

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Davey (Chairman), Cllr. J. Grimble (Vice Chairman), Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. M. Bryan Cllr. Mrs Pepperell, Cllr. J. Jenner, Cllr. I. White, Cllr. R. Hunt, Cllr. D. Hourahane, Cty. Cllr. Clarence, together with four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Bailey, P.C.S.O. Colin Rider and Richard Young-Ross MP.

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

1069 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Hunt reported that the scheme to enhance the top of Bishop's Avenue would cost £320,000 and that DCC had offered £120,000, TDC £130,000(which included the cost of the land transfer) and the Enhancement Group would like to propose that the Parish Council pay £30,000 towards the scheme. This would leave £40,000 to find which was felt could be achieved between DCC and TDC and although slightly short, would enable the project to go ahead.

Cllr. White asked how the £30,000 was to be financed and Cllr. Hunt reported that this could be achieved by a loan which if repaid over a period of 20years would equate to approximately £2000 on the precept per year.

Cllr. Grimble expressed his initial reservations as this was a considerable sum and if the Parish Council went ahead on this project what about the next project and he felt uncomfortable to commit what was equivalent to a 20% increase on the precept with just a 10/15 minute discussion and that there was a need to consult with the community on this issue.

Cllr. Morgan reminded councillors that the precept had been increased to support the Sports Area and asked Cllr. Hunt if it was expected for this to continue. Cllr. Hunt reported that all the work had been completed on the Sports Area and that we were now in a position to market it and the target was to at least break even.

Cllr. Williams, whilst taking on the points made by Cllr. Grimble, felt that consultation would be fraught with difficulties as when people were asked if they wanted something they would answer yes, but would not be willing to pay for it. Cllr. Grimble felt that the community should be asked that as there are no resources elsewhere would they be willing to contribute? He reminded councillors that the Parish Council could have bought Bishop's Court but the community were not willing to pay for it and Cllr, Pepperell reminded councillors that public meetings had been held to purchase the land at Cockhaven and also a field at Murley but both of these had been lost as the Parish Council had not been supported.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Colin Day to speak.

Colin Day reported that at his meeting with the Environment Director he had been advised that it was political and that in order to get the finance the DCC would have to say that there were contributions from the Parish Council and the District Council and without those contributions he was worried that the £120,000 from DCC would be lost. He went on to explain that DCC were looking for agreement in principle and an indication from all three bodies to this effect.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

Cllr. Hourahane asked if there were any other avenues of funding such as Charities Yearbook and Cllr. Pepperell explained that because this was a road improvement funding was very difficult to obtain.

After further discussion Cllr. Grimble proposed that this matter be deferred until the meeting on 2nd November 2009 for a formal decision to be made, to allow precept figures of similar councils to be circulated to councillors and notices of the proposal from the BEG to be published. 6 for, 4 against. Carried.

DATED

CHAIRMAN

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1069 **PARISH PLAN cont'd.**

Cllr. Hunt reported that he had spoken to TDC regarding the Village Design Statement which had been completed in 2005 and they had advised him that they had sent comments in 2007 on things which should be put in the VDS to make, what they considered more appropriate for inclusion into the Teignbridge Strategic Plan. He went on to report that Tony Corlett had agreed to assist and that once the VDS had been updated then TDC would clarify what role the VDS would have in the Teignbridge LDF.

1070 **CEMETERY**

Cllr. Williams reported that he had a meeting with Alan Connett, Leader of TDC, regarding the situation of the closed churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church. He had explained that the Parish Council had ended up with the responsibility and were disappointed and annoyed that TDC Officers through the CEO had declined to meet with the Parish Council as they had wished to discuss the situation if they were presented with a bill that could in effect bankrupt them and Alan Connett had asked that the Parish Council write to him setting out in detail the problems.

Cllr. Grimble explained that that there was a principle involved here over the process that took place and were the Parish Council always going to have to pick up the pieces when an officer is negligent and that the Parish Council wished to meet to discuss all the issues so they are not repeated in similar circumstances. After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Grimble and Cllr. Williams would meet and draft a letter to Alan Connett.

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Jon Bairstow, Tree Surgeon, regarding the headstone which had been damaged by fire at St. John the Baptist Churchyard. He had informed her that he had had the headstone inspected by a stone mason and someone who was involved with heritage issues and they had recommended that no action be taken as it would be difficult to match the material and the fire had only accelerated normal deterioration and she had asked him to forward the reports, but had not received them. Cllr. White explained that the fire had exfoliated the stone causing the damage and that the stone was slate and there was no reason why it could not be replaced. After further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Bairstow informing him that the Parish Council wanted him to replace the headstone and that if he did not do this the Parish Council would ask there insurers to contact his insurers.

A Cemetery Committee site meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 27th October 2009 at 3.45pm to look at the Garden of rest.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that she had received a number of complaints about the amount of dog mess in the cemetery. Cllr. Morgan reported that there was a large amount of dog mess around the village. It was agreed to place an article in the Parish Chronicle and on the website.

1071 **MAINTENANCE**

Cllr. Hourahane reported that the War Memorial had now been cleaned and repainted and thanked Cllr. Morgan for his work. The Clerk reported that Mrs McMurtrie who looked after the plants around the war memorial had asked her to arrange to take out a couple of plants which had gone woody and she would replace them. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs McMurtrie.

A letter had been received from BT inviting the Parish Council to adopt the telephone boxes in Fore Street, Teign View Road and Luton. The Clerk explained that you could adopt a box for £1 but the equipment would be removed and that the box in Fore Street was listed so could not be removed.

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that you could take the telephone box over for £300 a year.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

This was discussed and agreed that no action be taken.

DATED

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1072 **TRAFFIC CONDITIONS**

The report from Brian George, Area Engineer, DCC, on the meeting held in August to look at traffic issues around the village was still awaited.

A response from Brian George, Area Engineer, DCC, on the letter sent regarding speed concerns in Forder Lane was still awaited.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that she had obtained some information of the private drive/garages parking scheme which recommended that a simple contract be drawn up between the garage/driveway owner and the car owner and that insurers would need to be advised but that a co-ordinator was needed. Cllr. Hunt reported that he had forwarded an advert on this scheme to the website, but this had not been published due to the lack of a co-ordinator. It was agreed that an advert for a co-ordinator be put on the website. Cllr. Grimble expressed his concern that is the Parish Council was seen to be promoting this scheme they could be seen to have a vicarious responsibility and we might need to check with our own insurers.

Notification had been received from DCC that Radway Street and Coombe Way would be closed from Monday 19th October 2009 to Friday 23rd October 2009 for Balfour Beatty Utilities. Cllr. Grimble expressed his concern that during these road closures DCC ensure that other roads are kept clear. A letter to be sent, copy to PCSO Colin Rider.

Cllr. Bryan asked if DCC were to be asked to carry out speed surveys on the areas where a 20mph was requested. The Chairman reported that once the report had been received from Brian George the Parish Council were to identify what action they wanted DCC to take.

1073 **COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION**

Cllr. Hunt reported that the toilets had been painted by Roger James who had also completed the work to the shelter which now had a bench installed as well as keeping the area clear of weeds. Cllr. Hunt reported that an electrician had looked at the lighting and replaced the fuses and all were now working except the one in the corner which had no bulb or fuse in it and that this just left the angling of the lights to be looked at which he hoped would be done this month. Cllr. Hunt to Liaise with Cllr. Davey on this matter. Cllr. Hunt reported that we were now in a position to market the facility as there was spare capacity which needed to be filled and that a couple of people on the management committee had volunteered to do so.

Simon Barnes had agreed to attend the meeting on 7th December 2009 to discuss the responsibilities of providing allotments and the allotment association was informed so they could attend.

Cllr. Williams reported that he had spoken to John Cocker on the Article 4 Directive for Micheals Field and that John Cocker was no longer involved in this matter. The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call on this matter and had emailed Mr Cocker advising him of the Article 4 Directive and giving dates and information as well as informing him that Simon Barnes as TDC Solicitor had been involved in the issue of this directive.

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that he had spoken to John Cocker and advised him of the Article 4 Directive which Cllr. Grimble had reported overrides permitted developments rights and John Cocker had informed him that a joint planning application would need to be submitted for allotments and a sports field.

Sarah Lord reported that the allotments at Micheals Field would be $\frac{3}{4}$ acre whereas the area needed at present for Bishopsteignton was 2 acres based on the National Allotments Association figures.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

Cllr. Grimble reported that the Article 4 stands on its own merit, that a planning application did not take away the Directive and it could only be revoked by TDC. After further discussion it was agreed that a copy of this email be sent to the Chief Executive so that other members of TDC would be aware.

1073 **COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd.**

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the Community Day to tidy up the Recreation Ground on Saturday meeting at 10am. aAnd Cty. Cllr. Clarence informed the meeting that £100 from his Community Budget was being sent to the Parish Council for this event. The Parish Council thanked Cty. Cllr. Clarence for this contribution.

Cllr. Bryan reported that there had been some fly tipping at The Lea, Ashill and he would contact TDC.

Cllr White reported that two mature oak trees, approximately 200yrs old, between Rowden X and Gypsy Corner had been felled on Friday 2nd Oct approx 3pm and he phoned DCC Highways to ask if it was them and why they had been felled. He went on to report that the reply from the lady who answered the phone was unbelievable. "I have made a note and I will get back to you in 10 days." and as he was concerned that in 10 days virtually every oak tree in the Parish could be felled he had asked to speak to the Area Engineer. He was informed that this was not possible and again that she would get back to him within 10 days. On asking to be put through to the Area Engineer's secretary he was told that he did not have one and after asking one last time to be put through to the secretary or he would immediately phone the County Engineer in person, she then said she will get someone to talk to him. Cllr. White reported that a few minutes later someone came on to the phone and said it was not the County who had done this as they would only concentrate on the more main roads and they had no record even of a survey of trees up that unclassified country road. Councillor White then phoned T DC who were very concerned and helpful and asked him to find out the name of the landowner if it was not DCC who had done this which he undertook to do. The next day he spoke to a gentleman working in the field on the trees who advised him that the trees had been cut down on the request of DCC, the lower one because it was not in good condition and the other so that lorries could more easily get through. On informing TDC of this he was told about the Quantitative Tree Risk Assessment methodology. This matter was discussed and concerns were raised over the loss of trees in general and that there was no requirement by landowners to replace felled trees. After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr. White would draft a letter to DCC, copy to Cty. Cllr. Clarence.

1074 **PLANNING**

Cllr. Williams reported that he had spoken to Neil Aggett regarding the invitation to attend a meeting at the Parish Council to report on the changes to Permitted development Rights in October 2008, which Nick Davies had declined as he felt that TDC couldn't resource training for individual parishes, but could possibly arrange workshops. He informed councillors that he explained the frustration of the Parish Council and that there was possibly not a demand in all parishes and that arranging workshops which could have poor attendance would not be a good use of resources and that if an Officer came to a Parish Council meeting, this could be advertise and other Parishes could attend if they wished. Cllr. Grimble raised his concerns at what he felt was a change of attitude by the Officers of TDC when in the past they would endeavour to attend meetings and always showed a supportive philosophy but now seem to put up barriers when asked to attend a meeting although this is very rare.

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that he had attended TDC Executive meeting where Mike Haines had outlined a number of changes in the planning system and the Parish Council might find it very useful to obtain a copy of this report.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

After further discussion Cllr. Williams was asked to pursue the invitation with TDC Planning Officers.

09/01264/FUL Plot 17 Great Park - REVISED PLANS - Erection of dwelling and garage.

THE CHAIRMAN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Mr & Mrs Thornton to speak.

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1074 **PLANNING cont'd**

Mr Thornton explained that there were minor adjustments to the rendering and inserting an obscure bathroom window on this amended plan, but although the roof height had been reduced 100mm to 8.2mts. it was still an infringement on the right to light and the distance between the two properties of 7.2 mtrs affected privacy. He went on to report that the letters from the developer had stated that the poor design of the existing property was not a reason to compromise the design of this plot and that the proposal was still against policy H11 and that the developer was not giving enough to reduce the impact. Cllr. Williams reported that No 17 had been taken out of the original plan and that the developer had met with Mr Thornton and as a consequence the application for plot 17, which was approved, was put in 2008 then a new plan had been submitted in May 2009 which changed the configuration so it was longer and not so wide and now submitted this amendment. Mr Thornton explained that overall the approved plan was the best design.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

After further discussion it was agreed that the comments made on the application in May 09 be reiterated.

09/02834/FUL 11 St. Johns Close Conversion of garage to living space and driveway extension. - No comment.

09/02871/TPO The Drive Remove large stem of Holm Oak T1, lift crown of Holm Oak T2, lift crown of Lime Tree T3 and remove branch of Hazel T4 - the Parish Council have serious concerns over the loss of trees in general throughout the parish, but have no objections subject to this being approved by the Tree Officer.

09/02938 Ashburton House 20 Murley Crescent Proposed demolition of linked building and erection of garage with living accommodation over and first floor link to existing building - No objection subject to it remaining ancillary to the main building.

09/02909/REM Plot 20 Great Park Application for approval of reserved matters(revised house type) - the Parish Council are unsure exactly what changes and why the need for a revised house type and ask for clarification.

Notification had been received that application 09/02159/FUL The Mill Church Road Luton, proposed alteration to garage and stable block to raise roof line and provide games room and porch, had been withdrawn.

A letter had been received from TDC regarding the Conservation Area Character Appraisals. Details had been forwarded to councillors.

Cllr. Williams reported that he had received concerns from residents on the development at 11 Deans Close which did not appear to be as per planning approval and that he had had a report that TDC had told the builders to stop work. He went on to report that he had received a telephone call from Steve Robinson who was trying to come up with solutions for both parties and was to attend a meeting which Mrs Parish, one of the concerned residents would be attending. Cllr. White raised his concerns that TDC were negotiating on variations to planning permission and asked the Parish Council to write to TDC expressing these concerns. This was discussed but as the Parish Council did not have any factual evidence on this matter it was agreed to wait for Cllr. Williams to report back at the planning meeting.

1075 **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. Hourahane reported that he had attended the Halls Committee Meeting with the Executors and solicitors of Molly Coombes' Will and his summation was that there was a lack of communication from the outset and that the main issues were that no one had come forward to act as trustees to take on the proposed new museum facility.

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1075 **MEMBERS REPORTS cont'd.**

Cllr. Hourahane reported that he had organised the Poppy Appeal collection throughout the parish and that there were 12 static and 14 house to house collectors.

Cllr. Hunt reported that he had attended a workshop 'Draft Vision for Teignmouth' which looked at developing a Strategic Plan for the area and had been very useful. He went on to report that there was a general feeling that the status of Teignmouth town and the tourist side should be developed and that Bishopsteignton should take an interest in the proposed cycle route. Cllr. Hunt went on to explain that he had made enquiries into the current situation with regard to the cycle route and it appeared that nothing much had happened and the Parish Council needed to ensure that they got involved.

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that the first stage of the scheme was from Newton Abbot Town Quay to the Passage House Hotel but that Sustran and DCC were still not convinced of the preferred route to link up to Teignmouth, either north or south of the river, which was still being looked into, but he felt that this was light years away and asked the Parish Council if they supported the scheme. Cllr. Davey declared an interest.

Cllr. Grimble explained that the position of the Parish Council was quite clear in that they were 100% behind the principle, but had concerns over the consultation process and felt that they hadn't been kept fully involved. He went on to explain that DCC had promised to carry out two different assessments of routes both sides of the railway line and this they had not done. Cllr. Grimble reported that the Parish Council would like to see progress as quickly as possible and were willing to participate in any meeting and asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence to progress this matter.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

Cllr. Morgan reminded councillors that last year he had broached the subject of building a new village hall on the Recreation Land and informed them that an application had been submitted on behalf of the Village Halls Committee to the lottery for £400,000 building costs plus £10,000 development costs. Concern were raised at the possible use of the recreation land and this would be discussed if the application was successful.

1076 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The request to take action to ensure that the Sustainable Communities Amendment Bill becomes law to be deferred until the next meeting.

A letter had been received from Citizens Advice Bureau asking for a donation. Proposed Cllr. Williams, seconded Cllr. Pepperell £60. Agreed.

A letter had been received from Victim Support asking for a donation. Proposed Cllr. White, Seconded Cllr. Grimble £30. Agreed.

Proposed Cllr. Morgan, seconded Cllr. Davey that the donation to the British Legion be increased to £70. Agreed.

Notification had been received of a PACT day of action on Wednesday 14th October 2009 at 18 Wellington Street Teignmouth between 10am and 4pm.

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

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CHEQUES SIGNED

000912	Community Centre - office rent Oct to Dec	£ 475.00
000913	L.M. James - caretaker honorarium + sports area supplies	£ 387.45
000914	R. Bailey - reimbursement for cemetery waterseal	£ 54.97 (VAT £7.17)
000915	Mamhead Sawmills - sports area bench	£ 161.00 (VAT £21.00)
000916	Village Hall - Rural Aid Grant	£5000.00
000917	Cash - Community Day Expenses	£ 50.00
000918	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 177.17
000919	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary & exps + Sports Area Shed Paint	£ 866.48 (VAT £6.14)
000920	R.W. Morey - Quaterly Maintenance Payment	£1431.26
000921	Shaw & Son - Minute Book	£ 83.43 (VAT£10.88)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 30th SEPTEMBER 2009)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 25151.68
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.86
Bank of Scotland	£ 12573.43
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 2810.90
RECEIPTS	£ 16137.16

DATED**CHAIRMAN**