

# BISHOPS TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 January 2015 at Bishops Tawton Village Hall at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Leaver (Chairman), K Barron, J Fahy, C Lewis, Ms S McKernan, Mrs E Peacock, C Verney

**In attendance:** R Edgell (DCC), G Lane (NDC), D Luggar (NDC), 7 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

**116. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms S Barber.

**117. Police Report**

None – police not present. It was agreed to enquire if the police would be attending future meetings.

Cllr Verney reported that he had contacted the police regarding parking at Deer Park, the number of which had increased in recent weeks.

It was reported that a van had been parked in the lay-by on New Road, which now had a flat tyre.

**118. Parishioners Open Session**

No matters raised.

**119. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 26 November 2014 & 9 January 2015.**

It was noted that Cllr Lewis had attended the last two meeting

The amended minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

It was agreed to attach a copy of the budget to the minutes placed on the notice boards.

**120. Matters Arising from the minutes**

Min. 107.1 Cllr Verney reported that he had contacted Edf on previous occasions regarding the unmetered supply for the street light, and had not been able to get a satisfactory result.

It was agreed to contact Edf again in an attempt to get a reduced bill that realistically reflected the amount of electricity used. Cllr Verney to be supplied with the relevant details.

Min 107.3.1 It was noted that the cheque to the PCC had not been received. To be cancelled and reissued.

**121. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**122. Planning**

**1. Applications:** None received

**2. Decisions - Approval:**

58249 Erection of ancillary building for renewable heating system and storage at Mount Pleasant House Hammetts Lane Barnstaple

58328 Change of use from agricultural to equestrian together with erection of stables & sand arena at land at Windy Ash Rumsam Barnstaple

58125 Erection of replacement scout hut at Scout Hut Codden Hill Bishops Tawton

58264 Erection of 1 polytunnel, siting of log cabin for use as storage & processing, raised beds & pond all for use in connection with horticulture/agriculture together with stationing of earth closet (amended description) at Windy Ash Hill Rumsum Bishops Tawton

**123. Dog Bins**

Cllr Mrs McKernan reported that three new dog bins, for Park Villas, the Playing Field and Windy Ash, would cost £252 + VAT. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the three bins, and to consult local residents regarding the position of the bin at Windy Ash.

Cllr Mrs Peacock reported that she had a supply of sickers from the dog warden which could be placed in the problem areas.

**124 Car Park**

The Chairman reported that the parish council's solicitors, the developers solicitors and the North Devon Council solicitor were currently having talks regarding the S106 agreement

**125. Village Hall**

It was reported that the date of a public meeting to discuss proposed improvements was yet to be arranged. It was hoped that this would take place during early February.

**126. Play Area**

The application for TAP funding of £1750 had been completed, and would be submitted shortly.

A Fun Day and Duck Race was being held on 29 August, with a Quiz Night in May.

A total of £1816.85 was currently in the Playing Field account.

The Lottery grant application was still being prepared.

**127. Highways**

**1. Salt for Mount Pleasant**

Despite assurances from DCC that bags of salt would be deposited at all the usual locations, it was noted that none had been delivered in Mount Pleasant. Highways to be contacted again.

**2. Parking Problems**

Problems with parked vehicles were reported on the corner at Mount Pleasant and in the area near the chapel, where a Lux van was being parked on the pavement making it difficult to pass. Cllr Mrs Peacock offered to contact the police on the matter.

Cllr Luggar advised that the police could be contacted on such matters by phoning the police on 101. He offered to supply further information.

It was reported that a vehicle was being parked in the passing place at Windy Ash.

**3. Interactive 30mph sign not working**

It was noted that this was an ongoing problem. It was agreed to report the matter to Richard Sables at Highways, requesting that it receives attention

**4. Speed of traffic through the village**

Concern was expressed over the speed of traffic through the village. It was agreed that this should be included in the report on 101.

**128. Village Tidy Day 24 January**

Cllr Mrs Peacock reported that the area to be covered would be from the bottom to Codden Hill, towards the village. She considered that, in the interests of safety, volunteers should wear hi-vis jackets, and cones be placed in the road.

**129. Response to EA Strategic Flood Plan**

Cllr Luggar reported on the Environment Agency Plan for the next five years, in which Bishops Tawton was assessed as a moderate priority. He would like to see the village's priority level be increased to 'high'. The Agency was looking for local knowledge of flooding problems in the area. Although slow, some progress was being made to alleviate the problem in the village.

An opportunity existed to include anything that was not mentioned in the Plan, including plans to build a further 77 dwellings at Landkey.

It was agreed to invite the Environment Agency to a meeting of the council. Cllr Verney to draft a letter.

### 130. Reports

#### 1. District Councillor

Cllr Luggar reported that grants were available to owners of properties of flood affected properties. Applications should be sent to Vanessa Harrison by the end of March. The North Devon Record Office in Tuly Street was due to close, with records being transferred to Exeter.

#### 2. County Councillor

Cllr Edgell reported that he had earlier offered funding for the new scout hut, and was seeking the parish council's approval. It was reported that the total cost of the new scout hut was £25-30k, although the scouts were looking at ways to reduce the cost. The parish council had no objections to the proposal, Cllr Edgell to liaise with the Scouts. DCC were currently looking at the budget for the forthcoming year. This was considered to be the tightest budget for many years. Additional funding had been received to repair potholes. It was reported that there were potholes in Sentry Lane and Village Street.

### 131. Finance

#### 1. Payments:

1. J & J Bins – emptying dog bins (2 months)	£104.00	Cheque No. 915
2. DALC (training)	£ 60.00	Cheque No. 916
3. Bishops Tawton PCC Churchyard grant	£500.00	Cheque No. 917

The three accounts were approved for payment.

A request for reimbursement for cost of ink had been received from Cllr Verney. Clerk to enquire into costs that can be reclaimed by councillors.

### 132. Correspondence Received

1. A letter had been received reporting that fly tipping had occurred in the layby on the Exeter Road. To be reported to NDC.
2. Request for funding from Barnstaple CAB. It was noted that the budget for next year had already been agreed.
3. Newsletters from DALC.
4. Healthwatch Voices – Winter 2015
5. Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2015

### 133. Items to be placed on the agenda of the next meeting

Parish Records; Dog Bins.

### 134. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26 February 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:03pm