

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 6th APRIL 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. R. Bailey, Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. R. Bailey,
Cllr. A. Williams, Cty. Cllr. Cox, together with five members of the public.

APOLOGIES:, Cllr.I. White, Cllr. D. Hourahane

VACANCY: The Clerk reported that she had received no written applications to fill the vacancy although she had heard that a number of people were interested. The Chairman asked Councillors to speak to any possible applicants.

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

1018 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that there was no further progress on the redevelopment plan for the top of Bishops Avenue. Cllr. Hunt reported that there had been a requote and this work would now cost much more and the group had not yet found a source of funding but were trying again.

Cllr. Hunt asked about the current status of the Village Design Statement. Cllr. Williams reported that he had been in contact with TDC Planners with regard to its adoption but there seemed to be some confusion as to what was being requested. After discussion it was agreed that the VDS be made available to all councillors, that they put forward their suggestions for any alterations and then the Working Group be asked to reconvene and revisit the document so that the adoption by TDC could be pursued with an up to date version.

1019 **CEMETERY**

The Chairman reported that he had emailed Duncan Moors, TDC, and formally asked for a meeting to be set up with Alan Connett, Leader of TDC, Nichola Bulbeck, Chief Executive, TDC and the Parish Council to discuss the closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church.

Cllr. Bailey reported that he had been in touch with Devon Engineering who had promised to carry out the work to improve the security of the Cemetery Store doors next Tuesday

1020 **MAINTENANCE**

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote for the repair to the names on the war memorial and was awaiting two further quotes and that she and the Chairman had inspected the memorial and agreed that the iron railings needed repainting for which quotes had been requested. She went on to report that the cut off date for the grant application was the 30th April and 30th October and that she was hoping to get the application in before the end of April. A method Statement was required and it was agreed to ask Cllr. Hourahane if he could assist.

The condition of the telephone box on Fore Street was discussed and the Clerk reported that she had emailed BT on a number of occasions but had received no response. As this box was listed Cllr. Williams was asked to speak to the Conservation Officer at TDC for advice on this matter. Cty. Cllr. Cox suggested that BT could be contacted and asked to pay the Parish Council to carry out maintenance.

Cllr. Morgan reported that there use to be a rubbish bin near the seat adjacent to the village hall, but this was taken away when it was broken. TDC to be asked to replace.

Cllr. Pepperell asked if a dog bin could be sited at the bus shelter near Metro Motors as there was a number of dog poo bags being thrown into the hedge and if sited at this location would serve the people who use the footpath to Luxton Steps, Lawns End and the school footpath. TDC to be asked.

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CHAIRMAN

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1021 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

A letter had been received from DCC following the request for road safety improvements on the A381 and advising that DCC were currently undertaking a review of speed limits and once that was completed if it was considered appropriate would alter the speed limits. Cllr. Davey queried that no reference had been made to the request for crash barriers between the two entrances to Wear Farm.

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

Cty. Cllr. Cox reported that crash barriers had been put in further down the A381 and he felt that there was justification on the bend near Wear Farm and would pursue this with DCC.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

This matter was discussed and a letter to be sent to DCC re-iterating the reference to crash barriers.

Notification had been received that a new dwelling in Luton was to be known as Cherrycombe Barn.

Cllr. Bailey reported on the speed warning signs on the A381 for which he was very pleased to see action being taken to reduce speed, but that the one located at the Cockhaven Road junction was coming on when vehicles were driving at 20mph which eventually would be counterproductive. Cty. Cllr. Cox agreed to speak to DCC.

1022 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION

Cllr. Hunt reported that Roger James had been formally appointed as the new caretaker for the Sports Area and that a handover had taken place and that he would be setting up a Management Committee meeting during the next few weeks.

The Clerk reported that Kirk Fencing had apologised for not fitting the new gates, but that this would be done within the next few weeks.

The Clerk reported that David Morgan, Chairman of the Bishopsteignton Football Club and who worked in lighting, had met with Omega Electrical Services from Teignmouth, who carry out work for local authorities, to look at the lights as he was concerned that the bulbs had gone in the timeframe when there was only minimal use. He felt that there may be a problem with the fuses and suggested that a full diagnostic be carried out, but this would cost in the region of £300. This was discussed and Cllr. Morgan would try to check the fuses.

Cllr. Williams reported that he had spoken to TDC regarding the hedge on Pathfields which had been dug out and replaced with fencing and found that permission had been obtained but the hedge was to be replanted. Cllr. Davey raised his concern that the stumps had not been dug out and Cllr. Pepperell asked if any arrangements had been made to remove the barbed wire intertwined with the remaining hedge which she felt was a health and safety issue. Cllr. Williams to speak to TDC.

The Clerk reported that posters had gone up, letters had been put in the school book bags and information on the website for the Community Day on April 18th from 10am to 3pm. She reported on other arrangements which were in hand and asked Councillors that would be attending to let her know.

The Clerk reported that the sign at the top of footpath 13, adjacent to Huntley, prohibiting horses had been installed by the Parish Council many years ago and was in need of replacement. This was discussed and agreed that a similar size sign be placed at the top of footpath 13 with smaller signs at the junction of footpath 13 & 19 and at the footpath gate near Metro Motors.

An email had been received from David Owen, TDC following a complaint from a resident regarding water which was coming off the Children's Play area at Cockhaven Close, running across footpath 19, through the school and onto footpath 13.

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1022 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd

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Cty. Cllr. Cox reported that he had been made aware of this problem and had contacted the school and then dug a trench to allow the water to run way from the footpath.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

After discussion it was agreed to look at the channel in the Play Area in case this was blocked. The Chairman thanked Cty. Cllr. Cox for carrying out this work .

The Chairman reported that a wooden post from the new play equipment was splitting and that this had been reported to the Children's Playgound Company who were looking into it.

Cllr. Davey reported that DCC had confirmed that they would find the money for the surface repairs of Durley Lane.

1023 PLANNING – Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 16th March 2009 were duly approved and signed.

09/000719/FUL 58 Grange Park Retention and alteration of decking and addition of access ramp and raising of ground level. The Chairman declared an interest. After discussion the following comments to be made to TDC:-

“following receipt of letters of objections the Parish Council have revisited this application and have concerns over the issues raised by the objectors, in particular the seepage of water and the loss of privacy.”

09/00757/FUL Teignmouth Golf Club Shepherds Lane Provision of w.c. near 7th tee - no objections.

09/00803/CAN 24 Fore Street Prune Monterey pine, remove deadwood and dead ivy - no objections.

09/00873/TPO Gibhay 7 Teignview Road Crown lift pine and crown lift over adjacent dwelling pine - no objections.

09/00888/FUL Wood Re-introduction of south west pavilion, new canopy to west elevation, new garage and boiler room and creation of staff cottage from existing outbuilding - no objections subject to the Conservation Officers approval.

09/00889/LBC Wood Re-introduction of south west pavilion, new canopy to west elevation, new garage and boiler room and creation of staff cottage from existing outbuilding - no objections subject to the Conservation Officers approval.

09/00912/REM Bitsa Flow Lane Revised details of house types and layout of plots 10-15 and 23 - no comment.

09/00915/FUL Bitsa Flow Lane Five houses in lieu of three houses and two apartments approved under ref:08/02563 - no objection provided the ratio of affordable houses is not affected.

Cllr. Williams reported that the Permitted Development Rights were not entirely clear as references were made to previous legislation which would not necessarily be known. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Williams speak to Planning at TDC and see if a meeting could be arranged to explain the Permitted Development Rights either at TDC for all Parishes and Towns to attend or for an Officer to attend a Parish Council meeting.

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1024 MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr. Williams reported that the Village Profile, which broke down the inhabitants of the village by age and sex, was now available and he could let councillors have details if they wished and would let the Clerk have a copy.

1025 CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation had been received from TDC for 2 representatives to attend a meeting on Tuesday 21st April from 2pm to 4 pm in the Council Chamber, Forde House, Newton Abbot to discuss the latest position regarding Devon Local Government Review. Cllr. Hunt to attend and Cllr. White to be asked.

An application from the Parish Halls Committee had been received for a Rural Aid Grant which needed the approval of the Parish Council. Agreed.

Notification had been received from Teignbridge Strategic Partnership that in connection with the Sustainable Communities Act, they will be running an event on Tuesday 21st April from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Templar Suite, Passage House Hotel, which will provide local community groups with the opportunity to influence Central Government thinking

A letter had been received from John Hockerston regarding the formation of the Bishopsteignton Community Allotment Association of which he was Chairman and asking for the Parish Council to find suitable land within the village. Cllr. Cox reported that there may be some of the Airport monies available for allotments once the June elections were over. This was discussed and whilst the Parish Council supported the formation of a Community Allotment Association they did not have the resources to find suitable land and it was the function of the District Council. A letter to be sent to TDC.

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

Mrs Dicker asked about the Parish Council procedures which precluded members of the public speaking until the end of the meeting. The Chairman explained that Standing orders stated that members of the public were entitled to speak at the end of the meeting and that the Parish Council had experimented to see if this could be improved and that the only time there was an absolute right was at the Annual Parish Meeting held once a year. He went on to report that with the permission of the council he did sometimes suspend standing orders and invite a member of the public to speak, normally when clarification was sought.

CHEQUES SIGNED

000862	V. Pointer – sports area caretaker	£ 347.76
000863	Community Centre - rent Apr to Jun	£ 475.00
000864	DPFA – annual sub	£ 30.00
000865	CCD - annual sub	£ 30.00
000866	Alianz – insurance premium	£ 27.58
000867	C. Morgan –printer ink	£ 51.22 VAT £ 6.68
000868	Harold Michelmore & Co.	£ 704.79 VAT £74.25
000869	R.W. Morey - quarterly maintenance charges	£1036.26
000870	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 43.07
0008	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary + stationery + exps.	£ 578.64

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 31st MARCH 2009)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 2788.70
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.72
Bank of Scotland	£12568.36
TSB	£ 934.87

PAYMENTS	£ 3188.06
RECEIPTS	£ 2093.44

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