

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL

AT 7.30PM MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021

2737 MEETING GOVERNANCE

ATTENDANCE:

.01 PRESENT: Members: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), Benham, Gateshill, Gill, Grimble, Lambert, Moore, Tucker, & Watson (10/11).

Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford.

County Cllr. R. Peart, District Cllr. A. MacGregor.

Up to 5 members of the public at various times.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Shaw, (1/11). PC. Orchard & PCSO. Bunce.

.02 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

.03 ORDER OF BUSINESS: No changes to the order were requested. It was not expected that any business to be transacted should require the removal of press and public audience.

.04 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at Bishopsteignton Community Centre on 04.10.21 were considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded by Cllr. Gill, that these be approved as a true and correct record; to be signed by the Chairman in the future. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

2738 OFFICIAL REPORTS:

.01 POLICE: PC. Orchard had provided the following report, prior to the meeting, for crimes occurring during the period 01.10.21 to 30.10.21:

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/10/2021 to 30/10/2021	Recorded Crime 01/10/2020 to 30/10/2020	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	1	0	-
Violence without Injury	1	0	-
Shoplifting	1	0	-
All Other Theft Offences	0	2	100.0%
Criminal Damage	1	0	-
Public Order Offences	1	0	-
Total	5	2	150.0%
<i>Non-Notifiable Offences</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-100.0%</i>

Incident Closing Category	Incidents 01/10/2021 to 30/10/2021	Incidents 01/10/2020 to 30/10/2020	Incidents % Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	1	0	-
Crime Recorded	2	1	100.0%
Public Safety	9	7	28.6%
Transport	2	7	-71.4%
Total	14	15	-6.7%

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There are NO community speed watch results from River Teign as the group has been suspended temporarily due to lack of volunteers, congestion on the road with the major road works on the A380 and the impending Shaldon bridge closure.

.02 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr. MacGregor provided the following written report:

1. Broadmeadow is likely to undergo some work over the winter period to install a new roof in preparation for the decarbonisation work.
2. It is likely that some of the solar panels for the Lido will be added to the Broadmeadow work
3. The Waste team have a current shortage of 11 heavy goods vehicle drivers, putting service schedules under severe pressure. Salaries for this section are under review with a view to attracting more candidates. Garden waste is still part of the collections process and seen as important to maintaining services. There may however be disruption to services from time to time. Any delayed collections will be caught up as quickly as possible.
4. A consultation is about start as part on the ongoing development of the Local Plan. This consultation will include sites for renewable energy generation. It is important that the Parish Council contributes as one site is to the North of the village. Once I have the link I will forward it on.
5. Budgets and income appear to be holding up well. Council Tax and Business rates is slightly down, but not in any significantly damaging way. It was predicted income around the current levels following lockdown.
6. I am no longer a member of the Lib Dem administration although I remain a member of the Lib Dems. I am going to continue to act in the interests of residents in Bishopsteignton as my priority.

Cllr. Benham questioned a recent local newspaper report which indicated the cost of a green waste bin is to be increased to £360. Cllr. MacGregor said he would investigate and report back.

.03 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Peart provided the following written report:

Current works on the A380

The works encompass repairs and surfacing to 6 bridge decks with no works taking place in between. This may give the impression that there is little work happening, as work will be concentrated on the bridge decks. To safely get traffic away from work sites a contraflow system has been installed to move traffic from one side of the dual carriageway to the other you need to reduce the length of traffic management as much as possible. The work to the bridge decks requires specialist contractors and it is both more cost effective and quicker to cover a larger area once, rather than a shorter area over a longer period.

It is our opinion that the public would prefer us to get the works achieved as quickly as possible to reduce the amount of disruption. The type of work being carried out to bridge decks is highly weather dependent. We hope to maximise periods of good weather by working at multiple locations within the length of the contraflow.

One of the main reasons this current work could not be carried out alongside previous resurfacing work earlier in the year was due to the presence of bats. The underside of bridges is potential roosting location for bats. Bats being a protected species, and as such surveys were required to be undertaken by an ecologist after the hibernation period, to ensure that our work did not interfere with their roosts.

It is understood that road works do cause large inconvenience unfortunately there is no painless way of carrying out vital works on such a strategic route.

No further questions raised.

2739 FINANCE

.01 PAYMENTS:

It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded by Cllr. Grimble, that the payments listed below, in accordance with '211108 payment schedule' be approved; then processed by the clerk. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to approve. Clerk to process.

HMRC	Tax & NI for October 2021 PAYE	464.25
K. Ford	Clerk salary for October 2021	1494.26

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DCC Pension Fund	Employer & employee contribution to pension for October 2021	506.02
BGS Ltd	Inv 6210. Lawns: preparation for rewilding (to be claimed under S106)	120.00
Parish Online	Inv 18UH006-0002. Annual subscription for online mapping software	153.60
DALC	Inv 3310. Attendance at annual online conference. Clerk & Chairman.	60.00
Morris McGinns	Inv TT713522. Replacement tap at Lawns toilets	23.59
Bishop Property	Cemetery Shed: Clear out and remove ivy. Repair wheelbarrow.	104.78
BGS Ltd	Inv 6342. Completion of VG Bollard project (to be claimed from S106)	900.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath for Remembrance 2021	22.20
	TOTAL (Gross. Incl VAT – to be reclaimed)	3848.70

It was noted BGS Invoice 6342 will not be paid until work completed and signed off by Asset Management Committee Chair and Vice-chair.

.02 MONTHLY FINANCE STATEMENTS:

A statement for the period ending 31.10.21 had been forwarded to members. No questions were raised therefore this was **NOTED** by members and signed by the chairman. Clerk to publish on the BPC website.

2740 GOVERNANCE:

Terms of Use Agreement: A draft was available for review and possible adoption however further considerations pertaining to a matter raised within the past few hours meant further amendment might be necessary. It was proposed by Cllr. Head, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, that the suggestions be reviewed, and the adoption deferred until a future meeting of the council. Unanimously agreed therefore **RESOLVED**.

2741 PLANNING:

The following new planning application was considered, and it was resolved for this comment to be submitted to Teignbridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority:

01 APPLICATION REF: 21/02218/FUL - Metro Motors, Newton Road, TQ14 9RL

PROPOSAL: Erection of four apartments

The application was considered by members. It was proposed by Cllr. Benham, seconded by Cllr. Gatheshill, to submit the following comment. FOR: 9, ABSTAIN: 1, therefore **RESOLVED**:

BPC COMMENTS: The Parish Council does not object in principle but wish to make the following comments:

- The number of car parking spaces proposed seems insufficient for the number of homes and potential occupancy. This could cause considerable problems in the future. It is strongly recommended additional spaces are provided.
- No provision of outside, green space for occupants.
- The Southeast elevation is very bland in design and could be much improved. The current design would be detrimental to and doesn't fit the existing street scene.
- Possible overdevelopment of the site.
- Would very much encourage the provision of EV charging points, or the cabling for these in future, and that these are supported by energy sustainably generated at the site.
- Has the impact on the current business, trading from this site, been considered?
- Has the impact of these additional dwellings on the existing drainage structure been considered?

02 APPLICATION REF: 21/01748/FUL - 8 Radway Gardens, TQ14 9TZ

PROPOSAL: Dwelling to replace existing garage/workshop

The application was considered by members. It was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr. Lambert, unanimously agreed and therefore **RESOLVED** to submit the following comment:

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BPC COMMENTS: Bishopsteignton Parish Council acknowledge and appreciate the applicant's amendments which address the concerns raised previously, such as parking and the proposed dormer window.

The Parish Council can support the application in principle however it objects to the proposed balcony due to the loss of privacy for neighbours who will be impacted by the overlooking this will create. The street scene does not include balconies on any other properties in the vicinity therefore it is suggested the proposal is altered to a window, or Juliet style, to eliminate both these issues.

2742 PLANNING: LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The clerk reported an upcoming consultation from the local planning authority. This begins on 15th November and lasts for 10 weeks. Part 3 of the plan covers *Renewable Energy, Gypsy and Traveller and Small Residential Site Options*.

This was noted by members, and it was unanimously agreed for the document to be considered at the next meeting of the BPC planning committee (22.11.21).

2743 CLIMATE & ECOLOGY ACTION PLAN

Having previously circulated a presentation Cllr. Watson explained the ongoing development work towards the council's climate & ecology actions including a funding application which has been submitted.

The proposals were considered individually with the following resolutions:

- It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded by Cllr. Grimble, to set up a grant which will provide funding toward any projects within the parish which have a positive impact and take action to reduce carbon emissions. A project criteria and application process will be prepared, grant fund amount to be considered and agreed by the BPC finance committee at their next meeting (17.12.21). Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded by Cllr. Benham, to introduce a second food collection box. This will be in the recycling shed in the Lawns car park. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- When questioned Cllr. Watson advised it was hoped the recycling operations would be up and running before the end of 2021.
- It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, for BPC to subscribe to Community Energy England at £150 per annum for the provision of support and advice relating to community energy projects. However, Cllr. Benham requested further research is put into which organisation is best to join suggesting there is a more local similar set up with lower fees. It was proposed & seconded to defer this matter until a future meeting.

A member of the public raised various suggestions which may support towards reducing carbon emissions by improving access to public transport. Detailed in minute 2747 below.

2744 SEWAGE INTO THE TEIGN ESTUARY

Members considered a report recently provided to Teignmouth Town Council by Cllr. David Cox regarding lobbying SWW to address this concerning matter.

It was proposed by Cllr. Merritt, seconded by Cllr. Benham, to take the same actions as Teignmouth Town Council, lobby SWW for action as well as MP. Anne-Marie Morris. It was suggested that a known marine biology expert in the parish might be asked to produce a report on the effects of the sewage discharge (Cllr. Watson to approach). Unanimously agreed, therefore **RESOLVED**.

2745 WORKING PARTY UPDATES:

.01 BERT: Draft notes of the last meeting, held 28.10.21, were circulated. These were NOTED and no further discussion required, or questions raised.

.02 LAWNS SCOUT HUT WORKING PARTY: The WP chairman, Cllr. Gateshill had nothing further to report, no meetings held. Mrs. Cawthraw reported the Scouts are proceeding with their planning application and the habitat assessment is underway. The clerk reported difficulties engaging with legal services at TDC, mainly due

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to them being short staffed, currently a common issue across this and many other sectors. Cllr. MacGregor offered to liaise with the officers.

- .03 COMMUNITY SHOP WORKING PARTY:** The WP chairman, Cllr. Moore reported negotiations between the owner, lease and an external party are developing so it is unlikely it will be required to become a community run asset. Awaiting confirmation.
- .04 OBJECTIVES & PRIORITIES STRATEGY WORKING PARTY:** The WP chairman, Cllr. Merritt updated members of the resolutions of the last meeting and work of this group. He highlighted that the next meeting would be arranged to consider future priorities, following the preparation of the BPC budget, including the precept, for 2022/23.
- .05 TEIGN ESTUARY TRAIL:** The WP chairman, Cllr. Merritt, reported that since the last meeting in May, the consultation on the Planning Application had been undertaken. This was likely to be considered by the DCC Development Management Committee in December. A future meeting will be arranged for the new year, once planning decision is notified. Next item to resolve will be funding.
- 2746 CLERKS REPORT:** A full report of BPC business was provided to members and uploaded to the BPC website prior to the meeting. No discussion or queries were raised.
The clerk added that a recent news story from the National Association of Local Councils advised that the organisation will be correcting all their documentation to amend Chairman to Chair. BPC agreed to follow this example as and when policies and publications are reviewed/require other amendments.
- 2747 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
A member of the public, resident of Newton Road, made several suggestions for improvements highways to enable better access to bus stops, particularly at the East of the village. His suggestions include hedge-trimming, signage, markings. It was agreed for him to submit these matters in writing to the clerk who will forward it to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer for the next Highways Liaison meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.30PM