

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 6th JULY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Davey (Chairman), Cllr. J. Grimble (Vice Chairman), Cllr. R. Bailey, Cllr. Mrs Pepperell, Cllr. J. Jenner, Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. M. Bryan, Cllr. I. White, Cllr. D. Hourahane, Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. R. Hunt, Cty. Cllr. Clarence, P.C.S.O. Colin Rider, Sgt. Dawe, David Lovell, Gerald Austin, together with twelve members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing Gerald Austin, Executor, and David Lovell, Developer, who had come to the meeting to put forward a proposal for a new museum in Bishopsteignton.

Mr Lovell gave copies of the proposal to councillors and explained that he had been approached by the Executors to carry out the request in the will of the late Molly Coombes. He went on to explain that there were legal reasons as to why the estate could not be combined with other projects for the village, such as a new village hall and that the museum had to remain a separate charity and in order to fund the project he would be asking for planning permission for 3 dwellings in addition to the museum building. Mr Lovell explained that the site was 1800sq.ft. and that the museum would include a teaching facility, parking for 6 vehicles, a disabled parking space and space for a mini bus and asked for the support of the Parish Council for the overall scheme. Mr Austin reported that the executors had looked into various options and had contacted Mr Lovell as he was already on site which saved a considerable amount of money and that the proposal fulfilled a significant number of requirements of the will, over 70%.

Cllr. White questioned the benefit to the village and the demand for this facility and asked if any research had been carried out.

Mr Austin explained that the will specified that the benefit must be to the museum.

Cllr. Pepperell raised her concerns over the increase in traffic that would be generated into Flow Lane and then onto Cockhaven Road which was already congested especially during school drop of and pick up times.

Mr Lovell explained that when applying for the Bitsa development detailed discussions had taken place with TDC and County Highways over the access and that the architectural planner had wished that Flow Lane be kept as a rural and rustic lane and that it had been designed to restrict and slow down traffic, with priority given to pedestrians and cyclists. He also reported that the junction onto Cockhaven Road had been pushed out to ensure that vehicles paid attention and he didn't believe that traffic would be significantly increased.

Cllr. Williams asked if it would be possible to fulfil all the requirements of the will and the timescale for the proposal as he felt that the Parish Council would need some time to consider it.

Mr Austin explained that the will was specific that the estate should be left to the museum and that number 52 be used, but this had not been possible as County Highways would not consider this due to the access onto the main road and in addition the building was not suited for this use. He went on to report that advice had been sought from a senior Barrister and that other properties had been looked at but deemed unsuitable. Mr Austin explained that the rear of the garden of number 52 had been retained when the house was sold so that this could be developed for the museum which would be in accordance with Molly Coombes wishes.

Cllr. Hunt asked what numbers of visitors were expected and Mr Austin reported that 360 people had visited the museum annually but he had spoken to experts in Exeter and it was anticipated that this would increase, particularly with school use and training.

Cllr. Hunt felt that in order to support the plan more market research needed to be carried out and Cllr. White suggested that this included research on the potential traffic flow.

Cllr. Morgan asked if there were enough funds to build the museum without the partnership of Heritage Homes and Mr Austin explained that there was sufficient capital to build the shell but not to fit it out and that there were 4 cottages in the estate but it was felt that these should be retained to support the museum.

Cllr. Bailey asked if it was the intention to advertise the museum around the area to increase the number of visitors which would then increase the traffic flow and Mr Austin felt that if there was a purpose built facility it would probably be advertised but this would be down to the trustees.

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

A resident asked if the Parish Council could contest the will. Cllr. Grimble explained that there had to be strict legal reasons to be able to contest a will and that the executors were legally charged with carrying out the wishes of the deceased, however they could approach the community and the Charity Commission to see if the trust could be varied, but the initiative would be with the executors.

Mr Ford asked if it was the intention to open throughout the week and Cllr. Morgan explained that a museum had to be opened 6 months of the year.

The Chairman thanked Mr Austin and Mr Lovell for the informative presentation and suggested that they might like to consider holding an open evening in the village to hear the views of residents.

DATED

CHAIRMAN

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THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were duly approved and signed after a slight amendment.

1042 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the Enhancement Group had revised the figures from the consultation on the 4th June which were now 305 in support of the redevelopment of the top of Bishop's Avenue and 5 against and that the group had now contact the MEP to see if there would be any European funding. She also reported that a letter had been received from a number of residents, copies of which had been given to councillors, which raised a number of concerns and that the Enhancement Group had offered to meet with these residents next week to try to address these concerns.

1043 **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Colin Rider reported that sadly there had been a blip in the crime figures recently due to a week of burglaries, car theft and vehicle crime and that unfortunately the victims had been a little complacent in their security. He reported that immediately he was aware of the crimes he had contacted Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators to ask residents to look at their security measures. He explained that the police would carry out a free Home Security visit to survey your property and provide a written report with advice and guidance. He also reported that he had leaflets which could be left in a vehicle window as well as leaflets on home security and unexpected callers and had posted information on the website as well as arranging for an article to be published in the Parish Chronicle and asked residents to take these leaflets and look at their basic security.

Sgt. Dawe reported that overall the crime levels were the same as last year with 5 offences albeit through May and June there had been an increase with break-ins at Jacks Patch, a shared office, a garage where the remote keys had been left and this enabled access into the house and a garden shed, but due to the good security on the door nothing had been stolen. He reminded residents to shut lower windows and lock front doors when out in the garden and to not leave articles on display in vehicles.

Cllr. Organ reported that there had been a reoccurrence of tyres being let down on vehicles on Fore Street and that there were two elderly ladies in Manor Road that were unable to get their bins out due to parked vehicles. PCSO Colin Rider asked that if there was a regular offender details be put in the book in the Post Office so he could take action.

Cllr. White asked if the Police had considered producing a leaflet on considerate parking and PCSO Colin Rider and Cllr. White to draft an article for the website.

1044 **CEMETERY**

Cllr. Williams reported that he had spoken with Duncan Moors, TDC, regarding a request for a meeting to discuss the situation regarding the closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church and had been informed that a meeting was being held at TDC this week when a date would be set.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Lorraine Montgomery, TDC, regarding the request for a professional report on the condition of the closed churchyard, who explained that TDC were in the process of arranging inspections of their burial grounds and suggesting that the Parish Council use their consultant and that she would speak with him on this matter.

Cllr. White reported that when the trees had been cut down in the closed churchyard the contractors had burnt the brushwood on top of a grave and against the wall, leaving an area of ash 1.5mts by 1.5mts and also causing severe damage to a headstone with the engraving in danger of coming away. Cllr. White felt that the contractors should be asked to clear up the mess, replant the hedge and replace the memorial. The clerk reported that before asking for quotes she had spoken to Mr Crout owner of the adjacent field regarding the work and he had agreed that the felled wood could be left in the bushes at the edge of his field and that this is what the contractors had been asked to do. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk and The Chairman would check the quote and speak to the contractors.

Cllr. Bailey raised his concern that once he had painted the cemetery store it would then need continued maintenance. This was discussed and agreed that painting would protect the render therefore Cllr. Bailey to carry on.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that one of the butts had a leak on the seam at the bottom. Roger Morey to be advised and asked to replace.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the ruts in the cemetery driveway had been filled however some of the stone used was still raised and was a potential trip hazard. Roger Morey to be asked to look at this.

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1045 MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that she had emailed photographs of the war memorial to the War Memorials Trust but they had requested further detailed photographs, but implied that the Parish Council would be able to apply for the small grants awards which was considered monthly. Cllr. Morgan reported that he had painted the railings and tried painting one of the letters and would be prepared to paint the remainder. This was discussed and it was agreed that as the memorial needed specialist cleaning the grant application to be pursued.

Cllr. Bryan asked about the plaque at Old Walls which was in a very dilapidated state. The Clerk explained that Devon Archaeological Society had provided the plaque and had been asked to replace it but they had involved English Heritage who had then requested that the Parish Council speak to Roger Dawe who owned the land regarding the access. She reported that Roger Dawe had agreed that he was happy for visitors to access Bishops Palace when the farm gates were open which meant that there were farm personnel around, but not when they were closed due to the machinery stored in the area and that she would be writing to Devon Archaeological Society with this information and asking them again to replace the sign.

Cllr. Hunt asked about the seat survey which had been carried out and the Clerk reported that she was collating the information and would be arranging for the work to be carried out.

1046 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

An email had been received from Brian George, Area Engineer South, DCC advising that he would be pleased to meet with the Parish Council to review parking provision and look at speeding issues and suggested Tuesday 18th August 2009 at 2pm. Agreed and Cty. Cllr. Chris Clarence was invited. Cllr. Grimble gave his apologies.

Notification had been received from DCC of the closure of Smith Hill from Monday 10th August to Friday 14th August between 09.30 and 15.30 for utility work.

Notification had been received from DCC of the closure of Radway Hill from Monday 21st September to Thursday 24th September to install a new electricity supply.

Notification had been received from TDC of the property at 6 Littlefield now to be known as Alpina, 6 Littlefield.

Cllr. Bryan reported that the hedges along Old Walls were in need of a cut and that the road sign was obscured. DCC to be contacted.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Mrs Grimble to speak.

Mrs Grimble reported that a big stand of orchids near the top of the golf club had been cut back. This matter was discussed and concern was raised that some orchids were a protected species and Mrs Knapman advised that this area was a SSSI. Mrs Grimble to advise the Clerk of the exact location and DCC to be advised of the concern if the land is their responsibility.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

Cllr. Morgan reported that Clanage Street had been closed for emergency work to the electricity supply at one of the properties and explained that the condition of Clanage Street had been raised previously as a number of cracks had appeared in the properties, the streetlight had been intermittently going on and off and a number of emergency repairs had been required. He explained that Cty. Cllr. Cox had agreed to speak to DCC Lighting Engineers on this matter and asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence if he was aware of this problem and if he could take on this matter and speak with DCC. Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that he had not been contacted by any resident but would speak with DCC.

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1046 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS cont'd.

Cllr. Hunt suggested that driveways could be let out to alleviate the parking situation and agreed to place an article on the website to ask for a volunteer to run the scheme.

Cllr. Hourahane and Cllr. Williams reported that there were a number of potholes in Forder Lane from the bottom of Littlefield to West Town Meadow, which were very dangerous and needed urgent attention. DCC to be advised.

Cllr. Davey raised his concern over the machine which had recently been carrying out work on the A381 at night and which appeared to be taking the tar out of the road surface and asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence if he could speak to DCC to find out exactly what this machine did to reassure the Parish Council that there would be no long term damage to the road surface.

1047 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION

Cllr. Hunt reported that there had been an informal meeting with councillors and non councillors to form a subcommittee which would oversee the Sports Area and make recommendations to the Parish Council. The Subcommittee would be made up of 3 councillors and 5 residents, with each of the sports using the facility being represented. The first meeting would take place on the 5th August and initial items to be looked at were the improvement of usage and improvements to access and booking system. Cllr. Hunt reported that a very successful Tennis Open Day had been held with over 40 people turning up and it was hoped that from this a new Bishopsteignton Tennis Club would be formed. Cllr. Hunt finished his report by congratulating Roger James on the brilliant job he was doing as caretaker of the Sports Area. The site was looking in a very good condition and Mr James had done far more than was expected of him. The Parish Council added their thanks to Roger James for his work.

The Clerk reported that none of the members of the Play Area Committee were willing to reform and look into the play area at the Recreation Ground. However, she had received information of people interested and would follow this up.

Notification had been received from the Planning Inspectorate that the order to divert a path located to the east of Coombesend Road East, Kingsteignton (Footpath 8 – Footpath 20 Bishopsteignton) has not been confirmed and TDC had advised the Parish Council that they would notify them of the revised diversion proposals in due course..

The Clerk reported that following the request for the use of the Recreation Area for the Big Lunch on the 19th July 2009 which had been agreed at the Planning Meeting, she had received a request for use of the Sports Area. This was discussed and Cllr. Hunt proposed the Normal Charges to apply. Agreed.

Cllr. Pepperell reported that at the meeting with John Cocker, TDC the possibility of using the corner to the Teignmouth side of Micheals Field for allotments had been discussed and Sarah Lord was trying to arrange a meeting with TDC to progress this. She also reported that the possibility of using part of the Recreation Ground had also been discussed, but due to the covenants that require that this land be kept as open space for use by the village, this was not possible. Cllr. Pepperell reported that a branch had broken and was hanging down from one of the apple trees in the Recreation Ground orchard and needed pruning. Cllr. Pepperell went on to report that the Recreation Ground is full of wild meadow flowers at present and is a beautiful area of land to be enjoyed and appreciated by residents.

Cllr. Bailey reported that he had attended Teignmouth Town Council meeting and that there was great pressure to get Micheals Field up and running as a sports area. Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that there was a field at Hazeldown, Teignmouth, which was owned by DCC and large enough to accommodate football, rugby and a cricket pitch which to date sports clubs had been reluctant to use due to possible drainage problems, but Broadmeadow Football Club had agreed to use it this winter and this would take the pressure off bringing Micheals Field into use.

Cllr. Hourahane reported that he had seen 2 horses using footpath 13 from Huntley to Cockhaven Close. The Clerk reported that the replacement sign was in hand and Cllr. Hourahane suggested that it be placed higher so it would be more visible.

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1048 PLANNING

THE MINUTES of the Planning Meeting held on the 15th June were duly approved and signed after a slight amendment.

09/01470/FUL 46 Teignview Road Retention of decking to front of property and 1.5metres high fence along western boundary - no comment.

09/01743/FUL The White House Luton Cross Two storey side extension incorporating garage - no comment.

09/01798/FUL Adjacent Venn Farm Timber framed agricultural building.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN SUSPENDED STANDING ORDERS to allow Mr Hillage to speak.

Mr Hillage explained that the building was to be used to store agricultural equipment, implements and hay storage as he was planning to farm sheep and pigs although on a small scale to start with.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

After discussion it was agreed that there was no objections provided agricultural need is proven.

Notification had been received from TDC that they have raised objections to the permanent retention of the existing modular classroom at Bishopsteignton CP School Cockhaven Close.

Notification had been received from TDC that following the formation of an experimental planning team to identify areas of work which could be improved, the district has now been split into two teams with Bishopsteignton part of the East and Coastal Team.

Cty Cllr. Clarence asked if the Parish Council had any objections to TDC no longer putting up yellow notices for domestic planning application and just writing to neighbouring properties, as both Shaldon and Stokeinteignhead were very concerned and had suggested that if this was due to cost cutting, the applicant be asked to put up the notice as a condition of the application procedure. The Parish Council were very concerned at this as they felt that the yellow notices were essential as it was not always neighbouring properties that were affected. Cllr. Hunt reported that when St. Johns House had put in a planning application, he had not been advised and TDC had informed him that they no longer sent letters to neighbouring properties but just put up the notices. After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Williams would speak to TDC Planning to ascertain their procedure in domestic planning applications and Cty. Cllr. Clarence was asked to raise this matter with TALC.

1049 MEMBERS REPORTS

None

1050 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from residents raising their concerns over the proposal for the redevelopment at the top of Bishop's Avenue. The Chairman reminded councillors that Cllr. Pepperell had reported this earlier and that arrangements were being made for the residents to meet with the Enhancement Group to talk about these concerns and therefore suggested that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting when Cllr. Pepperell could report back.

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

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Mrs Knapman raised her concern that over recent months traffic had been parking on the high pavement between the Ring of Bells to opposite the chemist when traffic was prohibited after Causeway Cottage and that not only was this causing pedestrians to walk in the road, but the utilities were very close to the surface as the pavement was not designed for vehicles and this could result in significant damage. This was discussed and agreed that it be on the Agenda for the walk around with Brian George from DCC.

Mrs White showed councillors a copy of Teignbridge Life which had information of facilities in the area but did not include any information about Bishopsteignton Facilities. Cllr. Williams to have a look at the magazine and speak to TDC.

CHEQUES SIGNED

000890	R.W. Morey – ¼ maintenance charges	£ 1081.26
000891	DAPC – annual sub	£ 532.50
000892	Bishopsteignton Village Show – S137 donation	£ 50.00
000893	L.M. James – Sports Area Caretaker	£ 372.45
000894	Mrs J. Knapman – clerical support	£ 50.00
000895	Bishopsteignton Community Centre – rent Jun – September	£ 489.00
000896	R. Bailey – reimbursement for paint	£ 12.48
000897	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 171.71
000898	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary & exps.	£ 808.86

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 30th JUNE 2009)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 16241.25
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.80
Bank of Scotland	£ 12570.87
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 4212.57
RECEIPTS	£ 131.12

DATED

CHAIRMAN