

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. J. Grimble(Chairman), Cllr. T. Davey(Vice Chairman), Cllr. R. Hunt,  
Cllr. J. Jenner, Cllr. Mrs Pepperell, Cllr.I. White, Cllr. D. Hourahane,  
Cllr. C. Booth, together with four members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. R. Bailey, Cllr. A. Williams, Cty. Cllr. Cox .

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been completed and no further action was required.

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

994 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the Bishopsteignton Enhancement Group were still looking into funding for the road enhancement project for the top of Bishops Avenue.

995 **CEMETERY**

The Cemetery Storeroom door would be discussed at the next meeting as no response had been received from Wilson Services and Cllr. Bailey who was looking into this was away.

A letter had been received from Hilda Tims asking if she could donate a seat in memory of her husband, to be located in the cemetery. Agreed.

The Clerk reported that the water butts at the cemetery were not in situ. Cllr. Davey explained that both water butts were split. After discussion it was agreed to replace these and the Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Davey.

996 **MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk reported that she had had a meeting with the solicitor regarding the transfer of the two parcels of land on Radway Hill and Wallis Grove but had since received a response enclosing a copy letter from TDC to the Solicitor where it stated that these matters are not proceeding for the time being. This was discussed and the Parish Council expressed their concerns over the delay when a formal offer to transfer the land parcels had been made by TDC. After further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman write to TDC.

Cllr. Hourahane reported that the inscriptions on the left hand side and the front of the war memorial had deteriorated and were in need of repair. The Clerk reported that she had obtained information from the War Memorials Trust which gave grants to improve the legibility of subscriptions, but the Parish Council would need to find someone who could carry out this work and give a quotation. Cllr. Hourahane reported that the side wall was repainted each year by Graham Nicholson and the possibility of including a more permanent solution could be looked at so that this could also be included in the grant application. The Clerk to try and find names of suitable tradesman and obtain quotes.

A letter had been received from Doug Pratt, Senior Arboricultural Officer, TDC advising the Parish Council that following new legislation in October 2008 he could no longer accept a letter as a request to fell a tree and that a planning application was now required and the Clerk expressed her concerns that she did not have the technical knowledge to complete the form. This matter was discussed and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk to complete the application form.

A letter had been received from Roger Morey regarding the replacement of the seat at Coles Barn which was on a slab of concrete and now directly in front of the new gas pumping station. He suggested that the new seat be relocated east of the existing seat and this was agreed.

Cllr. Hunt asked what the situation was with the replacement plaque at Bishop's Palace and the Chairman reported that he had this matter in hand.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

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### 996 MAINTENANCE cont'd.

The Clerk reported that Jim Whittaker had cleared the ivy from approximately 20ft of the stone wall bordering the recreation ground, opposite Stone Lodge and had had his stonemason reinstate six stones which fell out. The Parish Council thanked Mr Whittaker for carrying out this work which had improved the look of this area considerably. Concern was raised at the condition of the rest of this wall and this to be put on the Agenda for the Precept Meeting.

Cllr. Booth reported that a large hole had appeared outside 47 Cockhaven Road which could be very dangerous, especially to a motorcyclist. DCC to be advised.

Cllr. Davey reported that the bus shelter outside Wear Farm had been repaired, but the roofer had checked the other bus shelters and found that the one on the estuary side of Coles Barn was also in a poor state and needed work. He had provided a quote and this to be looked at at the Precept meeting when details of what monies were available would be known.

### 997 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

The Chairman reported that he had invited a resident to address this meeting following the concerns which he had raised about Forder Lane in the October meeting, but had received a letter instead and read this out to the council. This to be noted.

Notification had been received from DCC of the closure of Forder Lane from the Junction of Newton Road to the Junction of Grange Park from Monday 16th February 2009 to Friday 6th March 2009 for utility work by Balfour Beatty.

Notification had been received from TDC of the naming of new properties as Stonecot, Flow Lane and Maple Cottage, 1 Flow Lane.

Cllr. Hourahane raised his concerns over the area of Forder Lane from the gates of Huntley to the Village Store where there was no pavement but which was used regularly by pedestrians and was a potential hazard. This was discussed and DCC and Cty. Cllr. Cox to be asked to look at traffic calming measures for this area.

The Chairman reported that he had received a number of concerns from residents over trees on Forder Lane behind Murley Grange which were in need of cutting back. He explained that he had forwarded these to DCC believing them to be the landowners but they had replied stating that this area was not on their terrier and that this had raised a question on a number of strips of land throughout the village for which the landowners were unknown. Cllr. Davey agreed to see if he could find out who owned the land to the rear of Murley Grange and the Clerk to see if she could obtain a complete list of areas which DCC was responsible for.

### 998 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Saunders Fencing with regard to the altering of the fence to enable a large machine to access the sports area and he had advised that gates be provided, for which he had forwarded a quote. Cllr. Hunt informed the meeting that this was now urgent as two more lights had failed. The quote to be discussed after the meeting.

Cllr. Hunt reported that he had now heard from two people who were willing to sit on the Sports Area Management Committee and felt that this could now be formed. The Clerk asked if any decision had been made on a storage box for this facility as at present the caretakers equipment was being stored in Mr Whittaker's garage and it was agreed that Cllr. Hunt arrange a Countryside & Recreation meeting to discuss this and other issues for the sports area and that the volunteers for the Management Committee be invited.

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1.12.08 (Continued)

### 998 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd.

The Clerk reported that the copies of the evidence questionnaires were now with the Barrister and that once she had responded, the application for the Village Green could be submitted. Cllr. Davey informed councillors that an article had been published in the paper stating that TDC were looking to provide 20 housing units on a piece of land in Bishopsteignton and asked if TDC had been informed of the application. The Chairman reported that he had written to TDC advising them of the pending application and Cllr. Hunt reported that Cllr. Williams had confirmed that this had been reported at the Overview and Scrutinees Committee meeting last Tuesday but that there was no response from TDC. Cllr. White asked that the concerns over this article be taken up with TDC.

The Clerk reported that DCC had refused to white line the edges of the steps on Footpath 12 from Teign View Road to Murley Crescent as they felt the cost was not justified, unless there was further information which they were unaware of which might require them to change their view. The Chairman reported that originally the white lines had been painted following a fall by a resident during the 1980's who had subsequently sued DCC. The Clerk to find out more details and advise DCC.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a P3 Workshop and spoken to the Warden about the problems of waterlogging on Footpath 2 from Coombe Way to Broadmeadow, who had advised that an application for £500 for a special project be included in the P3 budget.

Cllr. Davey reported that following his discussions with Steve Malec, Footpath Warden, DCC, regarding the condition of the footpath at Luxton Steps, work had been carried out to improve the surface and DCC had paid for the digger and he had provided the stones.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the Planning Inspector had not confirmed the order for a Bridleway at Mellands Copse but that the request from Mr Starr for half of the costs was still to be decided. Cllr. Davey asked that once this is finalised, a letter to be sent to DCC as he felt very strongly that DCC acted improperly and were biased, ignoring the comments from the Parish Council and local residents.

### 999 PLANNING – Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were duly approved and signed.

A letter had been received from Richard and Rosemary Wharton, Friston House, together with copy letters to TDC, regarding the planning applications for Delamore and the possibility of the windows of the Coach House being re-sited to the south elevation. They raised their concerns that this would result in an invasion of their privacy and asked the Parish Council to bear these concerns in mind if attending a site visit. Copies to be sent to Cllr. Williams.

08/04313/FUL CHACELEY, CHURCH ROAD Conservatory to rear - no objections.

### 1000 MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. Pepperell reported that in Molly Coombes' will a piece of land to the left of Highview House, Forder Lane, was never to be sold for development and following requests from residents for allotments, she wondered if this land could be used for that purpose. Cllr. Pepperell reported that she had made enquiries with Roy Halsey, Chairman of the Garden Club to confirm the need and had also contacted Richard Heyse, SW Regional Rep, Allotments & Gardens, who had given her information, including the fact that if six or more residents ask for allotments and identify suitable land then the District Council have a duty to "take proceedings". This matter was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr. Pepperell would liaise with the Clerk and a letter be sent to Shirley Tull, Solicitor, Harold Mitchelmore & Co. Asking if this could be put before the beneficiaries.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1.12.08 (Continued)

### 1001 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from the Community Centre asking the Parish Council to request a grant from any Section 106 monies for future refurbishment projects.

A letter had been received from TDC advising of the completion of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment(SHLAA) [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/shlaa](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/shlaa) but advising that they were not inviting comments at this stage but that there would be public opportunity at the stages of plan making.

A letter had been received from Darren Gunn regarding his concerns over the paper collection at the Scout Hut.

### **THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Mr Gunn to speak.**

Mr Gunn explained that he lived adjacent to the Scout Hut which was used as the paper collection store and whilst he did not wish to curtail any activity which helped to raise funds for the Play Group, he was very concerned at the fire hazard being caused due to people leaving papers throughout the month and not on the specified day causing paper to pile up against his fence, as well as it being very unsightly with paper being blown onto neighbouring streets.

### **STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED**

This matter was discussed and the Parish Council shared Mr Gunns' concerns but felt that the responsibility was with the Playgroup and ultimately the owners of the Scout hut. After further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Alan Partridge, District Commissioner, Scouts, with a copy to the Playgroup.

A letter had been received from Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for their donation.

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

Mrs Grimble reported that the moss on the pavement of Shute Hill towards the doctor's surgery was very bad. DCC to be contacted. Mrs Grimble also reported that the white lining on the edge of the steps on footpath 12 had been done with a spray can last time and felt that a more substantial paint should be used.

### **CHEQUES SIGNED**

000752	Treecology - Tree survey	£ 195.00
000753	Bishopsteignton Community Centre – Rent Oct-Dec	£ 438.50
000754	Abbott's Plant Hire – Cemetery Store refurbishment	£ 141.00 (VAT £21.00)
000755	Viv Pointer - Sports Area Caretaker	£ 347.75
000756	Viking Direct – stationery	£ 112.23 (VAT £16.71)
000757	R.J.Everitt – P3 mtce.	£ 253.80 (VAT £37.80)
000758	Cash – VG refreshments,Sports Area Toilets	£ 136.52 (VAT £17.12)
000759	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary + stationery + exps.	£ 727.34

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 30<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2008)**

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 18820.89
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 443.65
Bank of Scotland	£ 7510.51
TSB	£ 934.87

PAYMENTS	£ 8960.34
RECEIPTS	£ 14658.84

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**