



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council held at Brixham Town Hall on 9th February 2022 at 6.00pm

Present	Cllrs P Addison (C), D Blackmore, R Haddock, S Leech, A Massey and W Okurut
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, four in person and four virtual members of the public.
Welcome	Councillor Addison opened the meeting.
Public Participation	<p>A resident addressed the Council. The resident is the Chair of the Campaign group Save Upton Manor Farm. They thanked the Council for holding the public meeting and the subsequent letter that was sent to Torbay Council. The resident requested that Brixham Town Council support their request to encourage Torbay Council to hold their Planning meeting in Brixham.</p> <p>Cllr Blackmore advised residents that Brixham Town Council had recently considered the Growth Options Consultation and Cllr Morey was also in attendance. A discussion was held with Cllr Morey who is supportive of Torbay Council's meeting being held in Brixham. Both the Town Council and Cllr Morey are keen to find a suitable location for the meeting to be held.</p> <p>A resident addressed the Town Council and their concerns that District Councils are purchasing housing in new housing estates in Torbay to resolve their housing needs.</p> <p>Cllr Haddock advised that this was a Central Government matter. Whilst this is not illegal, the Town Council recognise and understand their concerns. Cllr Blackmore further advised that this had been discussed with Anthony Mangnall MP who has raised this with the House of Commons, which also includes his concerns on Airbnb and second homes.</p>
22013	Apologies for absence through the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllrs Laurie, Regan and Roseveare. Members were advised that no response had been received from Cllr Swain.
22014	To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on the 12th January 2022. The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 th January 2022 were resolved and signed as a correct record.
22015	Declarations of Interest None.

<p>22016</p>	<p>2022/23 Budget (Report 04-2022) Cllr Blackmore reported that the F&GP Committee wanted to ensure that any increase was kept to a minimum, including the need to move money from reserves in order to achieve this.</p> <p>The F&GP Committee had considered all national increases that will affect not just the Council, but also residents. The overall increase is 1p based on a Band D property.</p> <p>The new budget will still allow for the Council to improve the services it offers to the community</p> <p>Cllr Haddock reported that the F&GP Committee had worked hard to balance the budget and this will be reflected in the next 2-3 years budget.</p> <p>It was resolved to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve and adopt the proposed budget of £409,600 for the financial year 2022/23 b) issue a precept demand of £379,600 to Torbay Council
<p>22017</p>	<p>Updates on meetings To hear updates on recent meetings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Anthony Mangnall MP A meeting was due to take place this week, but this has been deferred. b) Banking Hub The Town Clerk reported that the first focus group meeting will be taking place on Friday with key representatives of the community due to attend to support the opening of the banking hub.
<p>22018</p>	<p>Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) External Auditors Report for 2020/21 b) Internal Auditors Report for 2020/21 <p>Councillors noted the External and Internal reports and thanked the Town Clerk.</p>
<p>22019</p>	<p>Ward Councillors Reports No Ward Councillors present and no reports had been submitted to the Council in preparation for the meeting.</p> <p>Members were advised that Cllr Morey attended the Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting on 7th February. The Committee found this helpful and thanked Cllr Morey for his input.</p> <p>A further meeting was held with the Chief Executive Officer from Torbay Council where Cllrs Addison and Haddock requested more regular attendance from Ward Councillors. Cllr Morey's attendance was very helpful to the P&R Committee and the Town Council is keen to continue these attendances to encourage collaborative working.</p>

22020	<p>Co-option Members discussed and agreed that the Town Council should readvertise the two vacancies. It was recognised that the Council have a staff shortage and without over burdening the Officers, asked the Town Clerk to advertise once she was able to do so.</p>
22001	<p>Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting, scheduled for 9th March 2022 at 6pm, was noted.</p>
22002	<p>Items for future agenda Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas, giving details of why the Council should consider the item.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Massey - Shoalstone update 2. Cllr Massey - Updates on meetings with Torbay Council 3. Cllr Leech – Project progress updates: Cycle Routes & Cycle Parking 4. Cllr Haddock – Police update or Police Liaison Councillor to give a report 5. Cllr Massey – Reports from Committees

The meeting closed at 18:59

Chairperson Date.....