

DRAFT minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall on Thursday, 26th September, 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. L. Geen (Chair); S. Barber; P. Boulton; D. Down; C. Lewis; A. Shiner; A. Spear; T. Willcocks

Also Present: NDC Cllr. G. Lane

One Parishioner/Member of the Public

63. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Jo Pay, Cllr R. Edgell (DCC); Cllr D Luggar(NDC), Richard Sables (DCC Highways) & Jim Faux (EA)

64. Parishioners Open Session

Parishioner wished to know the outcome of the appeal application 63966 against North Devon Council

There are two vehicles which seem to be abandoned in the village - the registration numbers have been noted and will be investigated

65. Approval of Draft Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 25th July, 2019 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair

66. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

Pop Up Post Office - Post Office say unlikely to re-open services in village. Sue Threakell asking Parish Council to write asking to share research Funding & Grants being looked into and applied for where necessary

67. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

68. County/District Councillor Reports

None reported

69. Sub-Committee Reports

Bins, Benches & Bus Shelters - Dog Bins are being monitored to make sure they are being emptied - Maps indicating location of such items as dog bins/benches/salt bins etc will be produced to make it easier to find

Highways/Footpaths - Continuing to report Pot Holes. Speaking and working with the School Council (Year 6) Group (Cllr Barber agreed to stand on this

Sub-committee after the meeting)

Planning - discussing later in the Agenda

Playing Field - working through the Play Inspection Report slowly

Finance/Personnel - working on next budget and GDPR. Also employment contract

for Clerk

Flood - Flood Plan meeting has been arranged 11th October at 7.30pm in Village Hall to discuss with parishioners affected. Letter produced for this ready to go out. South West Water was contacted regarding burst pipe at Riverbend Pumping Station replies received and Katie Hudson (SWW) looking into the problem will be in contact again by 14th October - SWW was also contacted regarding the flow of water emanating from the road adjacent to No.2 The Square. Tests were carried out and water was not chlorinated and wasn't from a sewer. Highways will be contacted as there is subsidence occurring

Rep to Village Hall - being painted at present, Big Breakfast on 5th October Between 9 - 11.30am

Rep to J. Harding - invoices received for work carried out in August and September

70. Flood Feedback from Environment Agency

Jim Faux was emailed in response to his email regarding pausing the work looking at options to upgrade the flood defences. The content of which asked for necessary permissions to carry out dredging the Venn River bed which the Parish had done before in 2000 helping the previous flooding problem. Mr. Faux was unable to attend this meeting but will attend the next meeting as well as looking into the silt issue prior.

As mentioned in item 69 problems have been had with the pumping station again (3rd or 4th time this year) Clarification needed to confirm what system/drainage network exists in Bishops Tawton ie., storm drain excess flow to main sewerage drain, where the drain flows from and to, through the village (this would make for easier understanding). SWW to be contacted for assistance on this.

71. 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

72. Bus Shelter

Looking into prices for a bus shelter for The Square. Planning may be needed.

73. Salt Bins

The 2 existing salt bins have been checked and are full. The other salt bins will be placed at the top of Mount Pleasant on the corner and at the bottom of Hammetts Lane. The clerk has found out how to get them filled.

74. Curry/Quiz Night

To raise capital for a defibrillator for the phone box a curry/quiz night will be arranged for the End of January with a raffle

75. Remembrance Service

The Chair would like members of the Parish Council to attend the Poppy Wreath

laying in Bishops Tawton on Sunday 10th November to show our respects

76. Wild Flowers

The verges on the Landkey Road look spectacular. Looking into getting wild flower seed and creating colouring beds around the village grass verges. The Community Ladies and Tidy-Up Team are also involved.

77. ILCA Clerks Course

The NLCC has a course introduction specifically for clerks. The clerk will look into this with view to going on it when available.

78. Highways

Communication had with Richard Sables regarding traffic calming measures through village after petition received from residents at Little Pill Area. Mr. Sables can refer our requests to the SCARF meetings held every 3 months. Email him to do that on Parish Councils behalf. Unfortunately, he is unable to attend any meetings

Letters have been produced to ask parishioners to avoid parking on double white lines or causing an obstruction as this has frequently been happening.

A brief visit from a Devon & Cornwall Police volunteer coordinator regarding Speed Watch was had at 7pm. Cllr Willcocks will be our liaison rep. Six volunteers are needed to get this up and running. The Speed Watch course trains volunteers in the use of speed guns that can be used at designated times & points throughout the Village

A letter has been received from the Barnstaple Town Council. The Planning & Transportation Committee met and recommended refusal on the Underpass Application

79. Planning

A letter has been received from North Devon Council together with an Appeal Decision notice from an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State the decision is that "The Appeal is dismissed"

Applications - 70371 Springhill, Sentry Lane, extension & dormer window to rear of existing dwelling - received concerns with regards to overlooking and privacy
70225 - Coach House, Exeter Road, erection of garage and improvements to existing entrance - **APPROVED**

70506 - 6, Mount Pleasant, demolition of garage together with extensions to dwelling with balcony above, raised patio and increased parking - no objections

Decisions - Footpath 11 - 3 queries requesting answers were emailed to the Area Rights of Way regarding the proposed diversion of footpath 11. Response was received and noted.

The Venn Developments had an Open afternoon on 24th September. Now known as Birchwood. The commencement of Phase 1 has begun consisting of 17 units known as The Stockyard approx. £400,000 each. There are to be 5 Phases in total.

80. Financial Report

Accounts were produced to 31st July

Balances at the bank are 28th August £16,843.20 (Treasurers Acct)

30th June £2,337.36 (Instant Access Acct)

30th June £2,188.46 (Playing Field Acct)

VAT refund received of £2,469.56

Invoices for Payment: J Harding £440 **cheque 1139**

North Devon Council £156 **cheque 1140**

J Johnson £8.40 **cheque 0961**

R. Shaddick £5,460 **cheque 0962**

81. BTPC Email Addresses

The Parish Council has set up Councillors own email addresses. To tighten data protection it is recommended that these are used.

82. Correspondence

From Environment Agency regarding licences required for abstracting water

Toby Willcocks regarding NED non-emergency contacts

To J. Taylor regarding 'Trailer' on assets list and archive documents if in Possession

83. Items for Next Months Agenda

Budget - Finances & spending - Flood Update - SWW update

84. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th October, 2019

Meeting Closed at 8.46pm