

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD 7.30PM MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019 AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

2308 ATTENDANCE

01. PRESENT: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), Benham, Davey, Day, Gill, Grimble, Lambert, Lewis, Nicholson & Parkes (10/11). Mrs. K. Ford (Clerk), County Cllr. Peart & 3 members of the public
02. APOLOGIES: Cllr. Moore. District, Cllr. MacGregor
03. DOI: None

2309 PLANNING: NEW APPLICATIONS

1. APPLICATION REF: 19/01158/FUL - Park Farm, Ash Hill, TQ14 9PY
PROPOSAL: Change of use and extension of existing agricultural buildings to form three holiday units, plant room and parking
It was proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Benham, that the following comment be submitted. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
BPC COMMENTS: No objection
2. APPLICATION REF: 19/01246/FUL - Chao Nan, Forder Lane, TQ14 9SL (Formerly Teign Lawn)
PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension
It was proposed by Cllr. Benham, seconded by Cllr. Davey, that the following comment be submitted. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
BPC COMMENTS: No objection

2310 PLANNING: LPA DECISION NOTIFICATIONS

REFERENCE	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	LPA DECISION
19/01022/FUL	6 The Orchard	Retention of garden fence	Grant of conditional planning permission
19/01144/FUL	32 Grange Park	Single storey side extension	Grant of conditional planning permission
19/00932/CLDE	77 The Grove	Certificate Of Lawfulness For Existing Use Of Land For The Siting Of A Residential Caravan And Use Of The Surrounding Land As A Garden	Grant of certificate of lawful use or development

2311 HIGHWAYS

Council reviewed the DCC proposal for a mandatory disabled parking bay on Fore Street and considered comments from members of the public. Concerns include the scarcity of parking already and how removal of another may have a detrimental effect on local businesses whilst setting a dangerous precedent. It was proposed by Cllr. Davey, seconded by Cllr. Day and agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to submit comment to DCC objecting to the proposal of a mandatory disabled parking bay on Fore Street.

2312 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE

Members had previously reviewed the draft policy provided by the clerk. With minor amendments it was proposed by Cllr. Parkes, seconded by Cllr. Nicholson, and agreed unanimously to adopt this policy to be action when H.M. The Queen passes. **RESOLVED**.

2314 MANAGEMENT OF TRESSPASSING

Members reviewed the draft policy provided by the clerk. It was explained that there is no insurance cover to cover the costs of eviction of trespassers from BPC land and any costs incurred could, and would, be met using BPC reserves. The clerk added that further research may be required and information had been requested from TDC. It was proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Davey to adopt this policy but for further research and development to continue to improve as necessary. Agreed unanimously, therefore **RESOLVED**.

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2315 DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO PROVISION

Whilst all members had grave concern about a potential loss of services they felt they are not qualified to make a judgement of the lengthy and complicated proposal put before them. They wished to convey their concerns that the reduction of services might increase vulnerability and for assurances that adequate provision is made but no further funding cuts are applied with current funding being distributed accordingly to meet demand. It was proposed by Cllr. Merritt, seconded by Cllr. Davey, that these comments be submitted to D&S Fire & Rescue Service, copied to Ashburton Town Council. FOR: 8, ABSTAIN: 2, therefore **RESOLVED**.

2316 QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES (QAVS)

Members considered the criteria of this award and suggested deserving candidate groups in the community. It was **RESOLVED** by a majority show of hands to nominate Bishopsteignton Lunch Club to be considered by the QVAS panel to be recognised by this award.

2317 MEMBERS REPORTS

.01 Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Party - Cllr. Benham

A report of the groups work so far, shown as appendix A, was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr. Benham re-iterated several points and no questions were raised.

2318 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm

Appendix A – Progress Report – Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Party

A event held by Teignbridge Climate Emergency Action Group on Thursday the 4th of July was attended by KB, KY, EC & KF. Below is a summary of this event:-

Transition Newton Abbot (TNA) is a community organisation which aims to bring people together to improve the sustainability of our local community, by tackling global issues at a local scale. TNA is part of the [Transition Network](#) and a global Transition Movement which aim to transform the way we live our lives, and how we interact with our environment and each other. TNA is just one of the [hundreds of initiatives](#) across the world!

Some of the issues addressed by this movement include climate change and the environment; local and global economies; sustainable use of energy and renewable energy generation; and local food.

At TNA we are trying to make our local community more resilient in many different ways:

- Helping local businesses to thrive thereby keeping more money and benefit in the local area.
- Supporting local food production, becoming more self-reliant at a local level.
- Encouraging more people to grow their own food.
- Reducing dependence on fossil fuels by reducing energy consumption and increasing renewable energy generation.
- Developing alternative business models e.g. community ownership, fair and transparent partnerships, profits reinvested in the local community, and sharing of skills and information.

At the meeting four different categories were agreed on. We are waiting to hear how these groups will develop and evolve.

The overall steering group, I signed up for this.

Planning, Elaine, Kate Y & Kim; Transport, Kate Y & Kim; Food and Farming, Kate Y.

On Wednesday the 10th of July the second meeting of the Bishopsteignton Parish Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Party was held at 7pm in the BPC office.

Present – KB, KY, EC, HM, KL; Apologies – KF

Public event - It was agreed a joint BPC/Sustainable Bishop Public Open Meeting would take place on **Wednesday 28th August** in the Community Centre. The guest speaker Ben Bryant from Devon Action Groups Devon who specialises in plastic free, composting/recycling and he also knows about repair cafes.

Action:

- EC to book the CC and ask Nikki if she would like a display stand at the event.
- KY to contact Ben re. equipment needed, timings etc.
- EC, KY and KB to sort out equipment, agenda, PR etc.
- EC to ask if there is a scout willing to be a guest speaker at the public meeting.

APPROVED BY BPC & SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN: 12.08.19

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Initial Festival Survey/consultation – There was interest in the survey but the sample size was limited so more work needs to be done before it is more widely used.

Next Sustainable Bishop meeting is on **Wednesday 17th July at 7 p.m. in the Ring o Bells**. All people who expressed an interest at the festival have been invited. Hopefully, people will volunteer to lead projects. Sarah Lewis has already agreed to lead Plastic Free Schools.

Action: EC to scan and email Chudleigh Plastic Free leaflet to working party members.

Display in the village shop – Up and running. Refillable household products coming soon and other initiatives.

Pre-Working Party Action Plan

Set up a joint working party to formulate the climate emergency action plan.

Work with Sus Bishop to hold an open public meeting on Wednesday 28th August.

Form a sub-group to devise a public survey.

Use the Parish Assets list to formulate how to introduce zero carbon initiatives

Liaise with other Parish Clerks on similar actions being taken

Action: KB to do members report by 1st August.

Review of Neighbourhood Plan – HM reported the GESP had been delayed for several years. Full review of the NP usually happens every 6 years. BPC only adopted in 2017. Limited review can happen without going to consultation. KB reported Jackie Hook is producing draft planning policies to submit to TDC planning which should be ready by September.

Tree planting initiative – KY suggested that BPC identify and write to private landowners with land which could be potentially be used to plant trees and also consider planting on BPC land assets.

Action – KY to speak to Matt Neale. Form links with the Village Show.

Working Party Membership – open up committee membership to two additional interested members. **Action: KF to publish in Parish Chronicle to BPC Facebook page.**

Next ECAP WP meeting – Wednesday 4th September.