

BISHOPS TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on Thursday, 28th November, 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. L. Geen (Chair); Jo Pay (Vice); C. Lewis; A. Shiner; T. Willcocks

Also Present: DCC Cllr. R. Edgell; NDC Cllrs. D. Luggar & G. Lane
Parish Clerk J. Hutchings

No parishioners/members of the public were present

106. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs S. Barber; P. Boulton; D. Down & A. Spear
Although Cllrs Barber & Down were present for the meeting with Jim Faux at 7pm
(see item 113 below)

107. Parishioners Open Session

The lane adjacent to the playing field has become quite uneven & muddy and
Requires attention. Parish Council is looking at resurfacing.
Inappropriate parking on pavements and A377 near to the school at school end
Times. Letter to be written to the school asking to inform parents also PCSO to be
Informed to visit.
The wall has been knocked down by Church Villas and Flower Tub moved by
Unknown vehicle late one evening. Wall needs repairing and tub repositioning.
Contact Highways Department regarding the wall.
Berrymans Trust - Application forms are available from the churches.

108. Approval of Draft Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 24th October, 2019 were approved as an
accurate record and signed by the Chair

109. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

The abandoned vehicles have been moved on.
A repeat email needs to be sent to Highways regarding emanating water outside
No. 2 the Square
Bus shelter quotes are in process
Curry/quiz night in January for the defibrillator
Area where slabs are collapsing will be fenced off from the public until repaired
Barnstaple Town Council aren't aware of any BT phone boxes available
Some signatures obtained for GDPR permission form to use personal email
Addresses
Boundary line tidy letters held until required
Speedwatch forms have been received and require completing and returning
Permission to be sought from Devon County Council for growing wild flowers on
Some verges throughout the village next year

110. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

111. County/District Councillor Reports

DCC – Council in Purdah due to election. Any grant funding will not be carried Over after the 4 year term

NDC – Wild Flowers being looked into by many villages with much interest

112. Sub-Committee Reports

Bins, Benches & Bus Shelters – Email received asking to move the dog bin by The Church Cemetery this can't be done as it was too close to houses and caused Smells and flies etc and many people walk their dogs through that gate

Highways/Footpaths –

Playing Field –

Finance/Personnel – discussing later in the Agenda

Flood – discussing later in the Agenda

Rep to Village Hall – Builder has looked at guttering. Scaffolding will be necessary To do a better/safer job. Noted that the roof is in very bad state.

Rep to J. Harding – Cheque couldn't be presented as written to Jim Harding should Be J. W. Harding

113. Flood Updates & Environment Agency

Meeting was held with Jim Faux from Environment Agency at 7pm before main Meeting. Discussions were held with Mr Faux regarding the Parishes proposal to Once again dredge the Venn stream between the two village bridges. Mr Faux Doesn't think it will make a difference and produced working computer models to Show. However, he also left paperwork regarding necessary permits we can Complete and return to Simon Dart of the Environment Agency. The last time the Venn was dredged in 2000 it was approx 12 years before any significant flooding was seen.

114. Poppy Wreath Price.

The poppy wreath was paid by a donation from Cllr Liz Geen of £20

115. Parking At Primary School

A letter will be written to the school regarding parent/guardian parking

116. Tidy up team

Every forth Saturday of the month. Next date January 25th starting as always At the churchyard. Ideal way to burn off the Christmas Delights!!

117. Salt/Grit Bins

New salt bins positioned at Chestwood/Hammetts Lane & Mount Pleasant corner By No. 14 have yet to be confirmed and therefore filled on the online mapping system on Devon County Council. Richard Edgell to speak to the Team to get this

Sorted as no reply has been received to emails sent.

118. Planning - Applications - NONE

Decisions - 70621; 70797 & 70798 withdrawn

119. Financial report/budget/accounts to 31st October/Invoices

Bank Accounts total £23,973.94 as at 31st October and summary was presented
Proposed budget was presented & discussed Finance meeting arranged 2nd
December to finalise Precept form.

Invoices Presented for payment: Jim Harding grass cutting £220 **cheque number
0966 (replacing cancelled cheque 0964)**

2 x Taw Valley Contractors Bank Cutting £660 **cheque number 0967 &
0968**

120. A request was made to councillors for details regarding their status as village hall trustees

121. Correspondence

Dogs Trust requesting advertising two posters (put up in Village Hall)

Pothole at bottom of Mount Pleasant done

361 Energy details regarding local energy advice emailed to website for
Parishioners information

Community Networking information being sent to Richard Preston

Devon County Council Pinpoint Community Services information to be updated

122. Items for next agenda

Judging Speed Signs childrens' entries of Bishops Tawton Primary - Precept - Bus
Shelter - Flood Plan News (SWW, Highway, EA) - Email vote system instead of
Emergency Meeting

123. Date of next meeting

Thursday 23rd January, 2020 7.30pm Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.12pm