

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

FULL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

HELD 7.00PM MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2020 USING ZOOM

2491 ATTENDANCE

- .01 PRESENT: Cllr. Merritt (Chairman), Cllrs. Benham, Gateshill, Gill, Grimble, Lambert, Nicholson (7/7),
Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford, District Cllr. A. MacGregor, County Cllr. R. Peart & up to 5 members of the
public at different times.
- .02 APOLOGIES: Police
- .03 DOI: None

2492 OFFICIAL REPORTS

- .01 **POLICE:** The report below has been provided retrospectively and PC. Ross added the following note:
This reflects a continuous downward crime trend in comparison to 2019 which is all-round good in non-crime
incidents. The only significant rise is ASB, this can be accounted for in the increased presence of people
spending more time at home and the good weather allowing BBQs and outside gatherings leading to
neighbours also being home leading to an increase in such reports, this is in conjunction with reports of
neighbours and second home owners breaching Covid Guidelines.

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/07/2020 to 31/07/2020	Recorded Crime 01/07/2019 to 31/07/2019	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	1	0	-
Violence without Injury	0	1	-100.0%
Vehicle Offences	1	0	-
Shoplifting	0	2	-100.0%
Other Theft	1	0	-
Criminal Damage	1	3	-66.7%
Public Order Offences	0	3	-100.0%
Total	4	9	-55.6%

- .02 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Cllr. Peart reported:
- Progress on the Dawlish Sea Wall defence renovations works
 - Statistics representing school attendance in Devon compared with the national average
 - At the DCC Full Council meeting held 23/07/20 it was reported that towns and parishes across Devon are now able to be supported by DCC Highways to install Vehicle Activated Signage at the roadside. Further information will come from the Traffic Speed project Group.
- .03 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Cllr. MacGregor reported:
- TDC are consulting with Network Rail on the design of proposed rail defences along the sea wall at Teignmouth.
 - The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) is going through significant changes with the withdrawal of both Mid-Devon and East Devon District Councils. The model will need to be thoroughly reassessed.
 - TDC are considering the government paper 'Planning for the Future' the consultation to reform the planning system which was officially published on 6th August. They will further advise towns and parishes on what these changes will mean for the district as a Local Planning Authority, for CIL & S106, neighbourhood plans, affordable housing and particularly how towns and parishes might respond to achieve the desired result district wide, before the consultation closes in 11 weeks' time. A link to the full government paper and a summary of the reform can be viewed here.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/launch-of-planning-for-the-future-consultation-to-reform-the-planning-system>
 - In the leisure sector all centres are now re-opened, excluding Teignmouth Lido, which will not open again this year. Bookings can be made via a new downloadable app. Focus is on catering to meet the needs of members over clubs.

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Cllr. Benham asked if help can be offered to Teignmouth Canoe club who have previously rented storage space at Dawlish Leisure Centre, but the space is no longer available. Cllr. MacGregor will investigate and do what he could to facilitate this club who provide important lifesaving skills for our coastal location.

- Cllr. Nicholson asked what TDC are doing to allocate all the Small Business Relief Grant which they have been given by central government and raised concerns that some businesses may not have applied for fear of this amount having to be repaid. Cllr. MacGregor reported that TDC have released £33.8m of a potential £41m. An additional £2m of discretionary grant has been provided by the government, of this £1.67m had already been awarded. A lack of understanding of the criteria and terms of the grants may have discouraged some eligible businesses from making an application. Teignbridge has attempted several methods of promotion, including press releases and directly contacts some small business owners. Over the next week they will push to get as much paid out as possible to benefit local businesses before the scheme closes on 14.08.20 and fund need to be returned to central government.

2493 RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- .01 Minutes of the Full Parish Council virtual meeting held 06.07.20; it was proposed by Cllr. Grimble, seconded by Cllr. Nicholson, that these be approved as a true and correct record; to be signed in the future. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .02 Minutes of the Planning committee virtual meeting held 20.07.20; it was proposed by Cllr. Benham, seconded by Cllr. Nicholson, that these be approved as a true and correct record; to be signed in the future. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

THE FOLLOWING MEETING DOCUMENTS WERE NOTED:

- .03 Notes of the Teign Estuary Trail liaison group meeting held 13.07.20.
- .04 Minutes of the BERT meeting held 14.07.20.
- .05 2020/21 Terms of Reference (updated) for BERT.

Mrs. Cawthraw, Chair of BERT, was present and defined the term incident in the context of the report. She reported that the committee are meeting next week to consider their actions in recent months, improvements and planning for a possible second wave. Cllr. Peart and The Chairman both thanked her and the committee for all their hard work and dedication during the covid crisis to be passed to all members and volunteers. Cllr. Peart offers funding from his Community allocation if required. Mrs. Cawthraw thanked him and would liaise again after the next BERT committee meeting.

It was noted that retention of the Fuji salt spreader was to be assessed by the committee with a recommendation coming to BPC at a future meeting.

2494 VJ DAY 75 COMMEMORATIONS

The clerk reported the commemorations arranged to take place on Saturday 15th August at the War Memorial and Methodist Church green including the use of BPC insurance for this event and the organiser, Mr. Morgan was preparing a risk assessment and plan for control of social distancing. Cllr. Grimble wished to attend to represent Bishopsteignton Parish Council, Cllr. Nicholson is her reserve.

2495 PLANNING

- .01

APP REF:	20/00913/FUL - 8 Radway Gardens
PROPOSAL:	Dwelling to replace existing garage/workshop
PUBLIC EXP DATE:	15.08.20
It was proposed by Cllr. Nicholson, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, that the following comment be submitted. Agreed unanimously therefore RESOLVED .	
PC COMMENTS:	The Parish Council wish to object to the proposed development for the following reasons:

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- Concerns of safety for users of the first-floor level rooftop gardens at the rear of neighbouring properties due to their proximity to the proposed open sunken courtyard at ground level.
- The proposed layout at the rear presents potential overlooking from neighbouring properties.
- In addition, this sunken courtyard design is inconsistent with other properties in the terrace or vicinity.
- In accordance with Parking and Traffic Management principles outlined throughout section 2.4 of the Bishopsteignton Neighbourhood Development Plan there are strong concerns the proposal may be detrimental to an existing problem of traffic congestion caused by a lack of parking provision in this location.

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APP REF: 20/01019/HOU - 8 Bronescombe Avenue

PROPOSAL: Replace and extend raised decking area including privacy screen

PUBLIC EXP DATE: 15.08.20

It was proposed by Cllr. Grimble, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, that the following comment be submitted. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

PC COMMENTS: No objection.

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APP REF: 19/00800/MAJ – Bakers Yard, Forder Lane

PROPOSAL: Outline - mixed use of site to include provision for Class B1 uses and six residential flats/live-work units and eight dwellings (approval sought for access, layout and scale)

PUBLIC EXP DATE: 16.08.20

Members of the public were asked to make any representation for the council's consideration.

The owner of a neighbouring property expressed serious concerns about the lack of action since a Tidy Land Notification given by TDC last year. He was not impressed by the revised layout, now including an additional property, for which the application is outline only and has been live for over 15 months.

Cllr. MacGregor reported he will be liaising with the enforcement and planning officers about the lack of progress and clarity in the documents provided by the agent to support the decision-making process.

Since the publication of the agenda for this meeting the expiry date for public comments to be submitted to Teignbridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority has been extended to 31.08.20. For this reason and the lack of clarity from the land agent and that the LPA are awaiting further documents from the agent it was proposed by Cllr. Lambert, seconded by Cllr. Benham, to defer this matter for further discussion and approval of comments to be submitted at the BPC planning committee meeting to be held 24.08.20. Unanimously agreed therefore deferral **RESOLVED**. Within this motion it was agreed for the clerk to seek further clarity from the land agent and that any subsequent provision be shared as an appendix to the agenda of the August planning committee meeting.

2496 FINANCE

.01 **PAYMENTS:**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Nicholson, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, agreed unanimously and therefore **RESOLVED** that the working party dealing with the War Memorial railings/Methodist Church driveway repairs and safety enhancement project should assess the completed work against the spec and quote before authorising payment of the invoice from SM Engineering SW Ltd. Included in this motion was the delegation of power, to the working party, to authorise the payment of this invoice, No. 10053 dated 01.08.20, subject to findings at the site visit, it was agreed that an amount may be deducted from the invoice total until the work is completed. Clerk to arrange site meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Nicholson, seconded by Cllr. Gill, that the payments listed below, in accordance with '200810 payment schedule' be approved; then processed by the clerk. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to approve. Clerk to process.

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HMRC	Tax & NI for July 2020	507.62
Mrs. Kim Ford	Clerk salary for July 2020	1450.53
DCC Pension Fund	Employer & employee contribution to pension for July 2020	479.80
GA Earthworks	On Completion. Installation of railing at Bishops Ave carpark Inv 2957	2590.39
GA Earthworks	On Completion. Installation additional section railing at carpark Inv 3219	192.00
P. Walton	Various including re-opening parks & toilets, removal of old boat.	170.00
Amazon Business Acct	Replacement Hand sanitiser dispensers Inv. 343050465-2020-3512	29.50
Mrs. Kim Ford	Expenses for July/Aug. See breakdown & receipts.	70.00
Mr. H. Merritt	Expenses - Toner	16.48
TOTAL (Gross. Incl VAT – to be reclaimed)		5,506.31

.02 **MONTHLY FINANCE STATEMENTS:** A statement for the period ending 31.07.20 had been forwarded to members. No questions raised therefore this was **NOTED** by members and signed by the chairman. Clerk to publish on the BPC website.

2497 CLERKS REPORT: (Available on request) Members considered the report provided prior to the meeting and the following point were discussed further:

- Cllr. Benham requested that the working group for BPC Objectives and Priorities is brought forward. This was discussed and it was agreed for a meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.
- Members considered the next full council meeting to be held 07.09.20 and agreed this should again be held remotely, using Zoom, despite the agenda including co-options.
- Cllr. Benham reported ACT (Action on Climate in Teignbridge) are coordinating the role of Wildlife Wardens in parishes and towns, however additional funding was required before further publication.
- Cllr. Lambert reported a flood on PROW FP5, possibly caused by a leaking/burst pipe/land drain. He will notify DCC directly using the online reporting system.

2498 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several members of the public commented about the benefits of remote meetings and how it might be possible to allow remote viewers when the council are face to face again.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.42PM