR 302, UCR 305 and UCR 306. Where a UCR is unmetalled and does not serve a property or dwelling then these routes have recently become the responsibility of the Rights of Way Team. However, though vehicles do have a right to use them, DCC Public Rights of Way are not obliged to maintain them for vehicular use who tend to manage them as a bridleway, ensuring the way is suitable for equestrian or pedestrian access. These routes were surveyed in October 2015 and met requirement.</p> <p>45.4 Came and Company, Local Council Insurance. Letter regarding change of trading style.</p> <p>45.5 DCC. Road closure from 22 – 26 September on the A39 Bideford from 7pm – 7am.</p> <p>45.6 TDC. Email regarding Community Grants Scheme. <i>This had been circulated to Councillors.</i></p> <p>45.7 TDC. Email regarding Active Villages, a Sports Development initiative. <i>This had been circulated to Councillors.</i> This was taken by Councillor Bridger to obtain further details and possibly progress an application.</p>	<p>Clerk to send email of thanks</p> <p>Clerk to advise parishioner</p> <p>GB</p>
46.	Urgent items raised by the Chairman. None.	
47.	<p>Matters raised by Councillors / Clerk including Highway matters.</p> <p>47.1 Councillor Lang enquired about the possibility of a night landing site for the Devon Air Ambulance. The Clerk to contact Toby Russell, the Air Ambulance Night Operations Surveyor who will visit and make recommendations. Mr Russell to be asked to contact Councillor Bridger.</p> <p>47.2 Councillor Lang spoke about a bush on the corner of Acre Road. When the house was extended, the planning condition was that for visibility purposes, the area was to be kept clear. Councillor Slee to be asked to speak to the house owner.</p> <p>47.3 Councillor Lang advised that the tubs planted and maintained outside the Churchyard wall by Mrs Lang were rotting. Replacements were £30 each. Proposed by Councillor French, seconded by Councillor Mrs Greensill and unanimously agreed for Mrs Lang to purchase two replacements and plant up. The Invoice to be paid at the September Meeting.</p> <p>47.4 Councillor French advised that when DCC Highways were filling three potholes on the S bend (Brewers Hill), there was no warning sign and the surface was worse now than it was before.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk to contact Cllr Slee</p> <p>Sept Agenda</p>
48	<p>Date of next Meeting: Monday, 12 September 2016 in the Allardice Hall at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The Meeting ended at 9.01pm.</p>	
<p>Summary of Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes of 27 June 2016 ➤ Planning ➤ Payments ➤ Mrs E Lang to be reimbursed at the next Meeting for two replacement flower tubs 		
<p>These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.</p>		
<p>Signed: Chair of Parkham Parish Council:</p>	<p>Date:</p>	