

MINUTES

OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30PM MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022
AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL



2817 MEETING GOVERNANCE

.01 Attendance:

- i. **Present:** Members: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), Benham, Gateshill, Gill, Grimbale, Head, Lambert, Shaw & Watson (9/9), District Cllr. A. MacGregor, & 3 member of the public.
Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford.
- ii. **Apologies:** County Cllr. R. Peart, PC. Orchard & PCSO. Bunce.

.02 Declaration Of Interests: None

.03 Order Of Business: No change requested, to proceed in accordance with the agenda.

.04 Ratification Of Minutes:

- i. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Bishopsteignton Community Centre on 09.05.22 were considered. It was proposed and seconded that these be approved as a true and correct record. Agreed unanimously therefore **resolved to approve** and to be signed by the chair.
- ii. Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held at Bishopsteignton Community Centre on 09.05.22 were considered. It was proposed and seconded that these be approved as a true and correct record. Agreed unanimously therefore **resolved to approve** and to be signed by the chair.

2818 OFFICIAL REPORTS

.01 Police Report

PC. Orchard had provided the following report, prior to the meeting, of crimes occurring during the period 01.05.22 to 31.05.22:

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/05/2022 to 31/05/2022	Recorded Crime 01/05/2021 to 31/05/2021	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	1	1	0.0%
Violence without Injury	3	0	-
Stalking and Harassment	3	0	-
Rape	1	0	-
All Other Theft Offences	0	1	-100.0%
Criminal Damage	0	1	-100.0%
Public Order Offences	0	2	-100.0%
Total	8	5	60.0%

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/05/2022 to 31/05/2022	Incidents - 01/05/2021 to 31/05/2021	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	1	2	-50.0%
Crime Recorded	4	1	300.0%
Public Safety	11	9	22.2%
Transport	4	9	-55.6%
Total	20	21	-4.8%

The monthly gazette from PC. Orchard is available to download from the BPC website.

.02 District Councillor Report

Cllr. MacGregor circulated the following report to members prior to the meeting:

1) Bin collections are rescheduled due to the double bank holiday w/c 30th May. The altered dates for residents from their usual bin collections is found on this link.

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/jubileecollections>

2) Council Tax Rebate. Around 33000 households in council tax bands A-D have received their payment of £150. This essentially includes the tranche that pay their CT by Direct Debit. Around 13000 letters are being sent out to

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non-DD households outlining the two options, which are payment to a bank account, or payment to their council tax account.

3) The decarbonisation project at the three leisure centres has been officially recognised. TDC has been shortlisted for the Large-Scale Project award at the SW Energy Efficiency awards, in partnership with Leisure Energy.

4) Autumn Covid Booster advice issued. A link to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation advice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jcvi-provides-interim-advice-on-an-autumn-covid-19-booster-programme>

5) Bakers Yard application was refused on DCC Highway safety grounds. It is likely that the application will be appealed. The application process highlighted a very clear need for careful consideration when creating neighbourhood plans. Despite being outside the settlement limit, the officers backed the application on the grounds BNP had included a need for development at the site.

6) The NA To Torbay cycle route funding was passed at Full Council recently. This despite the Teign Estuary Trail being sufficiently advanced to have a planning application submitted. The reason this is being prioritised is down to there being 2 tier one councils pushing for funding through levelling up funding routes. TDC is effectively being dragged along as a result. I will be trying to establish the likely impact on future funding for TET at the next full council.

7) Decarbonisation work at Forde House is about to recommence. Additional funding has been agreed to meet increased costs associated with inflation on materials and labour as well as exiting from the administration process with Midas. This money will not be from borrowings as with previous contributions from TDC.

8) The new council chair is Cllr Charles Nuttall, with vice chair Cllr Chris Clarence.

9) NA redevelopment on Queen Street is the subject of a consultation. Any residents in the BPC ward are urged to have their say if they use the area and has a view. https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/queen-street-newton-abbot-pedestrian-enhancements/?utm_source=LinkedIn&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo

10) The Council Leader announced at the last full council that the Future High Street Fund and other large projects are to be reviewed in light of the spiralling costs to deliver and the limit of funding available.

Following a newspaper article Cllr. Grimbale asked why recently granted funding was awarded to the Cycle trail between Newton Abbot and Torquay rather than the Teign Estuary Trail (TET). Cllr. MacGregor expressed his disappointment in this step and indicated that the successful trail was shovel-ready; a term which includes certain criteria which TET does not yet meet such as all land purchasing is complete. In addition, the tier of the applying county will have an influence; both Devon County Council and Torbay Council are tier 1 whereas Teignbridge District council is tier 3.

Cllr. Grimbale asked for an update on the planning application for 2 great Furlong, reporting it has disappeared from the TDC planning portal. Cllr. MacGregor to investigate and report back.

2819 BISHOPSTEIGNTON PRESCHOOL

Members consider the request from the management of Bishopsteignton Preschool (Bishopsteignton School) for financial support from the Parish Council, as detailed in the previously circulated but private and confidential appendix (*in accordance with BPC Standing Order 11.c.*). Mrs. Fuell, School Business Manager, and teacher Miss. LeBalleur, were in attendance to answer any queries from parish Council including why Devon County Council cannot take over, where reserves previously held had been used, and that a combination of covid and low birth-rate have caused pupil intake to fall whilst not being able to make changes to staffing structure mean more was being spent.

Following much discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Shaw, seconded by Cllr. Head, that BPC agree to earmark a reserve of £7,500.00, which in part or wholly may be used by Bishopsteignton Preschool during the financial year 2022-23 as a back-stop fund to enable to continuation of the provision of a preschool in the community of Bishopsteignton. FOR: 8, AGAINST: 1, therefore RESOLVED.

Furthermore, it shall be noted this is a one-off fund offer and additional financial support from Bishopsteignton Parish Council cannot be guaranteed in the future. To strengthen this agreement and the relationship between the Parish Council and Bishopsteignton Preschool a report which will clarify

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business planning for the next 3 year (2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25); to include details of all marketing and promotion strategies to ensure effort to increase attendance numbers, should be provided to the council by Friday 1st July 2022.

2820 FINANCE

.01 Payments:

It was proposed and seconded, that the payments listed below, in accordance with '220606 payment schedule' be approved; then processed by the clerk. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to approve and clerk to process accordingly. Shown in Appendix A.

.02 Monthly Finance Statements:

A statement for the period ending 31.05.22 had been forwarded to members. No questions were raised therefore this was **NOTED** by members and signed by the chair. Clerk to publish this on the BPC website.

.03 2021-22 Annual Governance & Accountability Return

- .i It was considered, proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to acknowledge completion of Annual Internal Audit Report on page 3 of the audit return submission for 2021-22 therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .ii It was considered, proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve for the chairman to sign section 1: Annual Governance Statement on page 4 of the audit return submission for 2021-2022 therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .iii It was considered, proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve for the chairman to sign section 2: Accounting Statement for 2021-22 on page 5 of the audit return submission 2021-22 therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .iv It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to approve the Bishopsteignton Parish Council 2021-22 Annual Governance & Accountability Return as a true and correct record by submission to the appointed external auditor of said return (broken down as i - iii above) therefore **RESOLVED**.

2821 HIGHWAYS

.01 The following Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders were noted:

Date	Location	Restriction	Times	Diversion	Reason/Operative
July 4th - 6th	Forder Lane (bottom of Murley Crescent to Huntly)	Temporary Closure	08:00 - 17:00	No	Overlay Jurassic Fibre
Aug 8th - 12th	Teign View Road Outside No. 19.	Temporary closure	Not indicated	Yes	Kier mg ltd provide new water service - 4.6m tar

2822 WORKING PARTY / MEMBER TRAINING UPDATE REPORTS:

Cllr. Benham reported her attendance at NALC Climate Actions for Local Council, held online on 25.05.22. She hopes to circulate a written report soon which will include the contact details for several associations which may be beneficial for BPC members and local climate action in the future.

2823 CLERKS REPORT: The clerk provided a report, available to download from the website. The following points were raised:

- .01 Cllr. Shaw suggested the quality of line-marking at the MUGA courts be reviewed. A site meeting is to be arranged.

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- .02 Cllr. Gill asked if the Council felt there was any benefit in reorganising public -facing session as we used to hold at Chapels, pre-covid. This was discussed briefly but no conclusion reached. Clerk to email members for possible solutions.
- .03 Cllr. Head made all members aware of the recent efforts and hard work of paid contractor Mr. P. Walton, going above and beyond his duties especially with recent foul drainage clearance. It was agreed unanimously that a token of gratitude be gifted to him using the councils General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011) to be funded by general unrestricted reserves.

2826 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing raised.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.15PM