

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 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. Hunt, Cllr. D. Hourahane, Cllr. J. Pepperell, Cty. Cllr. Clarence together with three members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. R. Bailey, Cllr. C. Morgan, P.C.S.O. Colin Rider.

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

1101 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Hunt reported that DCC had advised the BEG that there would be no funds available for the Bishops Avenue Enhancement Scheme for the foreseeable future. He went on to report that the BEG had held a meeting and decided to work on at least trying to do phase 1 of the scheme to improve the car park, take down the wall and put in a new footpath behind the car parking and that this could be done in a way which would not stop the rest of the scheme going ahead if funding became available. Cllr. Grimble asked about the ownership of the land and Cllr. Hunt explained that if TDC wished to transfer the land to the Parish Council it would be up to the Council to decide. Cllr. Grimble raised his concerns about investing into the scheme without some form of security which ownership of the land would give. Cllr. Hunt advised that the BEG had written to DCC regarding this proposal as they would need to be involved to ensure that it would fit in with the rest of the scheme, and had arranged a meeting with TDC to discuss this.

**STANDING ORDERS were suspended to allow Cty. Cllr. Clarence to speak.**

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that he had seen the email from Colin Day and what was being proposed made a great deal of sense so that if DCC finances improved and they came up with the money in a few years time the scheme could be completed. Cty. Cllr. Clarence went on to say that the letter from DCC which stated that there would be no money for the foreseeable future was very grim. He explained that Ed Chorlton had never made any budget provision for funding and that it had been turned down on two major policies in that it was of no great economic benefit and there were no real safety issues.

Cllr. Grimble raised his concerns that this was turned down on a business test and felt that there should be a community test otherwise there was a danger that all the resources would be drawn into urban projects rather than rural and he questioned how much per head was spent on Bishopsteignton residents. He also explained that this was why the District Council had introduced Rural Aid in 1974, to redress the balance. He asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence to take these comments on board.

Cllr. White raised his concerns over responsibility of the pavement if the Parish Council paid for its relocation and Cllr. Jenner raised his concerns over the ramp which was at the bottom of 3 Fore Street serving as a retaining wall.

Cty. Cllr. Clarence explained that there was a HATOC fund available for which TDC were given £90000 a year to spend on schemes in the area and it might be possible to get a small amount of funds from this pot of money for the scheme.

Cllr. Hunt reported that all of these concerns would be raised with DCC and TDC, that the BEG would need to obtain costings and that he would report any developments at the next meeting.

**STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED**

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1.3.10 (Continued)**

### **1102 CEMETERY**

THE MINUTES of the Cemetery Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were duly approved and signed.

The Clerk reported that she been up to the Cemetery and noticed that there was subsoil scattered around the hedges. She had spoken to Roger Morey who had informed her that there was no reason why the soil was not left in the bottom left had corner behind the trees and she would advise the Funeral Directors. The Chairman reported that he would speak to Roger Morey with regard to making a suitable path from the service gate which would make it easier to remove excess subsoil periodically.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Marie Downey, Legal Assistant, TDC stating that she had been advised that the Parish Council thought that there may have been errors regarding the way the church authorities closed the churchyard and had been asked to look into this. The Clerk explained that these questions had come to light when she had met Keith Welters from Welters Organisation who was looking into the safety concerns on behalf of the Parish Council, as he had looked at the paperwork and the plan that had been enclosed which did not stipulate what areas the Parish Council would be responsible for and also included the Garden of Rest which was not closed. She went on to explain that this had been discussed at the meeting with Alan Connett, the Chairman and Cllr. Williams, but that she did not know who had asked the legal department to look into this. Cllr. Williams reported that he was not aware of this development and would speak to Marie Downey.

### **1103 MAINTENANCE**

An email had been received from DCC regarding the drainage leak on Manor Road advising the Parish Council that DCC were aware of the situation and keeping an eye on it. Cllr Hunt reported that a lot of mud kept being washed out into the road and Cllr. Jenner reported that a large stone had been washed out onto the road and was a danger to traffic. This to be reported and DCC asked to take action.

A letter had been received from Corinne Darville advising the Parish Council that the seat at the bus stop near the Ring of Bells on Fore Street had been painted, but there were no notices advising of wet paint and she had sat on it and got green paint on her trousers which she could not remove. The Clerk reported that there had been wet paint notices erected but was not sure if they were still there the following day. A number of councillors had also seen the wet paint signs. This matter was discussed and it was felt that whilst regrettable, the contractor had done everything in his power to warn people so no further action could be taken. A letter to be sent to Corinne Darville.

The Clerk reported that an amount of £37869 section 106 monies was allocated for improvements to open spaces. She handed out details of planting schemes and estimated costs for the areas of land at Wallis Grove and Radway Hill which had been transferred from TDC to the Parish Council last year and were in need of renovation. This matter was discussed and Cllr. Grimble informed councillors that this money had to be used within five years and as there were no other projects this year, proposed that these schemes be accepted up to a maximum budget of £4500. Seconded Cllr. Pepperell, Agreed. It was also agreed that a community day be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 9.30am to clear the Wallis Grove site ready for building works and tree removal and that another day be held for the planting. Further days to be arranged to start work on the Radway Hill area once Wallace Grove was completed..

### **1104 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Shane, TDC regarding the road sweeping and the blocked culvert from Gunn Cottage to the Forder Lane Junction with the A381. He had advised her that it was swept on a weekly basis and that he had checked the culvert and felt that this was blocked due to the bank slipping. The Chairman informed the meeting that there was nothing wrong with the bank and that he felt it was not being swept properly. After further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman telephone Shane and arrange to meet him on site to explain the problem.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1.3.10 (Continued)**

### **1104 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS cont'd.**

A letter had been received from Derek Moss, DCC regarding the concerns of the Parish Council over the speed of traffic at the 30MPH sign just before Metro Motors on the A381 following a number of accidents in this location and asking for this to be looked at and possibly some road markings to alert drivers. Mr Moss explained that it was the circumstances of each individual accident which determined as to whether intervention measures needed to be taken and that he had looked at this site and the signage was correct, but he had no objection to the request that the terminal point be enhanced through additional road markings and would put this in next year's budget. A letter to be sent advising Mr Moss that the Parish Council are delighted that this is going to be put in next year's budget and look forward to this work being carried out early in the new financial year.

area An email had been received from DCC regarding the concerns over the signage of the One Way System at Cockhaven which was being regularly abused and confirming that minor improvements to the this had been added to their programme of works for the next financial year.

### **STANDING ORDERS were suspended to allow Cty. Cllr. Clarence to speak.**

Cty. Cllr. Clarence explained that he had looked at this road with PCSO Colin Rider and had spoken to Brian George and Derek Moss on this matter. They had informed him that the requirement for this road was one sign but agreed to erect a "No Through Road 50yds ahead" sign to make it clearer and advised him that there was money in the budget to do this.

### **STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED**

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Clarence for liaising with DCC and getting some action on this matter. Cllr. White suggested that a camera sign may also help to prevent drivers deliberately ignoring the signs. Cllr. Jenner and Cllr. Pepperell reported that there were 5 vehicles an hour on a regular basis ignoring the one way system and it was agreed that PCSO Colin Rider be asked to take action.

Notice had been received of a road closure application of Radway Hill from 17.5.10 for 5 days to carry out repairs to the drains. Cllr. Grimble raised his concerns at how difficult a diversion would be and the need to involve the police to ensure traffic can get access. A letter to be sent to DCC once the official notification was received asking them what other action they were taking to aid traffic and PCSO Colin Rider to be informed.

Cllr Bryan reported that there was water coming across the road, presumably from blocked drains, at the top of Radway Street, near Bronescome Avenue. DCC to be informed.

The Clerk read out a report from PCSO Colin Rider in which he gave details of the police log and recorded crimes during February. There had been some attempted fraud and PCSO Colin Rider reported he was placing an article in the Parish Chronicle to make residents aware. A speed check had been carried out on the A381 near Jacks Patch resulting in 4 drivers being contacted.

The Chairman reported that another accident had occurred on the A381 between the two entrances to Wear Farm at the location where the Parish Council had asked for preventative measures such as an anti skid surface or road markings, to be taken. A further letter to be sent to DCC.

### **1105 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Paul Uren, DCC regarding the village green application advising the Parish Council that they were looking into the possibility of holding a non statutory inquiry. This to be discussed in Committee after the meeting.

A letter had been sent to Martin Weaver, DCC asking for permission to plant an oak on the bank at the junction of Forder Lane/A381 as one location to replace the two mature oak trees that were felled between Rowden Cross and Gypsy Corner, but this had been refused. The Chairman reported that he had obtained the trees and that Geoff Lang had identified two sites and that he felt that a tree could be planted inside the fence on this junction and that he would liaise with the school as they needed to be planted this month.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1.3.10(Continued)

### 1105 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd.

An email had been received from Suzy Wright asking for permission to use the Recreation Ground for a Children's Fun Run on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 at 5pm and for the organisers to mow a track around the field. Agreed unanimously.

### 1106 PLANNING

THE MINUTES of the Planning Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were duly approved and signed.

10/00500/CLDE Baytor Hamblecombe Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of part stable building as dwelling - no comment.

Cllr. Grimble reported that a brick wall had been built with access at the back of the new houses on Magdalen Close, bordering Pathfields and he was concerned that permission for this had not been obtained. This matter was discussed and concern was raised that the hedge around this estate had not been reinstated. The Clerk to check the correspondence to confirm if TDC had asked that the hedges be reinstated and TDC to be advised of the wall and access.

### 1107 MEMBERS REPORTS

None.

### 1108 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from DAPC advising that the new Model Standing Orders were now available and that part 2 could be downloaded and a copy purchased for £25. The Clerk agreed to email details of the web access and it was agreed to order one copy.

A letter had been received from Alan Connett, Leader of TDC, inviting councillors to attend the official launch of 'A Housing Strategy for Teignbridge' (2010 to 2015) from 3pm to 4.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the Courtenay Centre, Newton Abbot.

An invitation had been received to attend a spatial appraisal of coastal landscape issues on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Passage House Hotel.

A letter had been received from Bishopsteignton Millennium Committee enclosing a cheque for £250, which were the proceeds of the Tramps Ball, for the sports area. A letter of thanks to be sent.

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that there would shortly be a press release from DCC on the proposed cycleway from Teignmouth to Newton Abbot. He reported that there were huge difficulties with the bridge at Teignmouth but that DCC had every intention of putting in a cycleway and that there would be a meeting shortly with Officers to take this forward. Cllr. White asked if it was Sustran or DCC financing this project and Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that Sustran were financing the Newton Abbot to Passage House Inn section and that DCC had put in £16,000 with a further £16000 in the budget for 2010/11 and £600,000 for 2011/12. Cllr. White raised his concerns over the vast sum of money that was being given to this project in the current climate. He felt that councillors should reassess their priorities and asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence to take these comments on board.

Mrs Grimble reported that the roots of the pine tree at Wicon Croft at the bottom of Murley Crescent were lifting the pavement and were now affecting the road. DCC to be advised.

Mr Whittaker reported that a couple of weeks ago he saw water on the road opposite the electricity sub station and that this had been caused by the pipe from the little stream which ran along the road being blocked. He reported that he had rung TDC and DCC and that Western Power had been notified and this matter was in hand.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CHEQUES SIGNED**

000951	Ian Pybus - part payment seat refurbishment	£ 215.00
000952	Shaw & Sons - Burial Deed Book	£ 324.30 (VAT £48.30)
000953	Thring Townsend Lee Pempertons - Barrister Village Green	£1175.00 (VAT £175.00)
000954	South West Water - water sports area	£ 64.27
000955	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 177.29
000956	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary	£ 821.77

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010)**

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 9836.61
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.92
Bank of Scotland	£ 20579.29
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 1546.43
RECEIPTS	£ 1326.64

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**