

# **BISHOPS TAWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Approved minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on Thursday,  
24th October, 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. L. Geen (Chair); C. Lewis; A. Shiner

Also Present: DCC Cllr. R. Edgell; NDC Cllr. G. Lane; Parish Clerk J. Hutchings  
One Parishioner/Member of the Public

## 85. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs J. Pay; S. Barber; P. Boulton; D. Down & T. Willcocks & Jim Faux (EA)

## 86. Parishioners Open Session

There has been someone allowing their dog to defecate near to the Square early in the morning this has been mentioned before to the Parish Council. Photo/CCTV footage can be used by the Dog Warden which can lead to fines of upto £1,000

## 87. Approval of Draft Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 26th September, 2019 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair

## 88. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

We are now down to one vehicle which seems to be abandoned in the village - the registration number has been noted, investigated and will now be reported  
Funding & Grants being looked into and applied for where necessary  
Remembrance Wreath has been organised. Councillors are requested to attend the Wreath laying ceremony to show our respects  
Liz has been in contact with Josh at Portmore regarding purchase of wild flower Seed mix next year. Donation from Village Horticultural Show and Community Ladies are also getting involved  
The pop-up post office has noted the potential security problems which puts this idea in jeopardy  
Concerns were raised regarding the Tarka Trail and maintenance of. These have now been done and hedges cut back  
The water emanating from the road adjacent to No.2 The Square still has to be reported to Highways as there is subsidence occurring

## 89. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

## 90. County/District Councillor Reports

DCC - Underpass has been approved; Newport Primary School are seeking Approvals necessary for Puffin Crossing opposite school at a cost of £81K

NDC - nothing to report

91. Sub-Committee Reports

Bins, Benches & Bus Shelters - not present - looking at a local company to quote For metal shelter at Chichester Arms Stop. Necessary Planning permissions will have to be sought

Highways/Footpaths - not present - SWW drains fixed and pot hole filled

Planning - discussing later in the Agenda

Playing Field - still working through the Play Inspection Report - Andrew/Lee will Be asked to quote for rectifying slabs

Finance/Personnel - discussing later in the Agenda

Flood - discussing later in the Agenda

Rep to Village Hall - has been painted at a cost but now complete. Breakfast in Profit but not as busy as previous

Rep to J. Harding - invoices received for work carried out in October

92. Flood Feedback from 11th October meeting with parishioners

Addresses and contacts obtained and will be added to Flood Plan. Assistance for Purchase of flood boards will be sought for environment agency although some Houses are below road level (Westacott Cottages for example) however Jim Faux On leave at the moment

93. Environment Agency

Jim Faux on leave and therefore couldn't attend this months meeting. Will push For a meeting as soon as possible regarding flood problems and requesting Permissions for dredging Venn Stream

94. SWW Riverbend Pumping Station

Phone call from a representative of Katie Hudson. Costly new drainage system in The Pipeline! Highways will have to be consulted due to road closures. Met with Land owner and drawings supplied. Not happening for couple of months though

95. Spending of Funds

When necessary permissions obtained river silt levels will be reduced & costs to Come from Parish Council

96. Tidy up team active this Saturday weather permitting Chestwood area. Banks Need to be cut prior would be beneficial

97. BT Phone Box Feedback

The town council has been emailed regarding the Phone Boxes in Barnstaple Asking for one if at a nominal fee. As yet there has been no reply. Cllr Shiner to Look into this.

98. Salt/Grit Bins

An email was sent to DCC Cllr Edgell but he hasn't seen it as yet. He suggests We email Highways and inform them as to where new bins have been placed Requesting them to be filled

99. Highways - Blocked drains throughout village - SCARF

Email from R. Sables (Highways) in answer to Clerks request for drains to be Cleared. Noticing coloured cable ties on some drains. Initial flood it was Agreed drains would be routinely inspected every 6 months. Request the time scale After a fault is apparent (cable ties) and email direct to managers as drains are Blocked and need looking at. Say this was discussed with Cllr Edgell Email R. Sables requesting SCARF informed regarding traffic calming advice

100. Planning - Applications - 66925 - 2 New Road Villas raising of garage roof  
Already approved but can still send concerns.

70621 - Builders Workshop - prior approval change of use - no objections noted  
Decisions - 70371 - Concerns sent as to the structure overlooking surrounding Properties

DCC/4142/2019 - The Underpass - planning permission granted - Cllr Edgell  
Commented that CCTV would be placed in the Underpass

101. Financial report/budget/accounts to 30th September/Invoices

Bank Accounts total £24615.94 at 30th September and summary was presented  
Proposed budget was presented to be discussed at next meeting. Invoices

Presented for payment: Jim Harding grass cutting £220 **cheque number 0964**  
J. Hutchings course eventbrite £20 **cheque number 0963**  
North Devon Council dog bins £132 **cheque number 0965**

102. Parish Emails

Personal Email Disclaimer produced for Cllrs to sign as only been used by one

103. Correspondence

Course details on Climate Action Plan Liz & Jacqui attending

Citizens Advice asking for a donation

Irons Brothers a company who make finger sign posts

Air quality Planning document emailed

Judith Dark (Electoral) email regarding community governance review

104. Items for next agenda

Spending - Budget approval - Bus Shelter - Flood Plan (SWW, Highway, EA)

105. Date of next meeting

Thursday 28th November, 2019 7.30pm Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.50pm