

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING HELD 7.30PM MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL

2358 ATTENDANCE

01. PRESENT: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), Benham, Davey, Day, Gill, Grimbale, Lambert, Moore & Nicholson (9/10).
Mrs. K. Ford (Clerk), County Cllr. Peart, District Cllr. MacGregor & 4 members of the public
02. APOLOGIES: BPC Cllrs. Parkes (1/10), PC. R. Harvey & PCSO. S. Bunce
03. DOI: None

2359 OFFICIAL REPORTS

- .01 **POLICE REPORT** – PC. Harvey has forward reports for crime in Bishopsteignton over the previous 3 months:-

For the period 13.08.19 – 02.09.19 (2 crimes):

- Malicious Communications – Domestic related. Male has spoken to his brother via the telephone and threatened to come over and slit his throat. Reported to police for information only. Victim did not believe the threat and did not want brother spoken to. NFA.
- Assault Emergency Worker – Drunk youth was being taken home by police officer but kicked out and hit officer in the shin. Youth arrested and interviewed. Still awaiting charging decision from Youth Offending Team.

For the period 03.09.19 – 07.10.19 (6 crimes):

- Assault ABH – Bruising to small child seen by Social Services who feared potential abuse or neglect by grandparents who cared for the child. Investigation carried out by police and Social Services found no evidence of an offence. NFA
- Theft Shoplifting – Male offender stole item from shop and left in a vehicle. No vehicle registration obtained. CCTV images of the offender circulated on police ID sought but offender not identified. NFA.
- Postal Service Offence – Mail recipient deliberately delayed access to their mail which was in a secure mailbox. The key holder had gone away on holiday for 2 weeks. Words of advice passed to offender upon their return. NFA.
- Theft Shoplifting – Two males entered store and one of them attempted to conceal a bottle of spirits under their jacket. Both attempted to leave but were stopped and the bottle recovered. Both left in a vehicle and a registration was later obtained. Both received banning letters from the shop and words of advice from police.
- Drink Drive – Male driver stopped by police following erratic driving. Positive breath test provided. Male arrested and charged to court.
- Fail to Stop following RTC – Male driver suspected of being under the influence of drink instructed to pull over by police following a traffic collision. Male made off but was later captured. Reported for failing to stop and bloods sent off to prove drink driving offence. Under investigation.

For the period 08.10.19 to 04.11.19 (3 crimes):

- Burglary (Non-Dwelling) – Break to a shed on the allotments and lawn mower stolen. Reporting person states 28 sheds broken into and yet police have only received one report of theft. No witnesses or leads. NFA
- Public Order Offence – Male motorist parked his car on a private driveway one morning and remained in the car. The home owner approached and asked him to move. The motorist became abusive and made threats before leaving. Victim wished no further action to be taken and reported for information only. NFA.
- Theft from Motor Vehicle – Contents of wallet stolen from a car left insecure overnight. No witnesses or CCTV. NFA.

- .02 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR PEART** – Cllr Peart reported in detail on the risk of floods in the South West including how this risk is likely to increase in the future.

He reported repairs to the pothole outside Gunn Cottage, A381 had been repaired that day. Cllr. Nicholson raised concerns that the gully in this location needed clearing. Cllr. Peart to report to Highways.

- .03 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MACGREGOR** – Cllr. MacGregor reported TDC were in the process of reviewing spend and setting budget.

He reported ongoing issues with the developers appeal against refusal of planning permission for development at NA3 (Woolborough) and that TDC were consulting neighbourhood groups. Cllr. Davey raised concerns over the increase in traffic due to developments such as this.

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When questioned by Cllr. Nicholson he confirmed there was a staff shortage in the planning department, particularly enforcement.

The clerk raised concern about other local councils potentially being charged for the services provided by the district monitoring officer. Cllr. MacGregor would investigate and report back.

2360 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

- .01 Minutes of the BERT Committee meeting held 23.09.19; it was proposed by Cllr. Day, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, that these be approved and signed as a true and correct record. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .02 Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held 07.10.19 in Luton; it was proposed by Cllr. Day, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, that these be approved and signed as a true and correct record. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .03 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 14.10.19; it was proposed by Cllr. Davey, seconded by Cllr. Grimble, that these be approved and signed as a true and correct record. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

2361 RECOMMENDATIONS

- .01 In accordance with minute reference CR.1909.07.02 the C&R committee recommended for BPC consider the opportunity for additional planting, along the boundary between the playground and the neighbouring properties in Teign Close, to absorb noise and reduce the impact to neighbours. Cllr. Benham felt this was not a solution it would take a long time for trees to grow large or dense enough to provide enough coverage to block noise from the playground. Cllr. Davey agreed adding that planting of trees or hedges in this location is likely to hinder future maintenance work. It proposed by Cllr. Davey, seconded by Cllr. Benham, agreed unanimously and therefore **RESOLVED** to reject the recommendation; to leave the strip of land between the playground fence and neighbouring fences as it is, with no additional planting.
- .02 In accordance with minute reference CR.1909.07.02 the C&R committee recommended for BPC to reconsider the current location of the crow's nest swing. Cllr. Benham reported this piece of playground equipment was the most popular used by all ages and offering the opportunity for interactive play. If BPC were to relocate this it would just set a precedent if the noise persisted; there would be an expectation for more equipment to be moved. It was proposed by Cllr. Davey, seconded by Cllr. Nicholson, agreed unanimously and therefore **RESOLVED** to reject the recommendation; for the crow's nest swing to stay in its current location.

2362 COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURE

- .01 The clerk introduced the item explaining the current structure and how this was causing duplication of work and tasks for the clerk, committee members and other community groups and how it could be beneficial to restructure. It was proposed by Cllr. Benham, seconded by Cllr. Lambert that the current committees of Cemetery, Countryside & Recreation be disbanded and some members combine to form an Asset Management Committee. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**. Clerk to advise and thank co-opted members.
- .02 A draft Terms of Reference for the Asset Management Committee, which had been circulated to members prior to this meeting, was reviewed. This listed members, all consented to their appointment. It was proposed by Cllr. Day, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, agreed unanimously and therefore **RESOLVED** to adopt this document. Clerk to publish on the website and ensure committee members received a copy.

2363 PLANNING: The following new planning application were consider and these comments agreed for submission to Teignbridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority:

- .01 **APP REF:** 19/01995/TPO – Bishops Meadow (Cockhaven Mead?)

PROPOSAL: Prune one oak tree (T2) where overhanging footpath

It was reported by Cllr. Nicholson that following stormy weather a branch was down and blocking the roundabout. The Clerk would report this to the officer at Teignbridge.

BPC COMENT: BPC do not support this application as the information provided is insufficient. They wish to reiterate comments made by the Senior Arboriculture Officer to recommend refusal and uphold the TPO.

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.02 APP REF: 19/01315/FUL - Land Opposite 1 & 2 Lea Mount, TQ14 9QE

PROPOSAL: Erection of a dwelling and associated works

BPC COMMENT: BPC do not support this application and if the office is of a mind to approve granting permission they wish for this application to be called in to Teignbridge District Council Planning Committee (request form submitted).

They feel it worth noting the refusals for similar applications made at this site previously which state 'The restricted size and shape of the site would not permit development of a standard compatible with that existing in the area and would lead to residential accommodation with an inadequate curtilage resulting in a cramped appearance which would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.' And 'The site is within an Area of Great Landscape Value and the proposed development would be detrimental to the appearance of that area by reason of its prominence in the immediate environment.'

The proposed development contradicts policies within the made & adopted Bishopsteignton Neighbourhood Development Plan such as:-

- BSH3 – Proposals will be expected to meet 'local demand' for smaller two and three bedroom units.
- BSC5 – Development shall respect the landscape character of the area and comply with local Plan policy 'EN2 Undeveloped Coast' and 'EN2A Landscape Protection and Enhancement'.
- BSC5 – '... ensures development is not intrusive and relates sympathetically to natural and built features in the landscape.'
- More evidence of complying with BSB5 would be required – 'All new development should seek to achieve high standards of sustainable development...'

In addition BPC make the following observations:-

- It is overdevelopment of the site
- It does not provide enough off street for the size of the property
- The development would be dominant and imposing on the skyline
- Some of the land is owned by others but no request to use this land has been provided to the owner
- There is local concern about the potential erosion of the land at the rear of the site
- There is a TPO on the site which will be compromised.

2363 BISHOPS AVENUE CAR PARK

Members considered the installation of rubber kerbing on the outer edge of Bishops Avenue car park instead of bollards/barriers. Cllr. Nicholson raised how this was not in accordance with the safety audit conducted by Devon County Council and their approval for this amendment should be sought. It was proposed by Cllr. Nicholson, seconded by Cllr. Benham, to install the kerbing subject to the approval of DCC. FOR: 8, AGAINST: 1, therefore **RESOLVED**.

2364 BPC 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Members considered suggestion made in a clerks report. These included providing packs or bombs of wildflower seeds or a commemorative note on wildflower seed-paper. It was agreed that the commemoration should benefit the natural environment in the parish. It was proposed by Cllr. Davey, seconded by Cllr. Moore, that the trees to be planted along the edge of the village green be dedicated to this anniversary commemoration and a public event be given further thought to take place in the spring. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

2365 FINANCE

.01 PAYMENTS: It was proposed by Cllr. Nicholson, seconded by Cllr. Day, that the payments listed below be approved and processed by the clerk. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to approve. Clerk to process.

TO:	DESCRIPTION:	£
HMRC	Tax & NI - October 2019	-2.38
Mrs. K. Ford	October 2019 Salary	1325.65
DCC Pension Fund	Contribution to Clerks pension October 2019	432.75
Function 28 Ltd	Website Hosting Inv.	12.00
BGS Ltd	Inv 3419 Fell Willow at Lawns	120.00

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GA Earthworks Ltd	Inv 2728 Fabricated Steel for playground repair	42.00
Morris & McGinn	Hazard tape for playground	5.74
K. Ford	October 2019 Expenses	53.96
H. Merritt	Travel expenses	8.64
R.C Plumbing & Heating	Flushing line repair at Fore Street Toilets	30.00

- .02 **MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** A statement had been forwarded to members for their information for the period ending 31.10.19. This was **NOTED** by members and signed by the chairman. Clerk to publish on the BPC website.
- .03 **DONATION REQUEST:** Members considered a request from East Teignbridge Community Transport (based in Dawlish) for a donation towards the services they run which often benefit Bishopsteignton parishioners. Cllr. Moore endorsed the service it provided residents of Bishops Court. Cllr. Benham highlighted this encourage less individual use of the car. It was proposed by Cllr. Lambert, seconded by Cllr. Moore, agreed unanimously and therefore **RESOLVED** to donate £200 from the grant giving allocation for FY 2019/20.
- .04 **FUNDS VIREMENT FOR BERT SHED:** Members considered the virement of BPC funds to fund the provision of a new storage shed for essential equipment for the Bishopsteignton Emergency Resilience Team. The need for the shed was discussed, all contents to be stored within is the responsibility of BPC. It was proposed by Cllr. Nicholson, seconded by Cllr. Davey, agreed unanimously and therefore **RESOLVED** to allocate £400 from the reserves fund into the Emergency Resilience fund.
- 2366 BPC MEMBERS REPORTS** – written reports available on request.
- .01 DALC AGM & Annual Conference – H. Merritt – No further comments.
- .02 Clerks Report – Resolutions/Tasks Status update – This report was welcomed. Clerk to increase content to cover all areas and ongoing tasks.
- .03 Clerks Report – For information only – Call-in Planning Applications. Welcomed news. Cllr. MacGregor stressed this route may cause delays to applications being determined, but it will not affect the workload of the case officer; they should still need to produce the same reports with only the decision to be carried out by committee.

2367 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm