

RACKENFORD AND CREACOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Rackenford School, on Tuesday 16th January 2018, 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 **Declaration of Interests**
- 4 **Minutes**
To sign, if approved, the minutes of the meeting on 7th November 2017.
- 5 **Report from District and County Councillor**
 - a. North Devon Boundary Review recommendations (consultation deadline 19 Feb)
- 6 **The Common**
 - a. Environmental and tree surveys – Comment on the reports received.
 - b. Landscape architects – to shortlist landscape architects from the expressions of interest received
 - c. Update on grass cutting long term solution
 - d. Use of the Common for organised events – update on the formalising of arrangements for access and insurance purposes
- 7 **Highways & Footpaths**
 - a. Footpaths – Update and any repair or maintenance matters to report
 - b. P3 footpaths – Annual Return to DCC and grant funding for 2018 (deadline mid-Feb)
 - c. Common/Children's Play Area – To consider any urgent repairs and maintenance and moss cover on hard surface
- 8 **War Memorial**
 - a. Update on the grant application to the War Memorials Trust (submitted 6 Dec 2017)
 - b. To consider and approve any other works to the War Memorial site
- 9 **Trinity Well** – Update on the repair works and consider longer term repair needs
- 10 **Defibrillator** – training session and general update.
- 11 **Volunteers for the Parish Council:** To formalise arrangements for the work and supervision of volunteers
- 12 **Planning**
 - a. Applications for consultation
 - 64280: Change of use of land from agriculture to equine and erection of one building (to provide 3 stables, tack room and store), Rookwood, Rackenford - objection submitted no grounds of traffic and size of development in relation to the land

b. Applications awaiting NDDC decision

- 63979: Erection of one agricultural workers dwelling, Thornfield Farm, Higher Thorn, Rackenford

c. Application / Enforcement Decisions since last meeting

- 17/00445/FULL Installation of 16 ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels with wire stock proof fencing, Ford Farm, Oakford – granted
- 8193 Unauthorised erection of tent and mobile caravan being used as residential unit Rackenford Vineyard, Nettleford – occupation ceased and mobile home removed
- 8282 Unauthorised siting and residential occupation of log cabin Tidderson Lodge – log cabin removed
- 63886: Alterations to dwelling together with insertion of windows, doors and chimney flue at the Stage Inn, Rackenford - granted
- 63887: Listed building application for alterations to dwelling together with insertion of windows, doors and chimney flue at the Stage Inn, Rackenford - granted
- Middle Mogworthy: Planning Inspectorate dismissed the appeal against the NDDC decision to refuse permission for conversion of an agricultural building to dwelling and erection of livestock/equestrian building.

d. Applications received after the agenda posted.

13 Budget 2018/19:

- a. To approve the budget, precept and Council Tax for 2018/19
- b. To consider and approve a Reserves Policy

14 Finance 2017/18

- a. Financial report – see budget monitoring statement
- b. Payments to approve:
 - K Ward / HMRC clerks wages £290.35
 - K Ward expenses £24.47
 - K Ward reimburse for cllr long service gift £60.00
 - Mike Lane for Trinity Well repairs £19.49
 - Devon Wildlife Trust for Common surveys (awaiting invoice)
- c. Accounts received after the agenda was posted

15 Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm – verbal update

16 Shop/Post Office/School – verbal updates

17 Correspondence

Boundary Commission electoral review of North Devon draft recommendations, Surgery dates for Peter Heaton-Jones MP,

18 Matters of Urgency raised by the Chairman for noting only

19 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th March 2018, at 7.30pm, Rackenford School

Karen Ward (Clerk) Dated: 9th January 2018