

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 10th MAY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllr T. Davey , Cllr J. Grimble, Cllr. J. Jenner, Cllr. J. Pepperell, Cllr. D.Hourahane,
Cllr. I. White, Cty. Cllr.C. Clarence, PCSO Colin Rider, together with 11 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. R. Hunt, Cllr. M. Bryan.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr J. Pepperell nominated Cllr. T. Davey for election as Chairman, seconded Cllr. J. Grimble, duly carried.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr. T. Davey nominated Cllr. J. Grimble for election as Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr. J. Jenner, duly carried.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

PLANNING Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Williams, Jenner, Bailey and Morgan.

CEMETERY Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Pepperell, Jenner and Williams.

COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Hunt, Morgan and Bryan..

FINANCE Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Bailey, Cllr. Morgan.

BANK SIGNATORIES Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr.Morgan.

TEIGN ESTUARY Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Jenner.

RURAL AID Cllr. Pepperell.

TALC Chairman and Vice Chairman

VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE Cllr. R. Hunt.

POLICE LIAISON OFFICER Cllr T. Davey and Cllr. Hourahane.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were duly approved and signed after a slight amendment.

1117 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that there were nothing further to report on the proposed enhancement scheme for the top of Bishops Avenue, but she reminded councillors that the Rural Aid grant of £5000 towards the scheme had now been lost due to the monies not having been claimed within the time scale.

1118 **CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cllr. Williams advising her that he had spoken to Marie Downey, Legal Assistant, TDC, regarding the transfer of the Closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist, but she was had been unable to give him any information and suggested that the Clerk speak to Duncan Moors. The Clerk went on to report that she had contacted Keith Welters, the consultant looking into the situation on behalf of the Parish Council to see if he had any more information and was waiting for his response before speaking to Duncan Moors.

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1119 MAINTENANCE.

A response was still awaited from the Conservation Officer over the condition of Sanctuary Wall.

A letter had been received from Elizabeth Gill and Ann White asking for permission to plant a shrub at Clamage Cross in memory of their mother, next to the seat dedicated to their father. They had spoken to the residents who look after that area and it was felt that a camellia would be suitable. This matter was discussed and agreed to ask DCC who owned the land.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that there was discoloured water continuously leaking across the pavement at the top of Cockhaven Close. Cllr. White suggested that the Environment Agency, Devon Area, be contacted. Agreed.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the metal guard around the tree in Church Road dedicated to Fred Pawlett (Scoutie) was becoming tight and could cause damage to growth. Roger Morey to be asked to look at this.

1120 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

An email had been received from Simon Pearson, Highway Superintendent, DCC, advising that the bank slippage on Manor Road had now been cleared.

An email had been received from Simon Pearson, Highway Superintendent, DCC, regarding the road surface of Forder Lane, advising that it was hoped that there would be funding available either this year or next to undertake resurfacing work but that it would continue to be routinely inspected.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow PCSO Colin Rider to speak.

PCSO Colin Rider reported the crime statistics from 11.4.10 to 10.5.10 which included shop lifting at Jacks Patch, a fight at Bishop John, Neighbourhood disputes, a watch stolen from a Residential Home, an obstruction with an ambulance unable to get up Berry Hill, a RTC, a hit and run and dangerous driving on the A381. He also reported that the family at Lawns End had agreed to pay 50% of the cost to repair the light that the young lad had damaged as well as helping the clerk plant bulbs and flowers at the Recreation Ground. PCSO Rider advised the council that the new Neighbourhood Beat Manager had taken up his post but was unable to attend the meeting this evening due to his shift and family commitments, but would attend as soon as possible.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

The Clerk reported had she had received a letter from Mrs Mudie regarding the condition of the footpath from Stockmeadow Gardens to Church Road and had contacted Simon Pearson, DCC who had inspected the footpath and was looking to put in a hand rail at the steepest point.

Information had been received from DCC regarding the proposal to change all night long street lighting to lighting between dusk and 12.30am and again from 5.30am until dawn, except for the A381 and asking for the Parish Council's comments. This matter was discussed and agreed to support this proposal, but suggest that due to concerns over the possibility of an increase in crime, this be on a trial basis and reviewed after 12 months.

Cllr. Hourahane reported that the road had been resurfaced where the tree roots were causing a problem at the bottom of Murley Crescent.

1121 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION

Quotes had been received for the repair of the Ha Ha wall at the Recreation Ground. A meeting to held at the end of the Full Council meeting to discuss these.

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1121 **COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd.**

The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with Mark Waddams, Tree Officer, TDC and potential tree wardens for Bishopsteignton. Mark Waddams had explained the role of the tree wardens and that it had been found that a good liaison with the Parish Council is beneficial. As a result of the meeting Dr. Ruth Sewell and Bob McMahon have agreed to become volunteer tree wardens for Bishopsteignton and would like to come to the next meeting to introduce themselves and outline their role. The Tree Wardens have also asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to subscribe to the Tree Council, minimum annual subscription £10, which would entitle them to a quarterly magazine. This was discussed and agreed that they should come to the next Parish Council meeting and that an annual subscription to the Tree Council be made.

The Clerk asked if a notice board could be purchased for the Recreation Area. Costs to be looked into and discussed at the next meeting. Cllr. White suggested that a notice board be erected at Coles Barn bus stop.

A letter had been received from Juliette Brown regarding the possibility of monthly/Annual payments for the Sports Area. This to be discussed by the Management Committee.

The Clerk reported that she had heard from Russell Bond, Tennis Coach who would like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss his plans for tennis at the sports area. It was agreed to invite him to a Countryside & Recreation Committee meeting on Monday 24th May 2010 at 8pm.

1122 **PLANNING**

THE MINUTES of the Planning meeting held on the 26th April 2010 were duly approved and signed.

10/00989/LBC Whidborne Manor Ash Hill Retention of timber deck and retaining walls - no comment.

10/01077/FUL Church of St. John the Baptist Church Road New free standing gas and electricity intake meter boxes inside boundary wall of churchyard. Cllr. Pepperell raised her concerns at the work that was being planned for the church and Cllr. White gave details and explained that this had come about by the need to renew the heating system and that any work would require Faculty approval and proper consultation. After further discussion TDC to be advised that the Parish Council had no objections.

10/01283/FUL The Root House Home Humber installation of glazed panels - no objections.

10/01334/DCC Bishopsteignton Primary School Ground floor store room extension to serve main school hall - no objections

10/01051/FUL & 10/01052/CON 9 Teign View Road Replacement dwelling.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow members of the Public to speak.

Concern was raised that the style of the proposed dwelling would not fit in with the surrounding houses and that the proposal was in breach of some of the conservation rules which stated that wood should not be stained and that there was concern over the contrast between the cedar and white walls. Mr Hammond raised his concerns over the planting arrangements and felt that this could be a missed opportunity to enhance the area. Mr Hemmings felt that it was somewhat bizarre that the Parish Council had made no comment as this property was in a conservation area and did not fit in. He identified a property in the middle of the village which was of a similar design and style and which had a detrimental impact on the village, that a modern building was out of character and felt that all integrity had been lost. The applicant explained that he had been working with his architect over the course of the last year in accordance with design policy, the Village Design Statement and best practice in energy efficiency and because of the number of comments from neighbouring residents had commissioned additional surveys. He reported that the planting scheme on the plan was inaccurate and that there would be a native planting scheme and advised that they would not be putting in banks above the line of the Devon bank on Teign View Road. He went on to explain that the plan was to excavate 750mm to minimise the impact and had gone to some lengths to make a quality design which would add to the character in that part of the street.

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1122 PLANNING cont'd.

After further discussion the following comments to be made to TDC:-

“Having now heard from objectors and the applicant, the Parish Council wish to make comment. They have some reservations and concerns over this application, especially as this is within a conservation area and feel that these concerns would be best addressed by a site visit. The Parish Council have also asked their District Councillor to place this application on category B if TDC Officers are of a mind to approve.”

1123 MEMBERS REPORTS

A letter had been received from Glen Parker, Housing Policy & Procedures Manager, Devon & Cornwall Housing regarding the concerns of the Parish Council over the policy of letting at Lawns End, advising the he was confirming some of the background details and should be able to answer the queries shortly.

Cllr. Hunt had forwarded a report on the Bishopsteignton Business Society which had delivered its first project which was a Treasure Trail for the village as part of a series of similar trails for towns and villages. He reported that it was being launched and sold at the Devon County Show and that four local businesses had taken out adverts to pay for the trail which is produced by a Cornwall based company.

Cllr. Hunt had forwarded a report on the Sustran Cycle route which was making some progress and that there will be a further meeting for community users at which there will be a village representative.

1032 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Bonita Day regarding her concerns over the presentation by Care South over the future of Huntley and the fact that Cllr. Hourahane had remained in the room. Cllr. Hourahane explained that he had declared a personal interest and that he has since spoken with Coli Day and dispelled a number of concerns raised. Cllr. Hourahane then left the room. The Chairman reported that the presentation was informal and was not being discussed as part of a planning application. He explained that the Clerk had checked with TDC solicitors and that he had an email from Cllr. Williams who had also looked into this with TDC and that because this was an informal presentation, that Cllr. Hourahane had declared a personal interest and not a pecuniary interest, there was no requirement for him to leave the room. The Chairman reported that the letter also mentioned the fact that a parliamentary candidate was at the meeting and advised councillors that she had not been invited by anyone from the Parish Council, but had rang and asked if she could attend and that as a public meeting anyone is entitled to attend. After further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would respond.

Further details had been obtained on the revised timetable for Country bus following the withdrawal of funding from DCC. The new service reduced the number of buses through the village to every other bus with the other services going direct along the main road at similar times to the existing Stagecoach service. This resulted in the first service to Teignmouth not being until 10.20 and no service back between 14.30 and 16.30, similarly a two hourly service between Bishopsteignton and Newton Abbot.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Cty. Cllr. Clarence to speak.

Cty. Cllr. Clarence explained that he had been contacted by a resident over the change to the service and had written to officers at DCC and was waiting for a reply.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

This matter was discussed and concerns were raised at the lack of service through the village and the business sense of running a service along the main road at the same time as Stagecoach who ran a more frequent service. Cllr. Jenner raised his concerns that at present the timetable coincided with the train times from Teignmouth to principle stations and the new timetable would mean that travellers would just miss the mainline train services. After further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Country Bus and DCC raising these points.

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1032 **CORRESPONDENCE cont'd**

An invitation had been received from Devon & Cornwall Police to the opening of the new police shop in Wellington Street, Teignmouth on Thursday 13th May 2010 at 10am. Cllr. Hourahane to see if he could attend.

A letter had been received from TDC regarding the contract with English Landscapes who maintain the land known as Pathfields, Cockhaven Close, which was up for tender and asking the Parish Council if they were happy with the current level of service. This was discussed and agreed that the current level of maintenance was to a very good standard.

An email had been received from Sarah Lord asking if a draft version of the minutes could be published on the website. This was discussed and concern was raised that this could cause confusion and additional work for the clerk so was not agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow members of the Public to speak.

Mrs Grimble reported that she had logged a the registration of a car which she had seen going the wrong way along the one way system in Cockhaven Road in the book at the Post Office, but was concerned that PCSO Colin Rider had not seen this. The Clerk to advise him.

CHEQUES SIGNED

000	Aon Ltd. (Insurance)	£ 2538.10
000971	R D Edwards (repairs to lights Recreation ground)	£ 86.92
000972	EDF. Energy (electricity Recreation Ground)	£ 77.95 (VAT £3.71)
000973	Playsafety Ltd – Annual ROSPA Inspection	£ 158.63 (VAT £23.63)
000974	Neptune Outdoor Furniture (seat Wallis Grove)	£ 599.25 (VAT £89.25)
000975	Thring Townsend Lee Pembertons (Village Green)	£ 411.25 (VAT £61.25)
000976	Inland Revenue (Tax & N.I.)	£ 181.23
000977	Mrs C. Colyer (Salary)	£ 827.70

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 30th APRIL 2010)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 21411.13
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 446.02
Bank of Scotland	£ 20582.14
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 2744.85
RECEIPTS	£ 16616.57

DATED

CHAIRMAN