

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON MONDAY 7th JUNE 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Davey (Chairman), Cllr. J. Grimble (Vice Chairman), Cllr. A. Williams, Cllr. M. Bryan, Cllr. J. Jenner, Cllr. I. White, Cllr. D. Hourahane, Cllr. J. Pepperell, Cllr. R. Bailey, P.C.S.O. Colin Rider, together with six members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. R. Hunt, Cllr. C. Morgan

The Chairman opened the meeting by inviting Dr Ruth Sewell to address the councillors.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED

Dr. Ruth Sewell informed the Parish Council that following the meeting with Mark Waddams, Tree Officer for Teignbridge District Council and the Clerk, she and Bob McMahon had agreed to take on the role of Tree Wardens for Bishopsteignton, but unfortunately Bob could not attend as he was away on holiday. Dr. Sewell explained that since the initial meeting she and Bob had met and discussed a number of ideas and planned to be quite active in their role on behalf of the Parish Council in raising the awareness of trees. She explained that the Sustainable Bishop group which had recently been set up would be very useful and that she intended to approach the Head Mistress of the school to see if the children could be engaged during the National Tree Week in October. Dr Sewell also explained that Newton Abbot had organised a Public Celebration of trees and she and Bob would like to do something similar to try and encourage people to celebrate the trees in the Village. She also informed the Parish Council that the Tree Wardens would like to hold a surgery at the Community Centre on a regular basis where residents could come and find out more information on what trees to plant or discuss problems with trees on their properties as they wanted to become more visible and although neither of them were experts, TDC offered a training package which she and Bob would be pursuing to learn more. Dr. Sewell reported that she and Bob intended to contact neighbouring tree wardens so they could pool resources and ideas but that they both were happy to be guided by others on what they wanted from their Tree Wardens. She also explained that the Clerk was in the process of sorting out some sort of ID card so that as Tree Wardens they would be able to visit properties when planning applications were received to carry out work on trees with a TPO and that they would be placing posters around the village and an article in the Parish Chronicle and on the website to advertise their role.

The Chairman informed Dr Sewell that the school had recently been involved in planting a tree at the entrance to the village and was sure the Head Mistress would want to get involved further. Cllr. Bailey raised his concerns that there used to be beautiful trees on the skyline but that this was changing and Cllr. White felt that it would be a positive step if the interest in trees was widened and residents could be encouraged to underplant so that when trees had to be felled there were replacement specimen trees already growing. The Chairman reported that it had been necessary to fell a turkey oak and a Monterey pine at the Recreation Ground a couple of years ago due to their condition so it was not always possible to retain trees but an education programme would be beneficial.

The Chairman then welcomed Dr Ruth Sewell and Bob McMahon as Tree Wardens for Bishopsteignton and thanked Dr Sewell for coming along and addressing the meeting.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

1125 **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** copies of the annual accounts for 2009/2010 had been given to all councillors and it was agreed that these be adopted and the Governance Statement on the Annual Return be signed..

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND THE MEETING TO DISCUSS QUOTES were duly approved and signed after a minor amendment.

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CHAIRMAN

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1126 PARISH PLAN

Cllr. Pepperrell reported that Cllr. Hunt had asked her to inform the meeting that he had had a site meeting with consultants to discuss the enhancement scheme at the top of Bishops Avenue and that they were now going to produce a topographical report which would detail the design and costings and which should be back within six weeks.

1127 CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting to hear from Keith Welters, Welters Organisation, as to the outcome of his enquiries into the transfer of the Closed Churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church, before she spoke to Duncan Moors at TDC. She went on to report that she had however spoken again to Hilary Corlett who had advised her that she had seen the Diocese Solicitor who had advised her that the reason the map included all of the churchyard including the Garden of Rest was because the closure applied to all, but that the closure did not prevent the interment of ashes which is why the Garden of rest could still be used. The Clerk reported that she felt that there was still a need to have clarification as to exactly what the Parish Council was responsible for.

1128 MAINTENANCE

A letter had been received from residents of Happy Valley asking for a dog bin to be sited in this part of the village or one of the two bins at the Cemetery re-sited. The Parish Council felt that this was a logical request, but were not aware that there were two bins at the Cemetery, but felt that if there were a re-siting may be more likely to be agreed by TDC than a request for a new bin. It was agreed that the Clerk to check if there were two bins at the cemetery and to contact the Dog Warden to request, if applicable, a bin to be re-sited or an additional bin.

Cllr. Pepperrell reported that the shrubs at the scout hut were overgrown and encroaching on the pavement. The Scouts to be contacted.

1129 TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

An email had been received from Maurizio D'Alesio, DCC, regarding the request from the Parish Council that the part night light policy be adopted for a trial period due to their concerns that this may lead to an increase in crime and advising that this will be introduced on a 12 month trial basis. The Chairman asked PCSO Colin Rider if the police had any information on increase in crime in unlit areas and was informed that the police felt generally that criminals did not like well lit areas.

An email had been received from John Richardson-Dawes, DCC, regarding the revised Country Bus timetable which had cut out some services through the centre of the village, advising that as DCC no longer subsidised the service it had to be run as an entirely commercial service and that DCC no longer had any say. An email had also been received from Neil Romig, Country Bus, advising that following the financial cutbacks they had been looking at ways of maintaining the viability of service 184 and had done their best to put together a timetable which will offer an acceptable level but that should passenger numbers rise sufficiently it would look to increasing service levels. The Clerk reported that Cty. Cllr. Clarence had also written to DCC after timing the route to express his concern at the buses that were not going through the centre of the village but were going along the main road at the same times as the Stagecoach services. Cllr. Hourahane reported that he had heard that Country Bus was not going to stop when hailed but only stop at authorised bus stops. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk contact Country Bus to ascertain if only authorised stops were to be used in future and to follow up the email from DCC raising the Parish Councils concerns and asking DCC to take another look at the subsidy. Cllr. Williams to continue his correspondence with DCC.

STANDING ORDERS were suspended to allow PCSO Colin Rider to speak.

PCSO Colin Rider reported on the incidents for May/June which included males taking scrap metal from Bakers Yard, a straw bale damaging the wall and railings of a property on Radway Hill, a Fiesta blocking the top of Bishops Avenue, a child bitten by a dog at Jacks Patch, a suspicious car near the golf course, a drink drive, an RTC on Ash Hill, 2 RTC's on the A381, a hit and run on Radway Street and theft of a Blue Badge. PCSO Colin Rider also reported that there had been a burnt out car on Coombe Way but that this had now been cleared away. Cllr. Bailey explained that he was aware of a kit & chain that was being sold to prevent blue badges being stolen and asked PCSO Colin Rider if he could take action to raise public awareness of this growing crime.

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STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

1129 **TRAFFIC CONDITIONS cont'd.**

Cllr. Bailey reported that during the resurfacing of Cockhaven Road signs had been placed at the Church Road end advising that the road was closed when traffic could have gone up Orchard Gardens and that the work had been carried out on a Thursday, Friday and Monday and he was concerned that the Cockhaven Manor may have lost business because of the misleading information and inconsiderate planning. After discussion it was agreed that DCC be contacted to ensure that signs are correct on future road closures and that more consideration is given when planning road closures.

Notification had been received of a new property to be known as The Curves, 11B Deans Close.

1130 **COUNTRYSIDE & RECREATION**

THE MINUTES of the Countryside & Recreation Meeting held on the 24th May 2010 were duly approved and signed.

The proposal from Russell Bond and Becky Heale to lease the sports area was discussed and felt that this should be deferred to the next meeting to hear from Cllr. Hunt. Cllr. White also raised his concerns that any leasing of the sports area may not comply with the rules from the Landfill Tax Communities fund who gave the majority of the funds to enable the sports area to be built. Cllr. White was asked if he could obtain information to clarify the situation for the next meeting.

A further letter had been received from Viv Cloke regarding the stand of Orchids on the verge next to the Golf Club advising the Parish Council that despite a response from the Golf Club admitting that they did cut this verge and that they would try and protect the orchids in future, this area had been cut again twice. This matter was discussed and concern was raised that this was cut by DCC, but the Clerk reported on a letter from DCC where they categorically denied cutting this verge as well as having a copy of the letter from the Golf Club which admits to cutting this verge. After further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Golf Club asking them to protect the orchids and enquiries to be made as to who would enforce the protection should the letter not be successful.

Cllr. White reported that of the three trees planted on Church Road the end tree had died and asked if this could be replaced. It was agreed that a replacement tree should be replanted in the autumn and the Tree Wardens to be asked to look at what would be suitable and DCC to be contacted.

Cllr. Pepperrell reported that considerable progress had been made re landscaping Wallis Grove and that the Clerk should be thanked for designing the scheme and her many hours of work building the brick circle and planting the plants and asked councillors to go and look at what had been done.

1131 **PLANNING**

THE MINUTES of the Planning Meeting held on the 24th May 2010 were duly approved and signed.

An email had been received from Richard Sampson, DBCP, following the concerns raised over the safety of 15 Bishops Avenue and advising the Parish Council that he had inspected the property and that an application for a replacement dwelling would be submitted shortly.

10/01447/FUL Land off Flow Lane Three Dwellings

STANDING ORDERS were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Ruth Gaye who lived at no 57 was represented by her son who explained that she had three concerns on planning grounds which were overdevelopment, not in keeping with properties in Flow Lane and concerns over privacy as although the first floor window would be glazed, due to the angle of one of the dwellings half of the garden will be visible from the north west elevation.

Jan Bond also raised her concerns over privacy issues as she lived at 59 and would also be affected and echoed the comments of Mrs Gaye's son.

Concerns were also raised at the established trees that would need to be felled and that it would have been preferable to have had the access on the other side rather than adjacent to no.57.

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1131 PLANNING cont'd

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

Cllr. White felt that with regard to privacy issues TDC needed to be reminded of the Human Rights Act and informed councillors that new government changes to the definition of gardens in that they will no longer be classified as Brown Field Sites was very relevant to this application. After further discussion the following comments to be made to TDC.

- the Parish Council object, this is overdevelopment, the site is not a brown field site, they have serious concerns over the privacy of neighbouring properties and the risk to trees as well as concerns over access. They have asked that this be placed on category B if the District Council are of a mind to approve.

10/01505/FUL Hamblecombe Luton Two storey extension to form additional living accommodation - no objections but ask that a condition be attached that this must remain ancillary to the existing building.

10/10/01509/FUL Beam Reach 21 Murley Crescent Replacement detached garage - no comment.

10/01534/FUL 15 Bishops Avenue Proposed rebuilding of existing dwelling - the Parish Council object, this would alter the street scene and set a precedent. They also have concerns over the building line being moved forward and the loss of garage space.

10/01544/CAN 3 Cockhaven Mead The crown reduction of one oak tree on the western side - the Parish Council have concerns at any reduction and ask that the TDC Tree Officer ensures that this work is necessary.

Cllr. Williams reported that the planning application for 9 Teign View Road had been withdrawn.

1132 MEMBERS REPORTS

None

1133 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Glenn Parker, Housing Policy & Procedures Manager, Devon & Cornwall Housing, regarding the policy of lettings at Lawns End explaining that the terms of the Planning Agreement requires Devon & Cornwall Housing to allocate only to households that have a local connection to Bishopsteignton, or where this is not possible, to those with connections to listed nearby parishes and that as far as he has been able to ascertain, all new lettings at Lawns End have been made according to these rules. He went on to explain how the recent letting was done under the exchange of tenancies and that this was a grey area as there is no new letting made, but advised the Parish Council that he has now made it clear in their internal procedures that planning restrictions must be taken into account when handling exchanges.

A request had been received for sponsorship of the 2010 Bishopsteignton Village Show. After discussion it was agreed to sponsor the Floral Art Division for £55.

A letter had been received from Sue Aggett, TDC, asking if there are any particular suggestions or requests as to how she can assist with Standard matters and the ethical agenda generally.

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

Mrs Grimble reported that PCSO Colin Rider had taken action over the vehicle that she had reported driving the wrong way on the Cockhaven Road one way system.

Cllr. White asked if there was any news on the Village Green Application. The Clerk to contact DCC.

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CHEQUES SIGNED

000978	T. Martin - repaint of bus shelter	£ 40.00
000979	SWW – water sports area	£ 55.77
000980	M A Bell - Internal Audit	£ 90.00
000981	HM Revenue & Customs – Tax & N.I.	£188.93
000982	Mrs C. Colyer - Salary	£821.85
000983	Mrs C. Colyer - reimbursement for Wallis Grove	£821.99

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNTIL 31st MAY 2010)

Lloyds TSB (Treas. A/C)	£ 16449.73
Lloyds TSB (Prem.Int. A/C)	£ 446.02
Bank of Scotland	£ 20583.41
TSB	£ 935.98

PAYMENTS	£ 2342.93
RECEIPTS	£ 661.75

DATED

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