

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2009 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. Morgan, Cllr. R. Bailey, Cllr. A. Williams, Cty. Cllr. Cox, together with five members of the public.

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

The Chairman advised the meeting that due to personal reasons Chris Booth had resigned as a Parish Councillor. The notice of vacancy to be displayed.

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

1010 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that Colin Day from the Bishopsteignton Enhancement Group had met with 3 County Engineers to discuss the proposed scheme at the top of Bishops Avenue and they had suggested the use of different materials which would be cheaper. She reported that a new grant application was being made with emphasis on the communal area aspect of the scheme.

Cllr. Pepperell asked about the current situation on the Village Design Statement and if all councillors had seen a copy which was available on the village website. The Chairman reported that as far as he was aware this was resting with TDC Planning Department to adopt. This was discussed and Cllr. Williams was asked to establish the latest position and if it was still awaiting adoption the possibility of taking this up with TALC and DAPC to be discussed at the next meeting.

1011 **CEMETERY** - Minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 16.2.09 were duly approved and signed.

The Chairman reported on the correspondence he had had with Duncan Moors, TDC, over the closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church which he had forwarded to all councillors and he thanked them for their replies. He explained that the PCC sent a letter of intent to the Parish Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2004 and that the formal request from the PCC was made on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2005 and that during that time there was correspondence between the Parish Council and TDC where it was made clear that the Parish Council would not be able to undertake these responsibilities unless it was fully financed through the burial grant. The Chairman proposed that the only way to move this matter forward was to have an informal meeting between himself, Cllr. Williams as District Councillor, Leader and Chief Executive of TDC and asked for councillors' comments. This matter was discussed and Cllr. Morgan informed the meeting that he had read through Act 215 and raised his serious concerns over the inherited liability, especially as having looked at the Closed Churchyard it appeared that no maintenance had been carried out for a number of years. The Chairman agreed that the Parish Council did not have the funds to 'Maintain' and take on the liability of the closed churchyard and that they had spent the previous 12 months to receiving the formal request, making it clear to TDC that they did not have the funds and at no time did any Officer advise them of the 3 month rule. After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Williams should set up a meeting.

1012 **MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk reported that she was awaiting quotes from stonemasons for the repair to the names on the war memorial.

A letter had been received from E.S. Coaker regarding the contract for the grass cutting at the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Davey declared an interest and left the room. E S. Coaker informed the Parish Council that they had been cutting the grass at the Recreation Ground for the past 14 years and managed to hold their price at £60 per cut but that this year would necessitate an increase to £75 per cut. Agreed.

A letter had been received from Sheila Neale and Frances Lyons asking if they could donate a seat in memory of Millie Smith, to be sited on Shute Hill. Agreed.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2.03.09 (Continued)**

### **1012 MAINTENANCE cont'd.**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the pavement between Bronescombe Avenue and Ash Hill was in need of repair.

Cllr. Davey reported that he had been contacted by Geoff Lang regarding the condition of Durley Lane which was impassable and people were walking in his field and asking if repairs could be made.

### **THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Cty. Cllr. Cox to speak.**

Cty. Cllr. Cox reported that he was able to give a £1000 towards capital works for the improvement of an asset or new asset.

### **STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.**

This matter was discussed and agreed to use this money to carry out improvements to Durley Lane. Cllr. Davey to organise this work. The Chairman thanked Cty. Cllr. Cox.

### **1013 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS**

A letter had been received from DCC following the request for traffic calming on Forder Lane between Huntly and the Village Stores. DCC reported that safety improvements were based on accident and speed statistics and as there had only been one reported collision which involved a damage only matter to a parked car, the site at Forder Lane could not be regarded as a location where the introduction of safety measures needs to be prioritised at his time. DCC also reported that they had received a request for a pedestrian crossing on Fore Street near Radway Hill in 2007 and a member of the traffic team had had a site visit and this matter had been discussed at the monthly Police Liaison meeting, but was not supported as the location was too close to the bend and as such did not provide sufficient forward visibility for approaching traffic and would not satisfy the safety audit procedure. This matter was discussed and both areas were considered to be possible locations for shared space schemes. Cllr. Hourahane explained that the real danger area on Forder Lane was by the Huntley garages/school access road. It was agreed that this should be passed to the Bishopsteignton Enhancement Group to link in with the plans for the top of Bishops Avenue and to ask them to liaise with Cty. Cllr. Cox, as separate funding might be available.

Notification had been received that a new dwelling on Flow Lane is to be known as Kingsmael, Flow Lane, Bishopsteignton.

Cllr. Morgan reported that some residents of Clanage Street had contacted him regarding cracks appearing in their walls and the fact that the street light opposite their houses was going on and off intermittently when traffic used the road and that there may be a link and underlying problem on the road. Cty. Cllr. Cox agreed to speak to DCC and ask them to liaise with Cllr. Morgan and look at the possibility of a survey. Cllr. Jenner raised his concerns over the poor backfilling by utility companies which may have contributed to this situation and Cty. Cllr. Cox explained that DCC had imposed fines on utility companies and that inspections were being stepped up. A letter to be sent to DCC.

### **1014 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION**

The Clerk reported that the new gates had been made and would be fitted within the next few weeks, after which arrangements could be made to carry out maintenance on the lights. The Chairman reported that there had been problems with the lights being left on again at the weekend and had made enquiries with the shop and found that there had been no bookings, therefore it was likely that they were being deliberately turned on. He reported that he had gone down to the sports area on Saturday evening and found the lights on and a number of youths who had climbed over the fence skateboarding. This matter was discussed and it was felt that once the new caretaker took over there would be more control as he lived on site.

The Clerk reported that the BOAG had contacted Cllr. Hunt and advised him that they would be prepared to paint the toilets but asked for a base coat to be painted and that Cty. Cllr. Cox was looking into the possibility of this being done by the young offenders team.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2.3.09 (Continued)

### 1014 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd.

Cllr. Pepperell proposed that a community day be held at the Recreation Ground to tidy the area up, particularly where it had been landscaped and was now overgrown and to provide the path needed for the toilets.

### **THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Cty. Cllr. Cox to speak.**

Cty. Cllr. Cox reported that Teignmouth and Dawlish had held Community Days which had been very successful and that the Fire Brigade and Police were always interested in attending and that the TDC Blitz team would come along and take away any rubbish. He also reported that he had £100 from his current budget that he could give to the Parish Council for this event, to help towards teas, coffees, materials etc.

### **STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.**

The Chairman thanked Cty. Cllr. Cox and accepted his offer of the £100 for the community day as well as any assistance he could give with organising the event. A date to be confirmed.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that there were 16 people interested in allotments in the village and that a meeting had been arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> March when the SW Regional Representative from the Allotment Association would attend and give advice on how to set up a local group.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that there were problems with the footpath 2, from Coombe Way to Broadmeadow where trees were blocking the path and footpath 8, Old Walls to Coombe Way, where it looked like the cess pit from Withy Cottage might be leaking. DCC to be advised.

Cllr. Pepperell also advised the council that horses were using footpath 13, from Huntley to the school. This was discussed and Cllr. Hourahane agreed to check the sign at the top of this footpath which prohibited horse riding and see if it needed replacing.

### 1015 PLANNING – Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were duly approved and signed.

Cllr. Williams reported that he had forwarded the link address so that members could look at the new planning legislation which came into force in October 2008.

09/000527/TPO 4 Murley Grange T1 Lime Tree – 15% crown thin and 1.5mtr crown lift. - no objections.

The Clerk reported that a refusal notice had been received for the planning application to erect a wind turbine at Coombe Cottage, Colway Cross. Cllr. Williams reported that this application had received a good airing at Committee and both the applicant and the objector had put forward forceful arguments, but he wanted to put on record his thanks to Cllr. White forwarding details of the article which questioned the science and viability of wind turbines, which he was able to refer to in his arguments.

It was agreed that the Planning meeting for the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 would be held at 7pm prior to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

### 1016 MEMBERS REPORTS

The Clerk reported that she had attended the Teign Estuary Partnership Meeting where details of the application to designate the area as a Local Nature Reserve which would protect the area, were discussed as well as the provision of the cycle route which was being delayed due to talks with

Railtrack and Landowners. The Chairman explained that DCC had never properly consulted the Parish Council on the proposed cycle route and that there appeared to be a stalemate on this issue. Cllr. Davey declared and interest.

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2.3.09 (Continued)**

### **1016 MEMBERS REPORTS cont'd.**

#### **THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Cty. Cllr. Cox to speak.**

Cty. Cllr. Cox felt that it could be a number of years before any progress is made between DCC, Railtrack and land owners over the provision of a cycle route and suggested that in order to things moving a joint group with Teignmouth Town Council and Bishopsteignton Parish Council be formed to force the issue.

#### **STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.**

The Chairman asked Cty. Cllr. Cox to speak to Teignmouth Town Council to formally invite members of Bishopsteignton Parish Council to join a working group.

Cllr. Jenner reported that a poison pen letter had been sent to a resident and that the police were involved but no decision on what action to take had yet been made, but asked if other residents received letters to inform the police.

### **1017 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter had been received from the Rural Services Network introducing the Community Group, which was a grouping of rural services organisations and their remit was to stretch from Westminster down to grass roots. They advised that the District Council is a very keen member of this group known as SPARSE and that the Parish Council was automatically members of this group and would receive a weekly email digest linked to the ruralcommunity.net website.

An email had been received from the Parish Halls Committee advising the Parish Council that work was needed on the Village Hall to treat damp at the rear of the stage and refurbishment of the kitchen and asking to be considered for any section 106 monies.

Notification had been received of the Teignbridge Police Liaison Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm.

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

David Pinkham explained that he was a keen walker and asked if the Parish Council had ever considered the possibility of a walking way. This was discussed and the Chairman asked Mr Pinkham if he could formulate his ideas and also look into the possibility of resurrecting the annual 'Beating of the Bounds' and suggested that he speak to Jean Knapman who should be able to help on the history of this event.

Jim Whittaker raised his concerns over the 30MPH signs at the entrance to the village from Newton Abbot direction as he had been advised that they were not legal and he was also concerned that there was insufficient signage when people were coming straight from the national speed limit of 60mph to 30mph. Cllr. Davey also questioned the camber on the road due to the number of accidents. Cty. Cllr. Cox thought that the speed signs were legal but agreed to check and also felt that it might be appropriate for road markings on this area to warn people and agreed to speak to DCC on all these issues. He also advised the meeting that the flashing speed sign which was going to be maintained by the police should be available shortly and proposed that it should be located in this area as if it is shown that there is a speeding problem then it would be followed up by enforcement.

Mr Ford reported that the 1st Scout group in Bishopsteignton was up and running with the beavers having started up last year and now the cub section with around 15 members and it was hoped that a scout section be starting up in April.

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**CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2.3.09 (Continued)**

**CHEQUES SIGNED**

000851	Steve Clarke Roofing – repairs to bus shelter	£ 600.00
000852	Schooling Building Contractor Ltd. – repairs to toilets	£ 84.66 (VAT £11.04)
000853	E.S. Coaker & Co. – grass cutting	£ 621.00 (VAT £81.00)
000854	J.A. Grimble – Chairman’s Allce + Village Green Exps.	£ 429.00
000855	C. Morgan – Light Cemetery Store	£ 9.99
000856	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 43.07
000857	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary + stationery + exps.	£ 579.56

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 28th FEBRUARY 2009)**

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 3534.48
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.61
Bank of Scotland	£12567.23
TSB	£ 934.87

PAYMENTS	£ 3886.51
RECEIPTS	£ 399.08

**DATED**

**CHAIRMAN**