

# Thelbridge Parish Council

## Minutes

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Present:** Cllrs Boundy, Ford, Gibson, Grant, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Binks (MDDC)

**Apologies:** Cllr Gillbard

### I. Public forum

Three members of the public attended. Request for 30mph speed limit through Stretchdown. Highways would normally monitor with a handheld and if there are speeding issues then a device would be put in to monitor the traffic. If 80% or more are speeding, then a decision would be taken on further action. **Clerk** to ask Cllr Squires to initiate a SCARF process. Judicious painting (virtual pavement) is no longer advised.

Gulley clearance works towards Millbarn Cross have blocked the main drain now causing water to flow over the road since it can no longer drain away, Cllr Squires to follow up. It was also suggested that the Parish Council could provide advice on what drainage work does/does not need to be done.

### II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were signed as a correct record.

### III. Declarations of interest

There were none.

### IV. Clerk's Report

**Councillor Vacancy** – the notice of vacancy was advertised from 15th September which did not result in a request for an election. A resident has come forward who is prepared to be co-opted. Cllr Gibson proposed, Cllr Hayes seconded and it was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt Bob Charlton; the necessary forms to be completed after the meeting.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – one of the volunteers and the clerk attended an annual "Walk & Talk" meeting held this year at Shobrooke on 20th October. It provided an opportunity to see some very well managed and improved footpaths as well as a chance to speak to other volunteers and the PROW staff.

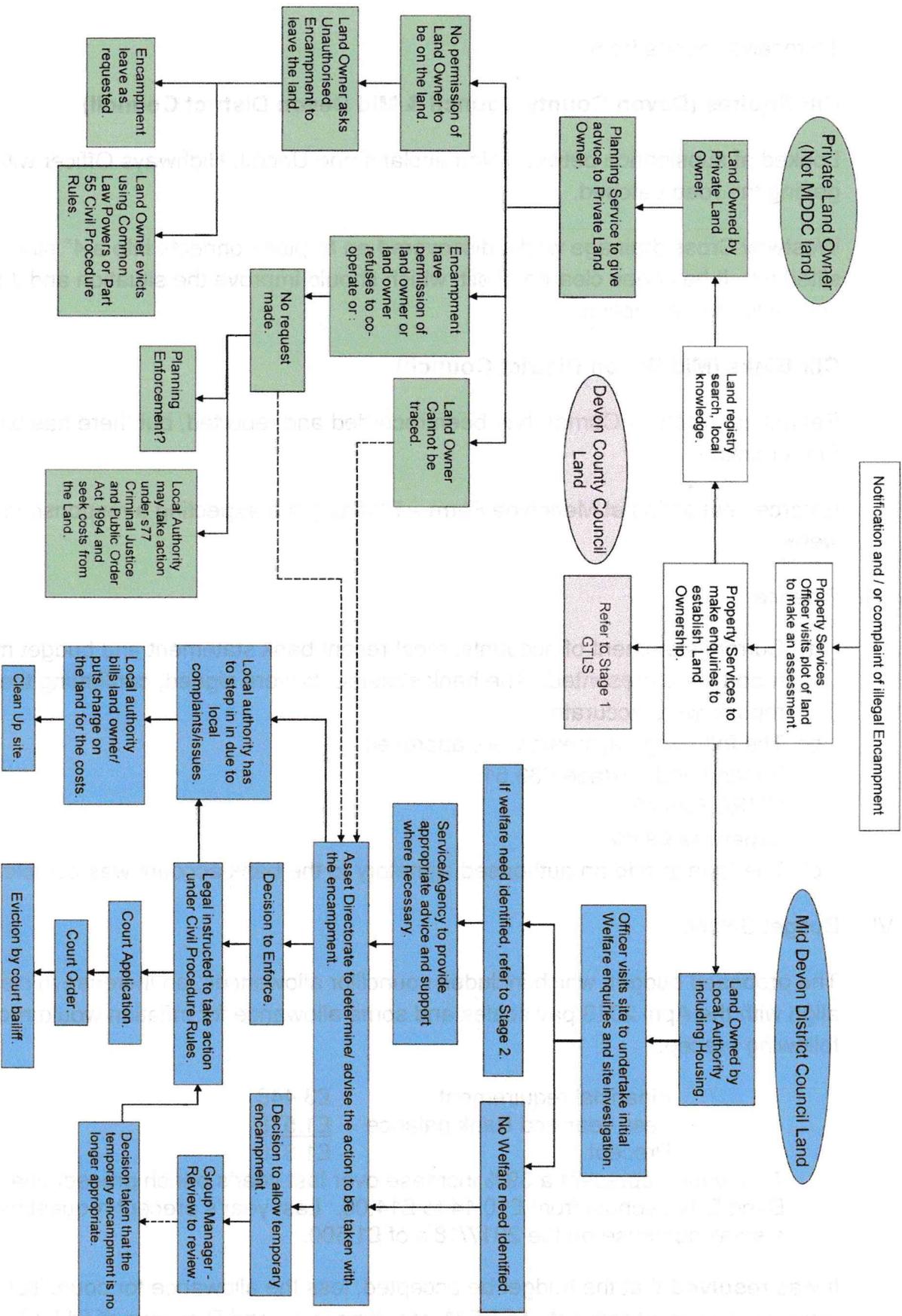
**Defibrillators** - we have been contacted by Bluebox Medical Ltd, distributors for a new Automated External Defibrillator to the UK, offering to discuss and demonstrate the device at a Council meeting. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) accounts for around 100,000 deaths in the UK each year (figures from British Heart Foundation and DoH) of which 60,000 occur in the home, at work or when out-and-about. Having numerous public access defibrillators means there will always be one nearby in the event of a life-threatening emergency. Councillors **resolved** to invite a representative to a future meeting.

**The Raynsford Review of Planning**, led by former housing minister Nick Raynsford, has released its final report, Planning 2020. The report, commissioned by the Town and Country Planning Association, concludes that “the current planning system in England does not work effectively in the long-term public interest of communities or the nation.” The review makes a number of recommendations, we await further developments.

**Verge Cutting** – a resident emailed that the Highway Authority did not carry out the September cut that our draft minutes had stated would happen; “the only cutting that has taken place is by the good offices of local residents.” He suggests that the Council reconsiders its decision not to bring in their own contractor. Other observations noted that Highways did cut the visibility splays on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**MDDC illegal encampments procedure**; MDDC wish to consult key stakeholders by 7<sup>th</sup> December. The documents were forwarded to those on email on 13<sup>th</sup> November. A flow chart summarising the procedure is shown below.

There has been an issue with illegal encampments in the past in Nomansland.



V. To receive reports from:-

**Cllr Squires (Devon County Council & Mid Devon District Council)**

Looked at subsidence between Nomansland and Upcott, Highways Officer will look into getting the road patched.

Westway Cross drainage works discovered an 8" pipe connects into a 4" pipe, which was silted up. It has been cleared of silt, which should improve the situation and it has been scheduled for replacement.

**Cllr Binks (Mid Devon District Council)**

Parked car Doctor's Corner, has been recorded and reported, but there has been no further action.

Enforcement action at Menchine Farm – Planning are expecting a response in the next week.

VI. Finance

- a) Current statement of accounts, most recent bank statement and budget monitoring report were presented. The bank statements were signed, confirming the financial reports were accurate.
- b) The following payments were approved:
  - Printing and postage £33.51
  - HMRC £26.40
  - Expenses £9.60
- c) The form to add an authorised signatory to the bank account was completed.

VII. Budget Setting

The proposed budget, which includes councillor allowances, an increase in clerk salary to align with the April 2018 pay scales and some allowance for inflation would require the following precept:

Financial requirement	£3,448
Less year end Bank balance	<u>£1,578</u>
Precept	£1,870

This would represent a 39% increase over last year's parish precept charge for a Band D household from £10.14 to £14.06. Last year's precept request was £1,416, a small decrease on the 2017/18's of £1,500.

It was **resolved** that the budget be accepted, less the allowance for councillor expenses requiring a precept request of £1,521, resulting in a band D charge of £11.43.

## VIII. Draft Newsletter

A draft of the second annual newsletter was tabled for discussion. A link to reporting Highways faults was suggested for addition.

## IX. Planning

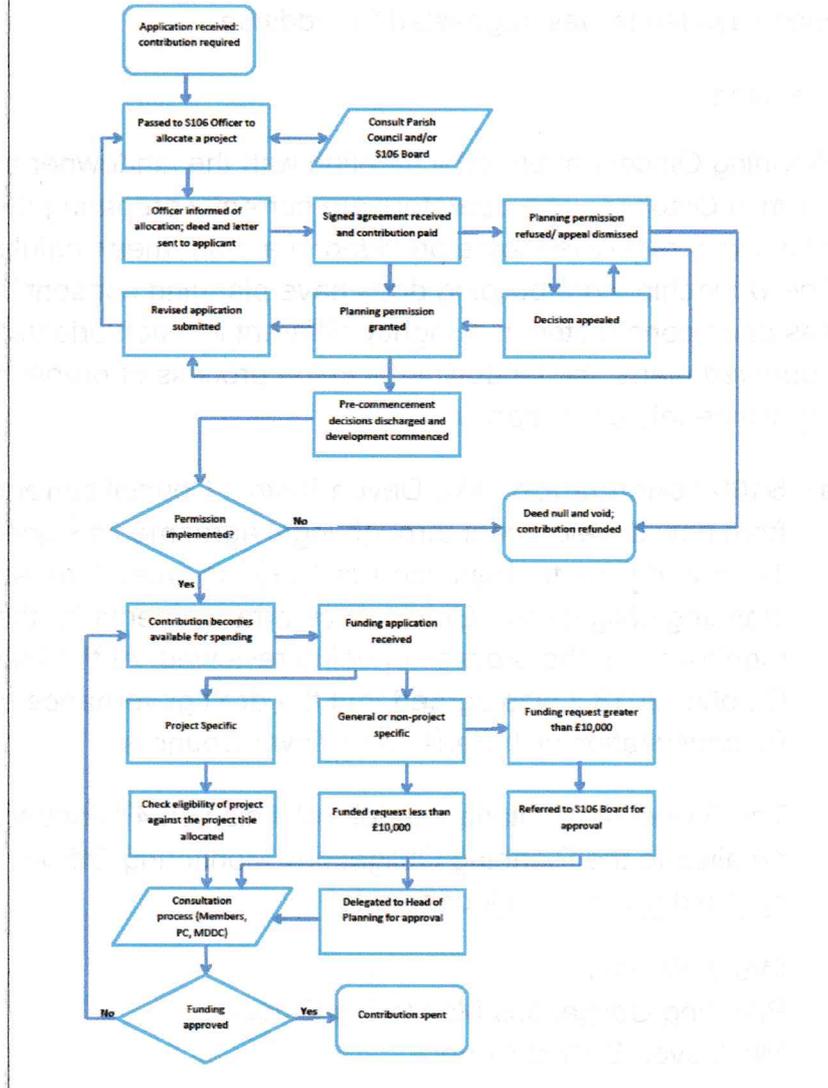
Planning Officers attended a meeting with the landowner and the operators of Menchine Farm in October. The operators are currently preparing the feedstock movement data which was requested to be provided in a more meaningful and understandable format. The woodchip store/building does have planning consent, however, it was noted that it has been constructed in a slightly different location/orientation than shown on the approved plans; the landowner is in the process of preparing a further application to regularise this discrepancy.

- a) **S106 consultation** - Mid Devon District Council currently collect financial contributions from new development through legal agreements signed under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), sometimes also referred to as planning obligations. Governance arrangements for the collection and spend of S106 monies are in the process of being reviewed. At the MDDC Cabinet meeting of October 2018 it was agreed that the draft governance arrangements would be sent out for consultation with Parish and Town Councils.

The 5 week consultation period will finish on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Comments should be emailed to the Planning Obligations Monitoring Officer, Jo Williams on [cil@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:cil@middevon.gov.uk) or sent to

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**PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FUNDING FLOWCHART**



**Applications approved since last meeting:**

Erection of an agricultural livestock stock building

Land and Buildings at NGR 278755 112206 Thelbridge Barton Thelbridge Devon  
Ref. No: 18/01189/FULL

Erection of an agricultural storage and livestock building

Land and Buildings at NGR 282252 113789 West Middlewick Farm Nomansland Devon  
Ref. No: 18/01206/FULL

**Applications pending decision:**

There are no new applications

A resident has raised concerns regarding a new fence extended over the verge at Eastwick Barton. It was **resolved** that a complaint should be raised on behalf of the resident.

X. Items for future agenda

Equal opportunities policy  
Standing orders review  
Financial regulations review  
Defibrillator

Future meeting dates, all starting at 19:30 in the Thelbridge Parish Hall:

6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (approve year end accounts)

8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Annual Meeting (elections 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed *W. K. Bundy* .....(Chairman) Date *6<sup>th</sup> February 2019* .....