

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Davey (Chairman), Cllr. J. Grimble (Vice Chairman), Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. M. Bryan, Cllr. J. Jenner, Cllr. I. White, Cllr. R. Bailey, Cllr. R. Hunt, Cllr. D. Hourahane, IanPerry(TDC) P.C.S.O. Colin Rider together with eight members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. J. Pepperell, Cty. Cllr. Clarence.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Ian Perry, Planning Officer from TDC who had come to give a presentation on the changes to Permitted Development Rights as from October 2008.

STANDING ORDERS were suspended.

Mr Perry explained that these changes related to Householder Permitted Development Rights and were divided into Class A – extensions, Class B - additions or alterations to roof, Class C - any other alterations to roof, Class D - porches, Class E - outbuildings, enclosures, pools and containers, Class F - hard standings, Class G - chimneys, flues, soil and vent pipes and Class H - microwave antennas. Householder renewables were covered by Part 40 of the GPDO and there were special restrictions in Conservation Areas. Mr Perry went through each class and outlined what was permissible without planning permission, but advised that there were a number of issues in which there were no clear guidelines and recommended that if there was any doubt as to whether a proposed extension/alteration to a building came under permitted development, advice should be sought from the Planning Officers at Teignbridge. He handed out copies of a Quick Reference Guide to Householder Permitted Development Rights to councillors and left several copies of a booklet “A Householder’s Planning Guide” for reference.

The Chairman thanked Mr Perry for coming along to the meeting and giving a very informative presentation.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were duly approved and signed.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING were agreed and the precept for 2010/2011 adopted.

1093 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Hunt confirmed that as reported at the planning meeting, DCC were not financially supporting the Bishop’s Avenue Scheme which they had indicated that they would. He went on to report that the BEG had held a meeting and agreed that they would not drop the scheme and had written to Cllr. Stuart Hughes DCC. A letter of support was being sent to the CEO, DCC by Richard Younger-Ross MP and there was further support from District Councillors and the BEG were waiting to hear from various contacts. Cllr. Hunt explained that there were three options, the scheme to go ahead as planned, discuss ways to reduce costs so the scheme could proceed or budget for the scheme to be carried out next year. Cllr. Hunt advised that he would report any developments to councillors.

1094 **CEMETERY**

Following the meeting with Alan Connett, Leader TDC on 8.12.09 to discuss the Closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church, a meeting with Duncan Moors was to be arranged but no dates had been forthcoming. Cllr. Williams to chase.

Cllr. Grimble reported that there had been an article in a local newspaper in which Cllr. Alan Connett had said that a saving of £20,000 could be made by abolishing Burial Grants. He went on to explain that as part of the council’s reorganisation in 1974 a number of policies had been made to equalize the burdens between Rural and Urban areas, one of which was the introduction of the Burial Grants and he was very concerned at this suggestion especially with the Parish Council having inherited the closed churchyard at St. John the Baptist. This was discussed and Cllr. Grimble asked to draft a letter to TDC.

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1094 CEMETERY cont'd.

A Cemetery Committee meeting was arranged for Monday 15th February at 7pm, to discuss burial charges.

The Clerk informed councillors that a service of the cemetery mower was now due and it was agreed to ask J.W. Groundcare who serviced it last year.

1095 MAINTENANCE

Cllr. Hunt reported that there was a drainage leak on Manor Road which initially looked as if it was due to a bank collapsing outside the property but there was a possibility that the bank had been dug out deliberately. DCC and TDC to be advised.

1096 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

A meeting was arranged for 15.02.2010 after the planning meeting to prioritise the items from the report from Brian George, Area Engineer, DCC, following the meeting held in August 2009.

A response had been received from Bob Jones, Project Engineer, DCC following the concerns raised over the gradient of the pavement on Fore Street, advising the Parish Council that these had been inspected and were within DCC tolerance levels.

A letter had been received from Mandy Life, Operations Manager, TDC regarding the concerns raised over the lack of road sweeping, in particular from Gunn Cottage to Forder Lane where the gully's were blocked. Ms Life explained that Bishopsteignton was scheduled to be mechanically swept every 4 weeks, but during times of severe weather it was necessary to depart from normal schedules and prioritise main and other road, but that the village had been swept since the Parish Council letter. This matter was discussed and several councillors reported that to their knowledge the area outside Gunn Cottage had not been swept either this year or last year. Cllr. Williams reported that he had spoken to Mr Tozer at TDC on this matter and had been assured the road was cleared every month. A further letter to be sent to TDC.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Allianz Insurance regarding the damaged bus shelter on the A381 near Metro Motors, obtained authorisation to make safe which had now been done, taken photos and forwarded quotes for the rebuild and was now awaiting a decision.

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

P.C.S.O. Colin Rider reported that the damage to the bus shelter had been caused by a driver who was now being prosecuted for driving without due care and attention.

Sarah Rawlings raised her concerns that there had been several accidents in this area which was well used due to the bus stop and children walking from the school to Lawns End or the recreation ground and although she recognised that in this instance the accident could not probably not have been avoided, asked if there was any action that could be taken to prevent further accidents. She went on to explain that there was nothing on the road, just standard signage and with no street lights made it quite a dangerous spot and that in other areas, i.e. Dawlish, Kingsteignton, rumble strips and effective road markings had been used.

PCSO Colin Rider reported that from 6th December 2009 from Teignmouth to the Ware Barton roundabout there had been 7 accidents. He also reported that speed checks had been carried out on the 17th with 3 tickets being issued and 2 warnings.

Cllr. Bailey was concerned that the 30MPH sign might be in the wrong place especially as drivers came straight from a 60MPH.

PCSO Colin Rider felt that there was a disproportionate number of accidents on this stretch of the road, some of which could attributed to the varying speed limits and felt that prominent road marking would be effective.

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council had been requesting a 40MPH from Ware Barton roundabout to the 30MPH sign but this had not been supported by the police or DCC but they would include this request in their traffic management plan.

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1096 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Cllr. White reported that a number of counties advertised accident statistics on their roads and he felt that this could be very effective.

Jim Whittaker reported that when the portable speed warning sign was put at the Cockhaven Road junction he had watched over a period of time and every car had been travelling over 30MPH and his visitors had also informed him that the 30MPH sign was not lit and not easy to see and they thought it was illegal.

After further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to DCC advising them of the concerns of the Parish Council and residents and asking them to look at additional safety measures.

in PCSO Colin Rider reported that he had contacted DCC regarding the No Entry signage on Cockhaven Road which was obscured by a bush, as there were a number of drivers using this the road the wrong direction and had obtained a Case No. 10322583. Councillors also raised their concerns over drivers ignoring the one way system and the Clerk to write to DCC.

PCSO Colin Rider reported the crime statistics for December and January which included a burglary , theft from a vehicle, vehicle theft, Ice skid near the cemetery, a serious incident developing from a domestic, a dog bite, nuisance bikes, parking issues, attempted fraud, dangerous driving, hit & run in Fore street and a disturbance at Cockhaven Manor.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

Cllr. Bryan reported that there were a number of potholes in Cockhaven Road and Cllr. Hourahane reported that the potholes in Forder Lane, near Huntley which had been filled were now in need of repair again and the potholes outside West Town Cottages had not yet been repaired. DCC to be advised.

1097 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION

Cllr. Hunt reported that there had not been another Management Committee meeting but that things seemed to be going alright at the sports area although bookings had been affected by the bad weather.

Cllr. Hunt reported that he had attended a meeting on the Cycle Path which included representatives from DCC and TDC. He reported that the cycle route between Teignmouth and Newton Abbot had been divided into 3 sections, Teignmouth to Shaldon Bridge, Shaldon Bridge to Passage House and Passage House to Newton Abbot Quay, but that not a lot had happened on the section from Teignmouth to the Passage House. The section from Newton Abbot Town Quay to the Passage House was being looked at although there were a number of problems with various land owners involved. It was planned an iconic bridge be built across the river and the total cost of the cycle route for this section would cost in the region of 3 million pounds with Sustran needing to find a further 2 ½ million pounds. Cllr. Hunt explained that he had proposed that the section between Flow Point and the Passage House be looked at fairly quickly as it would be of enormous benefit to the village and would be relatively cheap to do, so it had been agreed that a user group be set up with interested parties and he had advertised this on the website with a meeting the day after tomorrow so it was hoped that some progress would now be made.

The Clerk reported that she had hand delivered the submission in response to the representations from TDC objecting to the area of land known as Pathfields, Cockhaven Close/Horns Park being registered as a village green, to Paul Uren, DCC and had sent copies to all councillors. Cllr. Grimble felt that the response from Karen Jones, Barrister, was very good and took up the point that TDC had not disputed that the land was used for recreation purposes. Cllr. Davey reported that the application to register the land at Palk Close, Shaldon had been refused.

A response was still awaited from Martin Weaver who had been asked to suggest suitable locations for the planting of trees to replace the two mature oak trees that were felled between Rowden Cross and Gypsy Corner. The Chairman reported that these needed to be planted by March and Martin Weaver to be chased.

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1098 PLANNING

THE MINUTES of the Planning Meeting held on the 18th January 2010 were duly approved and signed.

A copy of the Conservation Area Character Appraisal review had been received and the Clerk explained that she had spoken to the Conservation Officer and that the alterations related to modifications to English Heritage Listed building reference numbers, minor modification to Teignbridge referencing and updated information from DCC referring to Archaeology and the removal of Conservation Area Boundary reviews and action points which will now form part of the forthcoming Management Plans. The Conservation officer was sending a copy of the draft boundary reviews and would hold a meeting to discuss these prior to any public consultations, but that should there be any comments on the first stage of the appraisal these must be made by 26th February 2010.

An email had been received from Carlo Josi asking if the Parish Council had any information of the occupancy of a haystores, immediately behind the Elizabethan Inn, Luton, which had been erected following a planning application in 2003, but where the occupant was claiming to live since 2005. The Parish Council had no knowledge of this.

1099 MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. Hunt reported that he had attended a Strategic Teignbridge Meeting - Consult with Youth. He reported that there was no representative from Bishopsteignton on the Youth Council and that steps were being taken to try to involve the youth of Teignbridge more and he felt that the Parish Council should have some role to involve the youth in village planning.

1100 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from TDC on Devon Home Choice which was a new way that allocated social housing with all information and applications for Devon going through a central point.

A letter had been received asking for nominations for the Royal Garden Party on 22nd June 2010.

A survey had been received from the Devon Library Services. This was discussed and the clerk to respond.

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

Mrs Grimble reported that the cob wall on Fore Street had fallen down.

CHEQUES SIGNED

000946	Ian Pybus - part payment seat refurbishment	£ 350.00
000947	EDF Energy - electricity sports area	£ 113.91 (VAT £5.42)
000948	Inkoast - printer ink	£ 85.59 (VAT £12.75)
000949	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 177.29
000950	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary	£ 819.33

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 31st JANUARY 2010)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 11257.79
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.92
Bank of Scotland	£ 20578.02
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 1372.63
RECEIPTS	£ 1325.00

DATED

CHAIRMAN