

RACKENFORD AND CREACOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Rackenford School, on Tuesday 7th March 2017, starting at 7.30pm.

All councillors are summoned.

Members of the public are welcome and have the opportunity to speak on item 2 only.

Parish Clerk: Karen Ward, 8 Peard Road, Tiverton, EX16 4LQ. Phone 01884 798711

AGENDA

1 Apologies

2 **Open Forum** – members of the public, and councillors with an interest, have the opportunity to address the meeting if invited to do so by the Chairman (limiting their contribution to 3 minutes)

3 Minutes

To sign, if approved, the minutes of the 17th January 2017 meeting.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

- Clerk to circulate donation request from CAB to all members for consideration at the March meeting – emailed 18/1
- Clerk to circulate the NDDC traveller site and CIL consultation information to all members – emailed 18/1
- Clerk to prepare letters to Witheridge and Knowstone Parish Councils to request they remind their landowners of responsibilities regarding overgrown hedges. Clerk to write to Devon Wildlife Trust regarding Hares Down – emailed 25/1
- Clerk to write to Witheridge and Knowstone Parish Councils to request joint funding or joint working if there is a long period of icy conditions – emailed 25/1 (Council to note response from Witheridge)

5 Declaration of Interests

6 Finance 2016/17

6.1 Financial report

6.2 Request for funding:

- Citizens Advice Bureau (information previously circulated)
- South Molton Community News (information previously circulated)

6.3 Payments to approve:

- K Ward, clerks wages £181.24
- K Ward, expenses £20.70
- HMRC £45.40
- Idata Services for website upgrade funded by Transparency Code grant £90.00

Awaiting the following invoices

- Glendale for ongoing programme of invasive treatment
- F Phillips for gritting
- Rackenford School for. room hire

- 6.4 Accounts to Ratify - none
- 6.5 Accts received after the agenda was posted

7 Transparency Code compliance – Clerk to update the Council on progress, and the Council to consider applying for further grant to purchase a laptop and scanner.

8 Planning

8.1 Applications awaiting NDDC decision

- 62394: Plot 2, Prospect Farm re erection of one dwelling – responded 1 February “Council has serious concerns regarding the front elevation”
- 62497: Middle Mogworthy change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house – responded 21 Feb “no comments”
- 62483: Crossways erection of dwelling & demolition of existing garage – responded 21 February “no objections, subject to conditions being in place for improving and maintaining sight line for traffic”
- 62498: Middle Mogworthy erection of livestock/equestrian building – **deadline 8 March**

8.2 Applications Decisions since last meeting

- 62035 East Nutcott farm: new entrance and trackway – permission granted

8.3 Applications received after the agenda posted.

9 Report from District and County Councillor

10 The Common: Cllr Lamb to update the Council on the grant application for phase 1 surveying.

11 Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm

12 Highways & Footpaths

12.1 Devon County Council Community Enhancement Fund: Council to note a grant application for £3000 for prevention works has been submitted. Cllr Lamb to update on progress.

12.2 Footpaths

12.3 Common/Children’s Play Area

13 Correspondence

14 Shop/Post Office/School

15 Trinity Well

16 Matters of Urgency raised by the Chairman for noting only

17 Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd May 2017 Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7.00pm, followed by the annual Parish Council Meeting

Karen Ward (Clerk) Dated: 1 March 2017