

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. C. Morgan, Cllr. M. Bryan, P.C.S.O. Colin Rider.

ANNUAL AUDIT: The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit for 2008/9 had now been completed and there was no further action to be taken.

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

1060 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Hunt reported that members of the Enhancement Group had met with our MEP to find out if any European funding would be available for the proposed redesign of the top of Bishops Avenue and had checked out some suggestions made by the MEP, but it did not look like any funding could be sourced from Europe. Cllr. Hunt went on to report that he was waiting to hear from TDC on the proposal to jointly finance the scheme and would report back to the Parish Council once he had heard.

Cllr. Hunt reminded the meeting that a while ago the upgrading of the Village Design Statement had been discussed but no further action had been taken. He reported that he had contacted TDC on this matter and had been informed that a further draft of the LDF was being compiled and part of that was to include Village Design Statements from all areas. Cllr. Hunt went on to report that he had spoken to Tony Corlett who had been involved with the original production of the VDS and was happy to be involved again and once he had talked to TDC to ascertain exactly what action the Parish Council needed to take, Cllr. Hunt would report back.

1061 **CEMETERY**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cllr. Williams who explained that he had spoken to Alan Connett, Leader of TDC who had expressed a willingness to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the situation regarding the closed churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church and asked if he should proceed with setting up a meeting and if it would be useful for him to have a preliminary meeting first. This matter was discussed and Cllr. Williams to arrange a meeting with Alan Connett. Cllr. Grimble expressed the need to ensure that key people, who had knowledge of the history over the transfer of the closed churchyard to the Parish Council attended the formal meeting with Alan Connett, but that he could see no reason why Cllr. Williams should not have an informal meeting first and that Cllr. Williams should be charged with ensuring that Alan Connett is fully briefed in this matter. This was agreed.

The Chairman reported that he had disposed the old tiles which had been left behind the cemetery store following the refurbishment.

Cllr. Bailey reported that he was planning to go to the cemetery tomorrow to paint the store with Valentine Water Sealant.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Les Down, a funeral director who lived in the village who had made some suggestions regarding the Garden of Rest re the placing of pots and vases on the cremation tablets and had offered to meet with the Cemetery Committee on site to discuss these suggestions. She reminded the Parish Council that this matter was to be discussed fully later in the year when Roger Morey was forwarding revised maintenance charges which would include details of the difference in maintenance costs if pots and vases are allowed. It was agreed that a meeting with Les Down be arranged during November.

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1062 MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that there had been a delay to the work on the war memorial due to the weather, but that it should be sprayed this week and Cllr. Morgan was planning to pressure wash it on his return from holiday, then she would contact Cllr. Hourahane to inspect it and decide if it was acceptable for Cllr. Morgan to carry on and repaint the lettering.

Cllr. Pepperell asked the current situation regarding the maintenance of the telephone box in Fore Street and the Clerk reported that she had received an email from BT advising her that maintenance had been carried out on the internal structure and that it was just the repainting outstanding.

1063 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

All councillors had received a copy of the report by the Clerk of the meeting held with Brian George to look at traffic issues around the village. The Clerk explained that Brian George was going to forward his report together with maps and then ask the Parish Council to prioritise works they wished to be carried out. It was agreed that no further action be taken until the report from Brian George had been received.

Notification had been received from TDC that the addresses for new properties to be known as 1 – 29(excl. 13) Great Park Close.

Notification had been received from DCC that the lower end of Flow Lane would be closed from Monday 21st September 2009 to Friday 2nd October 2009 for utility work.

Notification had been received from DCC that the upper part of Church Road would be closed from Thursday 29th October 2009 to Monday 14th December 2009 for utility work. Concerns were raised over the length of time of the road closure and the effect this would have on the bus route. The Clerk to contact Country Bus and find out what arrangements were being made to advise people of any changes to routes.

A letter had been received from Mr Robertson following up his concerns over the Forder Lane approach to the village which he had raised previously in June and December 2008. The Clerk reported that she had also received a letter from Richard Younger-Ross MP over this matter.

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

Mr Robertson explained that he was concerned at the amount of traffic using this road which was only 3 metres wide in one place, due to the signage on the A381 directing traffic into the village centre by this route. He explained that he lived very close to Forder Lane and had been involved in a collision in which he had lost his wing mirror and was concerned that more severe collisions could occur. He explained that there were no passing places. The Chairman asked Mr Robertson what he thought could be done to improve this access and Mr Robertson felt that it should either be widened or made one way or changes made to the signage for the village centre. This was discussed and the Parish Council felt that a one way would speed up the traffic as well as being impracticable for lorries entering the village as there is no where that then could turn around in the centre of the village. The Chairman felt that there was no way that a Devon Bank would be allowed to be removed to widen this road even if there were no concerns that this would speed up traffic. Cllr. Grimble reported that the Parish Council had discussed traffic concerns on numerous occasions but that it was necessary to remember that this is Devon and Forder Lane is characteristic of large parts of Devon and the consensus of the Parish Council had always been that it was preferable to restrict speed using a Devon Bank. He advised members that one of the passing places was privately owned but he understood that an agreement had been made between DCC and the owner that the entrance could be used as a passing place if DCC resurfaced this area. Cllr. Hourahane felt that peoples driving habits contributed to the dangers as coming from the A381 they tended to slow down but drove faster going down Forder Lane towards the main road. Cllr. White felt that there might be a possibility for something on the bend just past Grange Park to slow the traffic down such as a priority scheme or signage. Cllr. Grimble felt the fact that the derstriction sign encouraged drivers to speed and that the Parish Council had on a number of occasions tried to get the 30mph limit extended. After further discussion it was agreed to contact DCC to ask them to look at the different possibilities to improve the situation.

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STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

1064 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS cont'd

Cllr. Pepperrell asked if there had been any developments on the Parking Scheme where people used other peoples drives or garage, which had been discussed at a previous meeting as she felt that the Parish Council should be trying to promote this scheme. Cllr. Hunt reported that he had placed an article on the website but that the article for the Parish Chronicle had been edited which lost some of its impact and he would be putting in a further article. The Chairman informed members that this was a nationwide scheme and after discussion it was agreed that further information be obtained.

1065 COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION

Cllr. Hunt reported that the first formal meeting of the Sports Area Sub Committee had been held and various actions were ongoing. Cllr. Bryan was looking into a different locking system, the provision of a shelter was in hand and increased marketing was being done. Cllr. Hunt reported that the inspection of the lights was required urgently but he had been unable to find any details of suitably qualified people to carry this out. Cllr. Davey reported that he knew of someone who might be able to carry out the inspection and would contact them. This was discussed and due to the nights drawing in it was agreed that the work on the lights should be Chairmans Action. Cllr. Hunt reported that Roger James, the Caretaker was doing a fantastic job, far more than he was asked to do having built the new shelter as well as other tasks. This was discussed and a letter of appreciation to be sent. The Clerk reported that Les Down had made a donation for the storage unit.

A response had been received from Simon Barnes, Strategic Manager, TDC on the concerns raised by the Parish Council on the responsibilities of providing, maintaining and running allotments. His comments were discussed but there was still some concern as to the accuracy following on from experiences when TDC provided allotments in Newton Abbot and information from the National Allotment Assosication.

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence informed the meeting that when allotments had been provided at Shaldon, TDC had conveyed the land to the Parish Council for £1, they then charge an annual rent for the whole area to the Allotment Association who then manage the allotments.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

This matter was discussed and it was agreed to invite Simon Barnes to attend the meeting on 5th October 2009 as well as all interested parties.

Cllr. Pepperrell reported that the proposed allotments at Micheals Field would supply 19 half plots and this would leave 6 on the waiting list. She also asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence if he had been able to find any funding through DCC and he advised her that he had not.

A copy of an email from John Cocker to Alun Williams regarding the provision of allotments at Micheals Field had been circulated to all councillors. This was discussed and Cllr. Grumble reported that some of the statements in this email were factually incorrect as this land was subject to an Article 4 directive which had been placed on it by TDC some 12 years ago and therefore did not have any permitted development rights. After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Williams be asked to remind John Cocker of the Article 4 Directive.

The Chairman reported that he had passed the letter regarding the grant from DCC for the resurfacing of Durley Lane to the Clerk as the person at DCC who had dealt with this had now left and the Clerk was now in the process of finding out who was now dealing with this. The Clerk confirmed to Cty. Cllr. Clarence that this was the £1000 Investing in Devon Bid, Circular Walk and he agreed to see what information he could find out and let her know.

The next Community Day to tidy up the Recreation Ground was discussed and agreed that it be held on Saturday 10th October 2009 from 10am to approx. 3pm. This to be advertised and Cty. Cllr. Clarence was asked if there was any possibility of Community Funding to help towards the cost.

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1065 **COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION cont'd.**

An email had been received from Paul Uren advising the Parish Council that he had been going through the application and questionnaires for a village green and hoped to be able to discuss this with the Legal Department soon. They would then decide if any more evidence was required or to continue with advertising the application in the local paper and serve notice on TDC as the owner of the land.

1066 **PLANNING**

THE MINUTES of the Planning Meeting held on the 17th August 2009 were duly approved and signed .

A copy of an email had been received from Nick Davies to Alun Williams, declining the invitation to attend a meeting at the Parish Council to report on the changes to Permitted development Rights in October 2008 as with some 50 parishes to consider he felt that TDC couldn't resource training for individual parishes. He had however, asked Neil Aggett in the Committee Section whether any centralised workshops were planned. This was discussed and there were serious concerns that TDC Officers refused to come to a meeting to assist the Parish Council. A response to be sent to Nick Davies.

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that TDC had agreed to reinstate the use of the yellow planning notices.

09/02528/FUL 1 Great Furlong Form new window in west-facing elevation. Cllr. Grimble declared an interest and left the room. After discussion it was agreed that TDC be advised - no comment .

09/02615/CAN Cross Gate, Shute Hill Remove one walnut and one magnolia from rear garden - no comments.

09/02151/FUL 32 Radway Street Second storey extension over existing kitchen to provide en-suite and dressing area for master bedroom with roof terrace - REVISED APPLICATION - no objections.

09/02472/FUL/27 58 Grange Park Reduction of decking, addition of access ramp and return of ground level to previous level. Cllr. Grimble declared an interest. The Clerk explained that 'no comment' had previously been forwarded to TDC but that she had now received copies of letter to TDC from residents of neighbouring properties raising their concerns. After discussion it was agreed that the following comments be made to TDC. 'The Parish Council have now received details of concerns from residents of neighbouring properties. These concerns have been forwarded to the Planning Officer and the Parish Council ask that they be taken into account either at the planning stage or in relation to building regulations.

Notification had been received from TDC that the Third Revised Teignbridge Local Development Scheme(LDS) was brought into effect on 16th June 2009 and could be viewed and downloaded from Teignbridge.gov.uk

Information had been received on free planning advice and free training packages by South West Planning Aid. This to be noted.

1067 **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. Hourahane advised the meeting that he had been invited to a Halls Committee Meeting with the Executors of Molly Coombes' will and would report back to the council at the next meeting.

1068 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification had been received of the DAPC AGM on Saturday 26th September 2009 at County Hall, Exeter, but no councillor was available to attend.

An invitation had been received to attend a workshop to develop a draft vision for Dawlish on Monday 21st September 2009 at Dawlish Town Council Offices between 9.30am and 1pm.and for Teignmouth on Wednesday 23rd September 2009 at Bitton House, Teignmouth between 9.30am and 1pm. Cllr. Hunt agreed to try and attend the workshop at Teignmouth.

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1068 CORRESPONDENCE cont'd.

An email had been received from Steve Shaw, National Co-ordinator, Unlock Democracy asking for the Parish Council to take action to ensure that the Sustainable Communities Amendment Bill to become law. This was discussed and councillors were asked to view the bill so it could be discussed at the next meeting.

A request had been received from Richard Younger-Ross MP to attend the Parish Council meeting on 5th October 2009. Agreed.

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

Jim Whittaker reported that Roger James had been working late into the night on the Sports Area Shelter and a number of people had expressed admiration of his work.

CHEQUES SIGNED

000904	SWW - Water Sports Area	£ 121.74
000905	L.M. James - reimbursement for Sports Area Shelter	£ 35.60
000906	RAC Groundworks - Slide installation and groundworks.	£1006.00
000907	CPRE - Annual Sub	£ 29.00
000908	R. Bailey - reimbursement for cemetery store paint.	£ 7.82 (VAT £1.17)
000909	Audit Commission - Annual Audit	£ 285.00(VAT £42.75)
000910	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 171.71
000911	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary & exps + Sports Area Shed	£ 936.38

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 31st AUGUST 2009)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 11826.36
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.82
Bank of Scotland	£ 12572.51
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 1548.44
RECEIPTS	£ 480.00

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