

## **BISHOPS TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. Geen (Chair); J. Pay (Vice-Chair); S. Barber; P. Leaver; C. Verney; P. Boulton; D. Down; C. Lewis

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

**In Attendance:** 9 Parishioners/Members of the Public

Prior to meeting commencement at 7:30pm a few moments of silence were respected for Walter White who sadly passed away recently, our thoughts go to his family and friends.

### **173. PARISHIONERS OPEN SESSION**

- a) There is a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May in Barnstaple at 10.30am regarding the underpass as a planning decision. This will lead to public and consultation reaction.
- b) 5 members of the public were in attendance regarding the parking on the corner by Little Pill House. It was decided that The Council could write to the Highways Department with regards to the safety aspect namely asking for signage or permission to erect signs asking drivers to slow down in the Village. The residents were asked to write in with their specific grievances so that it can be included. Also perhaps the Police could be contacted with regards to conducting a Speed Camera exercise

### **174. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair

### **175. MATTERS ARISING**

Sue Threaskell hasn't yet been contacted regarding the Pop-Up Post Office.  
Letter sent regarding noise has been successful and no further action necessary.  
Letter written to Community Ladies regarding the proposed open shelter in the Playing Field.  
Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) now working again after reporting via email.  
£50 donation agreed for South West Heritage Trust

### **176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded

### **177. REPORTS**

- a) There has been a new appointment of the CEO at North Devon Council – Mr. Ken Miles  
There is to be a committee structure change which will involve the councillors more, this will happen after the Elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- b) Devon County Council has received government money to spend on roads and highways including potholes. Suggestion that the Parish should report and continue to report road surfaces and potholes.

### **178. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Bank Account is now up and running correctly. Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March were submitted, copies to be sent to all Parish Councillors. Audit scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

Cheques written: Taw Valley Contractors £324.60 [Cheque 1119](#) ; Zurich Insurance £582.69 [Cheque 1120](#); Jim Harding £440 [Cheque 1121](#); DALC £284.19 [Cheque 1122](#); J Johnson £39.75 [Cheque 1123](#); J & J Bins £129.99 [Cheque 1124](#) & Bishops Tawton Village Hall £186 [Cheque 1125](#)

### **179. PLANNING**

Works have started at 2 Fair View. No new Applications were seen on the web-site as at 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019  
Comments were registered for both 66049 4 The Square & 65900 Windy Ash on Planning web site as discussed at last meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### **180. TIDY UP DAY**

Next day scheduled for this Saturday and starting from the Square

### **181. DOG BINS**

Bins have been currently removed and stored for safe keeping. There is to be a senior management meeting regarding the collection of waste from the bins. Contact Ricky McCormack again to register our interest

### **182. PLAYING FIELD**

Outdoor Play Company coming to see to the Zip Wire on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May as per quotation schedule. A donation of £1000 will be collected on 31<sup>st</sup> May

### **183. HIGHWAYS**

Road closure scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> July between 18:30 and 22.00 from Woodstrait to TitheBarn Court Farm for SWW Utility Works.

### **184. OLD BT PHONE BOX**

Chulmleigh Parish Council doesn't own the phone box. Consider contacting BT to see if a purchase can be made for the door. However suggestions were that a door could be made with a self-closing hinge attached.

### **185. ABANDONED CAR**

Communications made with Alan Kyle a vehicle cannot be defined as "Abandoned" if records confirm it has been taxed. However, if the condition of the vehicle were to present a danger or hazard we could contact them again.

### **186. FIREPROOF CUPBOARD FOR RECORDS**

Three quotes were presented for flameproof large cabinet style cupboards with 3 internal shelves. Suggestion to seek prices for flameproof filing cabinets.

### **187. NOTICEBOARDS**

Three amended quotes were presented. However, a resident of the village has approached us willing to make a noticeboard. This was felt a better option and voted on 7 for and 1 against.

### **188. LAPTOP/PRINTER PACKAGE**

The Clerk has agreed to use her own personal printer. Looking into purchasing a Parish Council Laptop

### **189. ELECTIONS**

A meeting is scheduled for New Councillors on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm to complete necessary forms for the New Council

### **190. FLOOD PLAN**

Being completed after the forthcoming Elections

### **191. WEB SITE**

Being updated with new Councillors after Elections

### **192. EVENTS CAR PARK @ RIVERBEND**

Necessary permissions would be sought by Land Owner, however the Parish Council felt it was a good idea as parking is an issue within the Village

### **193. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Dog Bins – Playing Field – Highways

**194. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 Parish Meeting at 7:30pm

**CHAIR**

**Meeting closed at 8.44pm**