

MINUTES

OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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



2831 MEETING GOVERNANCE

.01 Attendance:

- .i **Present:** Members: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), Gateshill, Gill, Grimbale, Head, Lambert, & Watson (7/9)
From minute ref 2832.02, newly co-opted members: Cllrs, East, & Smith (2/2).
Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford & 3 member of the public.
PC. Orchard, arrived approximately 8.30pm.
- .ii **Apologies:** Cllrs. Benham & Shaw, County Cllr. R. Peart, District Cllr. A. MacGregor, & PCSO. Bunce.
- .02 **Declaration Of Interests:** Cllr. Merritt declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 2207.06 Bishopsteignton Preschool, as discussed at minute ref: 2837.
- .03 **Order Of Business:** No change requested, to proceed in accordance with the agenda.

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- .01 **Ratification Of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Bishopsteignton Community Centre on 06.06.22 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.
- .02 **Councillor Co-option:** Both candidates were introduced and invited to comment, members followed with several questions.
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr. Chris East be co-opted as a member of Bishopsteignton Parish Council.
It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr. Mike Smith be co-opted as a member of Bishopsteignton Parish Council.
- .03 Both new councillors signed a declaration of acceptance of office and took a seat on the council with immediate effect.

2 OFFICIAL REPORTS

.01 Police Report

PC. Orchard had provided the following report, prior to the meeting, of crimes occurring during the period 01.06.22 to 30.06.22:

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/06/2022 to 30/06/2022	Recorded Crime 01/06/2021 to 30/06/2021	Recorded Crime % Difference
Violence with Injury	0	2	-100.0%
Violence without Injury	3	1	200.0%
Public Order Offences	1	1	0.0%
Total	4	4	0.0%

Incident Closing Category	Incidents - 01/06/2022 to 30/06/2022	Incidents - 01/06/2021 to 30/06/2021	Incidents % Difference
Anti Social Behaviour	0	1	-100.0%
Crime Recorded	0	3	-100.0%
Public Safety	10	10	0.0%
Transport	2	6	-66.7%
Total	12	20	-40.0%

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PC. Orchards monthly gazette, from which several ongoing matters including property marking for security were highlighted, is available to download from the BPC website.

A member of the public wished to question the Parish Council regarding on-street parking on Cockhaven Road, as PC. Orchards has been involved in this matter it was unanimously agreed to defer the conversation for when PC. Orchard arrived.

.02 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Peart provided the following report by email:

Citizens Advice Devon Service Report - Quarter Four: 1 January to 31 March 2022.

This quarter has seen further increases in the number of people helped and issues resolved. Income gains for our clients exceeds £15. 8 million for the full year and at the same time more than £2.8 million of debt has been written off annually, 74% up on the previous year. There is a worrying trend of increased demand for dept advice, which is up 58% compared to previous year.

Demand for advice is higher now than at any time during the pandemic due to the mounting pressure on household finances from the cost-of-living crisis.

Following the government 's pre- Christmas move to plan B measures, this quarter local Citizens Advice have focussed on the reinstatement of face-to-face appointments where this is essential to resolving the client issue, and the recommencement of face-to-face drop-in services. LCAs are facing challenges balancing resourcing across the range of access channels, with some reports of low client take up for drop-in services and temporary suspension of some digital access.

The continuing impact of the withdrawal of Universal Credits £20 uplift coupled with the cost-of-living rises have contributed to a 15% annual increase in support with Universal Credit claims, demand for help with other welfare benefits and tax credits increased by 10% issues about utilities including energy have risen 88% on previous year.

LCAs report generally good engagement around supporting families arriving from Ukraine, with some funded services already in place. We will look to report on the number of Ukrainian nationals supported in future reports.

2834 FINANCE

.01 Payments:

It was proposed and seconded, that the payments listed below, in accordance with '220706 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 30.06.22 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 2022/23 Spend to date at 30.06.22 (Q1):

A statement showing spend of the 2022/23 precept for the period ending 30.06.22 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.

.04 BPC Grant Application:

Members considered the application submitted by Citizens Advice Teignbridge for a grant of £250. It was proposed and seconded that the details within the application meet the criteria set in the BPC Grant Giving Policy therefore BPC to award £250 to Citizens Advice Teignbridge. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

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2835 PLANNING

Members considered the following new planning application. It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to submit the following consultation response to TDC as the Local Planning Authority.

App Ref: 22/01041/HOU – Tynninghame, Teignmouth Road

Proposal: Front extension with balcony

BPC Comment: No objection

2836 LAWNS SCOUT/COMMUNITY BUILDING

A new location for the building has been proposed by the Scout Association to help alleviate concerns regarding tree canopy and roots. Several concerns were raised including safeguarding, possible need for CCTV, drainage and the current septic tank; Cllr. Gateshill stressed all these matters would be resolved in the finer detail later but for now the decision was simply about location.

It was proposed by Cllr. Gateshill, seconded by Cllr. Head, that the new location was acceptable to BPC. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

2837 BISHOPSTEIGNTON PRESCHOOL

Members noted with thanks receipt of the business plan and projection report provided by the school governors subcommittee, via the clerk to the governors.

It was proposed by Cllr. Watson, seconded by Cllr. Grimble, that the council's appreciation for the information be expressed and request made for a further update later in the year, by the end of November. Agreed unanimously, therefore **RESOLVED**. Clerk to respond accordingly.

2838 WORKING PARTY / MEMBER TRAINING UPDATE REPORTS:

- .01 Cllr. Merritt noted that a report from Cllr. Benham, regarding Climate Emergency seminar she has attended, was still outstanding.
- .02 Cllr. Watson gave a brief update on Climate Action Projects including the Thermal Imaging equipment which will be available for community use, however not relevant until autumn as outside temperature means readings are not easy to assess/ misleading. A committee meeting will take place in September.

2839 CLERKS REPORT: The clerk provided a report, available to download from the website. Nothing raised.

PC. Orchard arrived.

2840 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed disappointment at a perceived lack of action and support regarding what they consider inappropriate and dangerous parking along Cockhaven Road. This is causing unsafe exit from property driveways as many of the parked vehicles are large work vans, trucks, etc. He believes parking work vehicles along this road should not be permitted and he has raised this matter with the Parish Council and Police at various opportunities.

Cllr. Merritt reminded the resident that on-street parking and parking restrictions are under the remit of Devon Highways and the Parish Council have no power to make changes to the current provision. There are currently no restrictions, such as double yellow lines, in place at this location.

PC. Orchard responded to many of these claims and encouraged that the complainant, community, police and parish council must work together with understanding to attempt to alleviate the problems.

It was agreed for a group to be formed, with the resident being involved; that this group would monitor safety on Cockhaven Road in conjunction with the police, using the mobile speed detection unit if required; that all findings would be collated and presented to the parish council along with proposals for solutions to the current issues.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.25PM

DATED:

CHAIRMAN: