

# BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### FULL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

HELD 7.00PM MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 USING ZOOM

#### 2596 ATTENDANCE

- .01 PRESENT: Cllr. Merritt (Chair), Cllrs. Benham, Gateshill, Gill, Grimble, Lambert & Watson (7/7), Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford, District Cllr. A. MacGregor, County Cllr. R. Peart & x members of the public.
- .02 APOLOGIES: PC. Orchard/PCSO. Bunce
- .03 DOI: None

#### 2597 OFFICIAL REPORTS

- .01 **POLICE:** An up-to-date report was not available in time for the meeting however the following has been submitted by PC. Orchard since:

##### Bishopsteignton Monthly Crime Report-1st-31st January 2021 (9 crimes)

- X3 Criminal Damage
- X1 Sexual Offence
- X1 Theft
- X4 Domestic related crimes

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/01/2021 to 31/01/2021	Recorded Crime 01/01/2020 to 31/01/2020	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	2	0	-
Violence without Injury	0	1	-100.0%
Other Sexual Offences	1	0	-
Vehicle Offences	0	1	-100.0%
Other Theft	1	0	-
Criminal Damage	3	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>250.0%</b>

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/01/2021 to 31/01/2021	Incidents - 01/01/2020 to 31/01/2020	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	3	1	200.0%
Crime Recorded	5	0	-
Public Safety	9	4	125.0%
Transport	3	7	-57.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>66.7%</b>

#### Other matters

- Please report any suspicious persons/activities and record vehicle registration details if used. Please contact the police on 999 if the incident is happening there and then, or by 101 (emailing is quicker) if it is historic.
- PACT meetings will hopefully resume soon, subject to Government lockdown guidance. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, times TBC (*please see parish social media page for details*).
- This month we are looking to 'target' local poaching issues/rural wildlife crime in and around the area. If you see anything suspicious, please report as soon as possible. Any information would be greatly appreciated to assist with our plans moving forward.
- Community Speed Watch is currently on hold due to the current lockdown. This will naturally resume when restrictions ease.

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### .02 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Cllr. Ron Peart gave the following report:

On Tuesday 26th January 2021, I attended an online meeting of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee. One of the Agenda items to be discussed was the future of Teignmouth Hospital which remains uncertain. After a recent spotlight review to consider the methodology of the public consultation by the NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group [CCG] found it wanting. The Campaigners fighting to save the hospital had hopes that at this meeting the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee would recommend sending the file to the Secretary of State. Instead, the committee has decided to informally refer the case to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel [IRP] a Government body which reviews proposals for changes to NHS services that are being contested, and ultimately advises the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Had the IRP been approached on a formal footing then the matter could have gone straight to the Secretary of State, but the committee decided that not all the criteria required for a formal approach were fully met.

Cllr. Peart added

### .03 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT: Cllr. Andrew MacGregor gave the following report:

**Planning:** There seems to be a pickup in single site applications across the district but not many multi-home applications coming to committee. The Planning Inspector has recently taken a lenient view on applications and overturning a few that were refused on valid planning grounds as failing on reasonableness. This perhaps indicates a need to be even more robust in reasons for refusal where officer recommends approval.

**Leisure:** No change on Leisure operations since the last report. Leisure Centres and pools and all sports facilities remain closed. Play parks and Skate Parks remain open. Our grounds maintenance team is ensuring all open space is kept in tidy condition. We are finding that there has been anti-social behaviour in a few parks leading to littering and worse. If you do see anti-social behaviour, please report it to the police.

**Waste & Recycling:** The issue that has taken most time are the Recycling Sites – mostly in Newton and Kingsteignton but across the District. These sites have been under tremendous pressure since Christmas (in fairness they were under huge pressure before) and TDC has been overwhelmed with fly tipping and the use of the sites for non-recycling waste. You may have seen Cllr Dewhirst's letter and the pictures of the B&Q site in the MDA over the last two weeks which gives a flavour of what TDC crews have been putting up with daily.

Officers and Cllrs are trying to work with Comms to get a consistent message out that TDC welcome everyone bringing their excess recyclables including textiles to the banks, but if, when residents visit, they find the bins/skips are full then taking the material away again – rather than fly tipping!

At the B&Q we have asked the landowner if we can put up a higher fence to keep windblown material out of the River Whitelake; we have agreed a Big sign explaining what can and cannot be deposited on site. We have moved skips so that their contents cannot be blown into watercourses and finally we are seriously looking at introducing CCTV. We have over 50 people who will be getting a fine for fly-tipping at this site alone, since Christmas.

**Environmental Health:** Mostly I have been working with the new Environmental Warden to understand her area and its issues. Pushing the team to finalise signage for the PSPO on dogs. This will likely be A-boards which can be temporarily put up in dog walking hotspots to warn that dogs should be on a lead and to pick up after their dog has fouled.

**Business and Economy:** No update on the grants as that goes live first week of February. Tourism as you would expect is flat and that is impacting on the local economy. With many businesses being shut there is a real concern of more empty shopfronts. The recent award of £9m+ for Newton Abbot and the regeneration of Teignmouth (which has commenced and is at site preparation stage) will hopefully bring some much-needed income.

**Health and Wellbeing:** Last weeks meeting saw clarity of the vaccination process locally. Devon has 20 sites up and running (not including the 4 main hospitals) with NA one of the two final locations to get set-up and going. The CCG is also using GPs and some pharmacies as additional vaccination sites due to the dispersed nature of the Devon population. There is a 12-week gap on the first to the second parts of the vaccination, which after querying I was informed came from the JCVI (Govt scientific adviser group which includes NHS, Sage etc).

CCG is working with Districts to identify and get to the most vulnerable. If anyone is aware of people staying locally who might be vulnerable and not registered with the District or a local practice, then please let me know. We are aware that there might be some in second homes or stranded here due to lockdown and cannot get to their home address.

Vaccinations are being carried out on a staged basis. The first three categories are;

- Care Home Residents
- Clinically Vulnerable Residents (in homes, at home or in hospital)
- Over – 80s.

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Significant progress is being made. In the above groups there may be people that have not received the first stage of the process, due to illness – COVID-19 or otherwise – but those will be addressed as soon as possible to do so.

As a result of progress over 75s are now being contacted for stage one.

Homes and Community: Work has started on TDCs first council houses in decades at East Street and Drake Road in Newton Abbot. Bradley Lane is out for tender and the expectation is 20% of the homes there will be for Council allocation. That will be between 35 and 40 homes for social rent. Other sites are under review. The council houses plan comes under the Teignbridge 100 strategy which is having a constant pipeline of 100 council houses either being built or planned at any time.

Estates and Finance: TDC have proposed to increase in the Band D council tax of £5 to £180.17 for 21/22(2.85%), following the same amount as applied last year (20/21).

Fees and charges/rents income continue to be lower than budgeted for (pre-Covid19) – income projections for 21/22, accommodate a Covid19 provision plus inflationary increases to ensure no further erosion of council income.

Continued funding for a climate change officer and enhanced planning enforcement – (worth noting that recruitment has been interrupted by the lockdowns).

TDC will maintain a revenue reserve at just under £2 million for 21/22. (12.4% of net revenue budget but will be reviewing allocated reserves to assess whether these can be deferred in the short term. We are also looking to increase climate change projects within the capital programme.

Increased support for Housing including the Teignbridge 100 strategy mentioned above.

Reviewing provision for employment sites to try and improve employment across the District. (on a personal note; hopefully not just the unimaginative model used for the 8 years prior to 2019 and something which attracts investment and skills)

### 2598 RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the Full Parish Council virtual meeting held 18.01.21 it was proposed by Cllr. Gateshill, seconded by Cllr. Benham, that these be approved as a true and correct record; to be signed in the future. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

### 2599 FINANCE

#### .01 PAYMENTS:

It was proposed by Cllr. Grimble, seconded by Cllr. Watson, that the payments listed below, in accordance with '210201 payment schedule' be approved; then processed by the clerk. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to approve. Clerk to process.

HMRC	Tax & NI for January 2021	268.86
Mrs. Kim Ford	Clerk salary for January 2021	1481.55
DCC Pension Fund	Employer & employee contribution to pension for January 2021	492.77
Bishop Property	Remaining tree surrounds (from S106)	70.00
Bishop Property	Expenses. Southern Timber wood for tree surrounds.	114.37
<b>TOTAL (Gross. Incl VAT – to be reclaimed)</b>		<b>£2427.55</b>

**In addition, the following payments were authorised retrospectively:**

Miss. Kathryn Brown	Recycle Shed from District Councillor grant	247.42
Kedel Ltd	Posts for VG, from S106	1165.11

#### .02 MONTHLY FINANCE STATEMENTS:

A statement for the period ending 31.01.21 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.

#### .03 BPC GRANT:

Members considered the application from the committee Chairman of Bishopsteignton Village Festival (BVF). It was proposed by Cllr. Gateshill, seconded by Cllr. Merritt, to award BVF grant of £400 for the 2021 BVF in

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September, but that the fund should be used at a future festival event if, due to Covid, they were unable to proceed in this year. This was approved unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

Clerk to pay according to the application details and BPC policy.

### 2600 PLANNING – NEW APPLICATIONS:

The applications below were considered, and it was agreed to send the following consultation response to the Local Planning Authority Teignbridge District Council.

**.01**      **APP REF:** 20/02409/HOU - 21 Teign View Road, TQ14 9SZ  
**PROPOSAL:** Removal of section of existing decking area and siting of new summerhouse  
The application details were considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Benham, seconded by Cllr. Gateshill, to submit the following comment. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.  
**BPC COMMENT:** No objection

**.02**      **APP REF:** 20/00641/FUL - Higher Radway Farm, TQ14 9TB  
**PROPOSAL:** Erection of a Replacement Dwelling, New Access Driveway and Associated Works Including Landscaping (Revised Plans Received)  
The application details were considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Lambert, seconded by Cllr. Benham, to submit the following comment. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.  
**BPC COMMENT:** Following the review of the revised drawings Bishopsteignton Parish Council do not approve of these proposals, in particular the new layout of the driveway.  
The PC has concerns that there will be problems caused by an increase in surface water run off because of this development and believe consultation with a flooding officer and provision of a drainage plan are necessary.  
In addition, further consultation with officers representing DCC Highways should be carried out, preferably including a site visit to the proposed point of entry/exit.  
Regarding this proposal in terms of the Climate & Ecological Emergency, which has been declared by the relevant Parish, District and County Councils, there is nothing apparent in the building methods, materials or resulting building which attempts to mitigate carbon emissions.  
Unless misinterpreted, it is unclear from the drawings and lighting report provided whether it is intended to use lighting along the length of the driveway; if this has been included has the biodiversity officer been made aware since their last consultation response?

### 2601 BPC DATA ACCESS REQUEST POLICY:

With a short background explanation from the clerk and Cllr. Watson members understood this type of policy was mandatory for compliance with data protection regulations although it was unlikely to be required often as the council do not hold a large amount of personal identifiable information.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gill, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, to adopt the policy for future use by BPC. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**. Clerk to upload to the BPC website.

### 2602 BISHOPSTEIGNTON WAR MEMORIAL:

This item was on the agenda in the hope advice may have been received from the local accredited stone mason in time for further consideration. Unfortunately, there was no further information to consider. It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously for the item to be referred to the Asset Management Committee who will bring any recommendation back to full council if required.

### 2603 MEMBERS REPORTS:

*The opportunity for members to report back on external communications, training, working party meetings and developments:*

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- .01 The Chairman had attended a virtual update on the status of the pension fund at Peninsula Pensions. Nothing to report and no questions raised by members.
- .02 The Chairman, and clerk, had attended a virtual update from Teignbridge District Council regarding their current and predicted financial position, the current government financial settlement. No question raised by members.
- .03 Cllr. Benham attended a DALC virtual training session on data protection. From this she believed BPC is meeting its obligations of data protection and there was nothing further to report. No questions raised by members.

### 2604 CLERKS REPORT

*A full report of BPC business was provided to members prior to the meeting and uploaded to the BPC website. The following queries and additional comments were raised:*

- .01 The reported flooding problems on Coombe Way were discussed briefly. Something to monitor but in the hands of DCC.
- .02 Cllr. Lambert reported the poor condition of the pavements around the Coles Barn bus shelters. The clerk confirmed this matter should be passed to DCC Highway to deal with. Clerk to report to the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer.
- .03 It was NOTED that the carpenter responsible for the new parish council noticeboards, Fore Street and Village Green, has moved overseas and therefore unable to produce more. Alternative producers to be sought and considered at the next meeting of the Asset Management Committee. Required to produce a board for the cemetery.

### 2605 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- .01 E. Cawthraw, Chairman of BERT, reported the DCC Gritter has not been attending when the forecast does predict ice. BERT volunteers have been gritting the problem junctions through the parish but gritting on Shute Hill and Church Road is essential. Cllr. Peart and the Clerk to chase for an update. In addition, it was suggested that the existing route be extended, clerk to enquire with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer. Mr. Moore, as Bishopsteignton Snow Warden, reported that he receives text alerts when the DCC gritter is expected and which routes it will treat, however an update of what is classified as primary, secondary, and minor routes would be useful.

A member of the public wished to thank BERT for all their efforts to keep parishioners safe. On behalf of the council the Chairman seconded this vote of thanks.

- .02 Cllr. Grimble asked why the grit bin outside Bishopsteignton House on The Drive has been moved. Clerk to investigate with NHO, however believes this was a private bin and DCC are not responsible.
- .03 Mr. E. Stephenson reported the owners of Supply Stores are not prepared to sell the freehold and Bishopsteignton Health Living Group (HLG) are not interested to pursue the community led asset purchase of the leasehold only.
- .04 Mrs. Cawthraw reported the gully on Forder Lane, adjacent to The Nuttery is still flooding after heavy rainfall. The clerk confirmed this has been reported on the DCC website.  
A member of the public questioned the efficiency of this reporting mechanism, suggesting it was taking too long for DCC to respond to individual reports and asking if a high volume of reports about the same issue would result in a prompter response.  
The chairman also highlighted the need for a pothole along the A381 to be repaired despite numerous reports.

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 20.23PM**