

BISHOPS TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd May, '19 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. L. Geen (Chair); J. Pay (Vice); S. Barber; D. Down; T. Willcocks; P. Boulton; C. Lewis

Also Present: DCC Cllr R. Edgell; NDC Cllr G. Lane & J. Johnson (Clerk)

In Attendance: 1 Parishioner/Member of the Public

- 1. Apologies.** Cllr A. Shiner & Cllr A. Spear (left after AGM)
- 2. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting dated 25th April were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair
- 3. Matters Arising.** Still trying to see Sue Threackell re: pop up Post Office. Nothing has been received from residents regarding the parking of vehicles at Little Pill corner.
- 4. Parishioners Open Session.** Due to the content it was agreed to move items 10 and 18 e to the Open Session by the Chair. The dog bin situation should be coming to a conclusion. The clerk has been in communications with NDC and will be completing schedule forms sent to us for our bins to be emptied by NDC at the same cost as J & J Bins. This we are hoping to be starting on 1st July, 2019 However, we would still be requesting an answer as to why we are being charged when Barnstaple, Combe Martin & Ilfracombe councils are not, unless this has since changed. The dog warden has also been present in the village during the month.

Discussions were made regarding the underpass situation. There is a cabinet report available which the DCC has published the link is

<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s25516/A361%20North%20Devon%20Link%20Road%20Pedestrian%20Cycle%20Crossings%20Bishops%20Tawton%20and%20Landkey%20and%20Advance%20Pla.pdf>

With other documents for the underpass facility the link is

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/ndlr/project-documents>

The next HATOC meeting is scheduled for 27th June, 2019 at 10.30am Taw View Civic Centre anyone can attend.

The once a week Tesco 'free' Bus to the Rose Lane store has been cancelled. We will look into the Ring & Ride service but also write to Tesco for an explanation.

- 5. Declarations of Interest.** None declared.
- 6. Reports from DCC & NDC.** Cllr Edgell has emphasised the necessity to log potholes and highway repairs as Devon has been awarded £18M for this but we need to get reporting. There are Various Grants available; Community Grant between £5K-£20K 75% grant availability for projects;

Crowd funding support for a project and £300 smaller grants available. Sheet presented with Further information.

Cllr Lane. There are also grants available from NDC for £1000 between 3 parishes

- 7. Financial Statement.** The bank is now up and running properly. Accounts are with Julie Snooks Internal Auditor. Balances at bank £17344.26 (Treasurers a/c); £2188.46 (Playing Field); £2337.36

(Business Bank Instant). The Clerk has also been completing the Annual Governance and

Accountability Report ready for the External Audit.

Cheques written: South West Heritage Trust £50 [Cheque 1128](#); Fremington Parish [Cheque 1129](#)

8. Applications: Received by post application 66326 - reply as No Comment

Decisions: None noted

9. Tidy Up Day. A successful tidy up day down Easter Street to the bottom of Mount Pleasant. Jim Has replaced the large planter and it is in situ ready to be planted. Next scheduled day is 15th

June

Starting at the Village Hall.

10. Playing Field Updates. The Zip Wire has been refurbished and is in full working use now. The Annual Safety inspection has been carried out. There is a possible Open Spaces Grant available Details will be sought by Cllr Willcocks. Friday 31st May Cllr Geen will be collecting £1,000 Donation from Masonic Charity Fund this will go towards funding the new Roundabout.

11. Highways. Contact Police for advice on the parking situation throughout the village but in particular

The legalities on double white lines! Also speed limits throughout the village. Cllr Willcocks to look

Into the Speed Watch system. Perhaps involving the children from the Primary School using a Speed Gun as done previously.

12. Old Phone Box. Cllr Down to look into creating a self-closing door for the phone box

13. Abandoned Vehicle. Vehicle has now gone!

14. Cupboard for P/C records. Three quotes were sought for a flameproof filing cabinet as opposed To a large metal flameproof cupboard. These were found to be just as expensive as the three quotes

Previously obtained. Therefore purchase of the Flameproof yellow cupboard agreed upon.

15. Noticeboards. A noticeboard has been made for the village by one of the parishioners for the cost Of materials. Cllr Boulton may have postcrete to put it into place.

16. Laptop. A chromebook has been purchased.

17. Correspondence Received. Churchyard Grant £500; DALC contact details change. Fremington Parish Training Sessions information.

18. Flood Plan. Due to the absence of Cllr Shiner it was moved to discuss at the next meeting.

19. Web Site. Now the elections have ended all information can now be updated on the website.

20. Parish Council Grant Awards. The Parish Council would like start the award scheme of donations to Village Community Activity Groups and projects this will be discussed at the meeting

Concerning the year ahead budget in October 2019

21. Events Car Park. Referring to the area opposite Westacott Cottages. The Parish Council has been In discussions with the landowner with the view to turning it into an occasional Events Car Park for use by vehicles attending The Village Hall, The Church, etc for weddings, funerals etc. This will be

looked into for necessary permissions.

22. Items for Next Agenda. Tidy Up day, Dog Bins situation, highways, Phone box, Cupboard for Records. Noticeboard, Training, Flood Plan, Web Site, Events Car Park

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 27th JUNE, 2019 @ 7.30pm

Meeting Closed @ 8.37pm