

BLACK TORRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Black Torrington Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 11th September 2019, at 7pm, at the Chapel School Room, Broad Street, Black
Torrington**

Present: Cllrs S White, C Lock, M Hall, E Barnes, D Hayward and M Down

In Attendance: 1 member of the public. County Councillor B Parsons Parish Clerk Ward Councillor P Hackett arrived after the close of the meeting

- 1109/1 Election of chair for the municipal year to May 2020**
No one was willing to be elected chair for the municipal year to May 2020. Cllr Barnes agreed to chair the meeting.
- 1109/2 To receive and accept apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Floyer and County Councillor B Parsons
- 1109/3 Declarations of Interest – none**
- 1109/4 Co-option of councillor following the resignation of Cllr Bowen**
Mary Molton was proposed and duly **co-opted**. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 1109/5 Parish Council Minutes**
It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2019
- 1109/6 Matters Arising**
Cllr Down asked if a letter had been received from the playing field committee asking for help with the grass cutting. No such letter has yet been received but there is £1,500 in the budget for grass cutting. There is no site for a bonfire this year that meets the requirements of the Parish Council insurers. There can be fireworks. Last year the school provided insurance for the bonfire. It might be possible for them to do so this year.
- 1109/7 Order of Business**
No change
- 1109/8 Public Question Time**
No members of the public were present
- 1109/9 Councillor reports**
County Councillor Parsons introduced the meeting to the [Connect Bude](#) project which wishes to bring a rail link back between Holsworthy and Bude. The viaduct at Cole's Mill Holsworthy will cost somewhere around £7,000,000 to restore. Barry has talked to Devon Highways to ask if anything can be done about the difficulties of joining the A3072 but their response was less than encouraging.
Cllr Parsons informed the meeting that he felt the HS2 was very unfair and the money could be better spent elsewhere. There is a Highways meeting for parishes at Clinton Hall and Cllr

Parsons encouraged someone from the parish council to attend.

The new government has announced extra funding for adult social care. In fact the spending review says that local councils can put an extra 2% on their council tax. This is unfair as Torridge already has a higher than average council tax. Torridge has lost 6.9% of its young people under 16 years of age.

1109/10 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

Some of the circulated Agenda did not have the date of the meeting on. The clerk apologised. The chair thought things were moving in the right direction as at the last meeting none of the agendas had the date and time on. The Clerk reported that he will put up the rest of the "dogs on playing fields" signs. The clerk reported that there had been no further advice from the Local Association regarding the status of the playing field committee. In the absence of any documentary evidence to the contrary we have to assume they are a committee of the Parish Council. They have made progress towards compliance with council standards.

The war memorial project is awaiting a decision from the conservation officer regarding whether it is acceptable to use new bricks to repair the rendered piers.

The chair asked if anyone else would like to take over the role of chair.

1109/11 Accounts Due for Payment and Receipts

Date	Payee	Amount inc VAT	Brief details of supply
30/07/2019	Parish Magazine Printing	£211.20	BT Times printing
26/07/2019	G & W Bowden	£734.40	Play area Groundworks

Total for month ex VAT £823.20

Total for month inc VAT £945.60

VAT for month £122.40

1109/12 Flooding of properties adjacent to the playing fields.

The contractor for the overflow car park will do some ditching work when he is on site. The fallen tree has been removed but no culvert has yet been found. It looks like a bank has been removed by the residents or the developer. The parish council has the power to deal with a ditch whether or not it is the parish council's. If a culvert is found a grill should be put over it to stop footballs etc blocking the culvert. The Clerk was asked to contact the residents to inform them of the steps the Parish Council is taking.

1109/13 BT Times, measures for the future distribution of the BT times.

Councillors are delivering copies of the BT Times. Cllr Mills agreed to deliver along the main road from Garlands to the Archery Centre.

1109/14 Overflow car park

Work should start the week beginning September 23rd. He will confirm nearer the time.

1109/15 Climate emergency – To discuss the letter from Peter Howard

The Council noted the content of the letter. The council supports the basic concerns of the Climate Emergency Network.

1109/16 Torridge District Council - Planning Applications - TDC Planning Public Access Portal

Torrige District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

Reference: 1/0492/2019/FUL
Proposal: Erection of no.2 Dwellings
Location: Land Adjacent Long Cross House, Black Torrington, Devon

Reference: 1/0556/2019/HPD
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: Craythorn Lodge, Chilla, Beaworthy, Devon

The Parish council has no opinions on these applications.

Cllr Mills suggested that members of the council should attend the CPRE Planning Workshop on the 15th October.

1109/17 To note November 13th as the date of the next Meeting

1109/18 Close