

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 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, Cty. Cllr. Clarence, together with four members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Hunt, P.C.S.O. Colin Rider.

1033 **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** The Clerk advised that there was an addition to page 4, No.5 CREDITORS "At 31st march 2008 the amount of £379 was held in trust as a contribution for a replacement seat at Clanage Cross in the future(Minute ref:921 Maintenance)" The Annual Accounts were duly adopted.

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

1034 **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that the Bishopsteignton Enhancement Group had held a very successful consultation on 4th June 2009 where 250 parishioners had been enthusiastic about the proposals for Bishops Avenue and only 5 had been against. She went on to report that there had been a number of questions mainly when this project would go ahead and how it was to be financed.

1035 **CEMETERY**

Cllr. Williams reported that he had spoken with Duncan Moors, TDC, on the request for a meeting to discuss the situation regarding the closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church and had been informed that Alan Connett had been tied up with the elections, and that Nicola Bulbeck, Chief Executive, wished to delegate the responsibility, but that a meeting could now be arranged fairly swiftly. Cllr. Williams felt that Duncan Moors should also be in attendance.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Hilary Corlett regarding the dead elm trees in the Churchyard, one of which had a broken branch causing a health and safety issue and it was now a matter of urgency that work was carried out.

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

Mrs Corlett explained that Mr Crout who farmed the adjacent field had reported the dead elms a number of months ago and the PCC were now very concerned that this area was unsafe. She explained that the PCC did have a record of the graves and that 12 were listed, but due to age, relatives could not be contacted.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.

Cllr. White was deeply concerned that the change of a TDC Officer would push this item back with the need to start again and felt that the problem with the trees should be sent to TDC advising them that people were being put into danger and asking them to expediate the meeting. Cllr. Morgan raised his concerns over the Health and Safety issues in this area of the Churchyard with tombstones being in a precarious position and people being put into danger and suggested that it be cordoned off. The Chairman reported that when he had inspected the trees he had been shocked at the condition of the tombstones. Cllr. Grimble explained that irrespective of how the Parish Council had come to take over the closed churchyard and that they were in the process of discussions with TDC, the legal stand was that at the present time legally the Parish Council were liable. After further discussion it was agreed that arrangements be made to remove the dead elms for which quotes had already been obtained and a meeting to discuss the quotes be held and that arrangements be made for a professional assessment.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Roger Morey regarding the water butts and he had advised her that he was obtaining new taps, linking both butts and would be fitting retaining straps to prevent the butts from blowing around.

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1035 CEMETERY cont'd.

The Clerk reported that Roger Morey had raised his concerns about the Garden of Rest which due to the pots and vases was taking some considerable time to maintain. The Chairman reported that when the Garden of Rest was opened the Parish Council intended that only cremation tablets would be allowed, to allow easy maintenance. The Clerk reported that the Cemetery regulations specified the size of cremation tablets and that they must be laid flat to the ground, but did not specify that pots/vases could not be placed.

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

Mrs Corlett explained that the PCC, with 300 tablets had found that maintenance was taking some considerable time and expense and had consulted with the church hierarchy and now only allowed cut flowers.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.

Cllr. White felt that it was very hard on relatives to stop them being able to place flowers/pots on cremation plots. This matter was discussed and agreed that freestanding pots/vases would be allowed in to be placed on cremation tablets in the Garden of rest and the Cemetery regulations to be amended.

Cllr. Bailey reported that work to improve the security of the cemetery door had been completed and that he would now paint the door. He asked if the Parish Council wished him to pain the outside of the store. This was agreed and Cllr. Bailey to liaise with te Clerk with regard to the colour.

1036 MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that she had now received a third quote for the refurbishment of the war memorial, but was still awaiting quotes for the repainting of the railings. This was discussed and Cllr. Morgan offered to repaint the railings which would enable the grant application to proceed. Agreed.

The Chairman advised councillors that an inspection of the village seats and notice boards would be carried out on Monday 15th June 2009 after the planning meeting and asked as many councillors to attend as possible. The Planning Meeting to commence at 7pm.

Cllr. Pepperrell reported that she had spoken to the landowner about the hedge in front of the seat at Old Walls/Tea House Lane and been advised that he used to keep it cut down, but had found a problem with rubbish being thrown into the hedge causing injury to his animals and would not be happy for it to be cut.

Cllr. Bryan reported that that some graffiti had appeared in four areas along Teign View Road with the letters TP. PCSO Colin Rider to be advised and the clerk to find out about removal and the possibility of obtaining an anti graffiti kit.

1037 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Cllr. Morgan reported that there were no signs on the main road to inform people that this was a historic village and of the shops and businesses. He had spoken with local business and obtained their support and had applied to DCC for Bypass Community Signs.

Cllr. Pepperrell reported that during the BEG public consultation residents had expressed their anger at the inconsiderate parking around the village. The Clerk reported that she had written to DCC asking for the engineer to meet with the Parish Council to look at potential parking places and was waiting for a reply. Cllr. Grimble reported that TDC had carried out random checks on the parking outside the Post Office and Shops which had greatly improved parking in this area, but he was not aware if any checks were carried out on parking in general.

Cllr. White and Cllr. Hourahane reported that they had witnessed a vehicle speeding down Fore Street and reiterated the need for speed bumps and a 20 MPH through the centre of the village. The Chairman explained that Cty. Cllr. Cox had been very proactive with DCC on the request for a 20MPH speed limit and speed reductions measures and asked Cty. Cllr. Clarence for his comments.

1037 **TRAFFIC CONDITIONS cont'd.**

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

Cty. Cllr. Clarence reported that in Shaldon they had a 20MPH zone and speed bumps in various locations and that the Parish Council would need to identify and work out where they wished signs to be located and consult with DCC.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED.

Cllr. Bryan raised his concerns over the speed of traffic that came down from the golf club and asked if this area could be included.

Cllr. White reported that he had met representatives from DCC in the past to discuss the problems on Smith hill, but had felt that they did not have the authority to make changes and suggested that the County Engineer be asked to visit the village to discuss the speed as well as the parking issues. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to DCC asking that Brian George, Area Engineer South meet with the Parish Council to look at these issues. Cllr. Bailey suggested that PCSO Colin Rider be asked to use the portable speed gun on Fore Street.

1038 **COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION**

The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting a reply from the former Children's Play Area Committee to see if they would reform to look at the Recreation ground Play Area, but she had looked at the ROSPA report in more depth and most of the items were cosmetic and medium risk.

It was agreed that the meeting with John Cocker.TDC, to look at the potential for sports pitches at the recreation ground and the possible allotments on Micheals Field was arranged for Wednesday 17th June 2009, 2.30pm at the Recreation Ground. Cllr. White raised his concern that if it was agreed that allotments could be provided on Micheals Field that this could be revoked in the future. Cllr. Grimble explained that once allotments had been set up this could not be undone.

The Clerk reported that she had arranged for Roger Morey to trim footpaths 13 & 19, adjacent to the school, for the end of the half term break as they were very overgrown and Roger Morey had suggested that these paths be sprayed three times a year, commencing in April/May which would keep them in check and should avoid the need for strimming. Agreed.

Cllr. Bryan reported that Whitewells was in danger of being overgrown and that the picnic tables had graffiti on them. The Clerk reported that in the past TDC Countryside Rangers had looked after this area and she would check to see if this was still the position. To be inspected on 15th June 2009.

The Clerk reported that DCC were currently carrying out the annual cut of the footpaths which was additional to the P3 budget.

1039 **PLANNING**

Notification had been received that the Appeal Hearing against the refusal of planning permission 08/01463/FUL Old Walls Vineyard – Dwelling house for a manager/worker would be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 at 10am at the Council Offices Forde House Newton Abbot. Cllr. Williams to represent the Parish Council.

09/01317/FUL 4 Lea Mount Car port and shed - No objections.

09/01408/LBC West Lodge Lindridge Replacement of pedestrian gate - No objections.

09/01264/FUL Plot 17 Great Park Erection of dwelling and garage - no comment.

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1039 **PLANNING cont'd.**

09/01384/FUL 19 Bishop's Avenue Retrospective application for velux window - No objections.

09/01482/LBC Mistry Waters 20B Fore Street Internal alterations including construction of wall and formation of doorway - No objections.

09/01578/FUL The Root House Home Humber Convert dormer windows from gable to sleigh roofs to west lane elevation and insert velux window in south elevation - No objections.

09/01584/FUL The Apple Mill 7 Radway Court Single storey extension to form garden room - No objections provided the extension is in keeping with the surrounding buildings and retains the character of the existing development.

09/01525/TPO 3 Murley Grange Crown lift 2 holm oak in rear garden - No objections.

09/01495/FUL The Mill House Church Road Erection of summer house and greenhouse - No objections.

Bishopstieghton CP School Cockhaven Close Permanent retention of existing modular classroom - the Parish Council object to permanent retention, but have no objection to a further extension of 5 years.

1040 **MEMBERS REPORTS**

Cllr. Pepperell reported that she had attended the TALC meeting and a Rural Aid grant of £5000 had been awarded to the Village Hall for the refurbishment of the kitchen.

1041 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A request had been received from the Bishopstieghton Village Show for a donation. Cllr. White proposed that the Parish Council sponsor the fruit and vegetable division for £50. 7 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention.

An email had been received from David Cox advising the Parish Council that he had lost the election and passing on his thanks and appreciation to the council for all their support during his term of office and hoping that he had made a positive difference to Bishopstieghton. Cllr. Jenner proposed that a reply be sent to thank David Cox for his services during his period of office. Unanimously agreed.

A request had been received from Sarah Lord that Parish Councillors put a brief biography on the website. This was discussed and agreed that those who wish to do so email the biography to the Clerk.

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

CHEQUES SIGNED

000881	SWW – water Sports Area	£ 280.59 (VAT £36.60)
000882	Kirk Fencing - Gate Sports Area	£1597.35 (VAT £208.35)
000883	Southern Tree Services - tree mtce.	£ 565.00
000884	Devon Engineering Services – Cemetery Door	£ 169.05 (VAT £22.05)
000885	M.A. Bell - Audit Fee	£ 90.00
000886	Mrs V. James – Parish Council planter	£ 8.24
000887	T. Davey – Chairman's Allowance	£ 420.00
000888	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£ 89.28
000889	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary & exps.	£ 847.91

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 31st MAY 2009)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 19771.92
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 445.72
Bank of Scotland	£ 12569.99
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 3835.40
RECEIPTS	£ 966.45

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