

MINUTES

OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30PM MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2022
AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL



2873 MEETING GOVERNANCE

.01 Attendance:

- i **Present:** Members: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), Benham, East, Gateshill, Gill, Grumble, Head, Lambert, Shaw, Smith & Watson (11/11). Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford, County Cllr. R. Peart, District Cllr. A. MacGregor & 5 members of the public.
- ii **Apologies:** PC. Orchard & PCSO. Bunce.

.02 **Declaration Of Interests:** DPI for Cllr. East, whose property neighbours the applicant of agenda item 2211.07.01. Minute reference 2879.01.

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

.04 **Ratification Of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Bishopsteignton Community Centre on 03.10.22 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.

2874 OFFICIAL REPORTS

.01 Police Report

PC. Orchard had provided the following report, prior to the meeting, of crimes occurring during the period 01.10.22 to 28.10.22 which shows an overall reduction to reported crimes and incidents since the same period last year:

| Offence | Recorded Crime 01/10/2022 to 28/10/2022 | Recorded Crime 01/10/2021 to 28/10/2021 | Recorded Crime % Difference |
|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Violence with Injury | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Violence without Injury | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling | 1 | 0 | - |
| Shoplifting | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| All Other Theft Offences | 1 | 0 | - |
| Criminal Damage | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Public Order Offences | 1 | 1 | 0.0% |
| Possession of Drugs | 1 | 0 | - |
| Total | 4 | 5 | -20.0% |

| Incident Closing Category | Incidents - 01/10/2022 to 28/10/2022 | Incidents - 01/10/2021 to 28/10/2021 | Incidents % Difference |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Anti Social Behaviour | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| Crime Recorded | 1 | 2 | -50.0% |
| Public Safety | 8 | 8 | 0.0% |
| Transport | 1 | 2 | -50.0% |
| Total | 10 | 13 | -23.1% |

The latest issue of the monthly Teignmouth & Dawlish Rural Neighbourhood Gazette is available to download from the BPC website. <https://www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk/community-policing/>

.02 District Councillors Report

Cllr MacGregor provided the following report prior to the meeting:

1. Teignbridge Lottery has now gone live. Tickets are £1, generating a range of prizes. The balance will cover administration costs and a contribution to charities and good causes projects across the district. First prize in the draw will be £25,000.

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2. Rogue Landlords operating below the standards required might find themselves subject to fines of up to £10,000. Teignbridge has just successfully fined a Teignmouth landlord for failing to provide repairs to a property. This followed complaints from a tenant. Mediation is always seen as the first step, but persistent refusal is likely to lead to action.
3. Household support. Devon has received an additional £5m to assist householders with cost-of-living difficulties. Plans are being drawn up presently in respect of how best to share that fund and Teignbridge officers are working hard to secure a share.
4. The final meeting of the Local Plan Working Group was on the 31st Oct and the list of land allocations include 70 houses in Bishopsteignton. The two sites are Bakers Yard and Forder Lane. Officers are adamant that the solutions to the road safety issues have been resolved, but I remain unconvinced. The next step for the Local Plan is the final decision for full council (15th December) to approve plans to put forward for public consultation from 23rd January 2023 for 8 weeks. This is two weeks longer than the statutory requirement. I have asked for Parish and Town councils to be given access to the consultation questions early so as to provide extra time for public engagement locally and to start to prepare their responses prior to the consultation period proper. Also included in the plans are locations for green energy generation. Sites identified as potentially a wind turbine site, or a solar PV farm, will be in it. This will be of interest to those involved with Action for Climate in Teignbridge and Sustainable Bishop.
5. TE3 - Higher Exeter Road is unlikely to see any development prior to the end of this year's council year. The site is up for sale still.
6. Riverside boatyard was rejected, although I suspect an appeal will be pursued. The owner has employed a leading planning barrister.
7. Staffing continues to be an issue for several departments. Planning for instance, is short of expertise for landscape and for heritage roles. Waste and recycling teams remain 20% below headcount levels required to operate without delays to some runs each week.

.03 County Councillors Report

Cllr Peart provided the following report prior to the meeting:

Police

We have a new Chief Constable. The Police & Crime Panel endorsed the appointment of DCC Will Kerr OBE. He is currently Deputy Chief Constable for Police Scotland. A very experienced officer, before Scotland he held senior appointments in the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the National Crime Agency. Hate Crime - 2,564 hate crimes were recorded in the 12 months to June 2022. This is a 46% increase [+800] when compared to the baseline year, the 12 months to June 2019. Despite the observed increase, it is difficult to make objective inferences about performance based on increase or decreases in hate crime-victims may be more confident to report to the police. Conversely, the trend could also be interpreted as negative because it could be reflective of a 'real' increase in victimisation. 44% of all hate crimes were public order related and these were predominantly racially or religiously aggravated.

101 Call Waiting Times -101 or PI [Priority 1] none-emergency calls are those calls that are identified by the interactive Voice Response [VR] system as high priority. These include calls relating to domestic abuse, sexual offences, hate crime, missing persons, and road safety. In the year to July 2022, the average wait time on the PI line was 17 minutes - this is an increase of 11 minutes 57 seconds when compared to the baseline year the 12 months to July 2020. Unsurprisingly, fewer calls have been received in the latest period, fewer answered and a higher abandonment rate is evident.

Waste.

Starting on Monday 3rd October for three weeks, a Waste Composition Analysis of residual waste bins is underway across the county. 1,800 residual bins will be examined and will give an indication of which materials are in them, A similar project was carried out some 7/8 years ago with some enlightening and surprising results. Recycling Rates 21/22 Devon County Council has retained its place as 2nd highest performing Waste Disposal Authority [WDA] in the country at 55.3%

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Covid

As the weather cools down, COVID is heating up. Over the past three weeks those patients in our local hospitals [Derriford, RD&E, Torbay, and North Devon] diagnosed with COVID, numbers have moved up steadily from 51 to 138 to 185 so we are in a changeable position, thankfully we have not seen a corresponding rise of patients in Intensive Care with, just 2 on mechanical ventilation.

2875 FINANCE

- .01 **Payments:** It was proposed and seconded, that the payments to be made 08.11.22 in accordance with '22.11 Payment Authorisation' be approved. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED** to approve and clerk to process payments.
- .02 **Monthly Finance Statements:** A statement for the period ending 31.10.22 had been forwarded to members. No questions were raised therefore this was **NOTED** by members and signed by the chair. Clerk to publish both on the BPC website.

2876 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk provided a report, available to download from the website. The following matters were considered further:

- .01 The clerk highlighted the tight timescale to apply for Tidy Teignbridge funding and seeking quotes was imperative. It was proposed, seconded that quotes be sought to clear the weeds along the raised pavement wall on Shute Hill, and for this wall to be repointed as required. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .02 Cllr. Grimble raised concerns over the bench on the corner of Grandison Avenue. Clerk to investigate further, however this bench is a poor design and aging badly, recent repairs have not remedied the problems. If it cannot be repaired it will need replacing, or at least removing until budgets allow a replacement or a donation/memorial comes forward.

2877 COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

- .01 **BPC Standing Orders:** Members consider the draft which had been circulated. It was proposed and seconded to adopt this version for immediate use subject to amendments of Standing Order 18.d.iii-v. To be reworded to reflect a more up to date approach. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**. In addition, it was proposed by Cllr. Gateshill to review the number of full council meeting which are held across the year. In accordance with Standing Order 5d, meetings can be reduced from the usual monthly, if there are at least four each year including the annual meeting. This was seconded and agreed unanimously, therefore **RESOLVED**. Clerk to provide an example of a calendar of reduced meetings and the pros and cons for the change.
- .02 **BPC Risk Management Schedule:** Members consider the circulated draft. It was proposed and seconded to adopt this version for immediate use. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .03 **BPC Scheme of Delegated Authority:** Members consider the circulated draft. It was proposed and seconded to adopt this version for immediate use. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

2878 CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

- .01 **Committee Update:** Cllr. Watson gave an overview of the last committee meeting and the latest thoughts on upgrading the current plan, documentation and how this is presented on the BPC website. It was felt many of the decisions the council and its committees make should reflect the Climate &

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Ecological Emergency declaration, which was made by the full council in May 2019, but that this must be steered by practicalities and financial constraints.

Cllr. Watson offered to prepare a plan of action for the review process, including suggestions for future actions and changes to BPC procedures.

- .02 **DRAFT Users Agreement for Therma Imaging Camera:** Members reviewed the draft agreement which had been circulated. It was proposed and seconded to adopt and use this agreement subject to minor amendments including a disclaimer. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**. Cllr. Watson and the clerk to develop a strategy for promotion of the device availability on social media and poster.

2879 PLANNING

Cllr. East left the room.

- .01 **New Application:** The following application was considered, and it was **RESOLVED** for the comment below to be sent to Teignbridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority:

APP REF: 22/01699/LBC - 26 Fore Street Bishopsteignton Devon TQ14 9QP

PROPOSAL: Provision of off-street parking

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

BPC COMMENT: No objection.

Cllr. East returned.

- .02 **Bakers Yard:** The request made by the developer's agent was considered; for in principle support to a proposed footpath route to enable them to pursue this option for improving their planning application and outlay the costs to investigate this proposal further with landowners and civil engineering, drawings, etc. Members who attended the site visit updated of the perceived implications. Cllr. East felt the proposal if feasible and achieved would add amenity value and benefit the whole community not just those at the development, however some members disagreed.

Several parishioners, from neighbouring properties, expressed grave concerns over the fact pedestrians are still more likely to walk along the highway rather than use a detour. They believe the access proposed is not feasible.

It was proposed by Cllr. Merritt, seconded by Cllr. Benham that more information is required before in principle agreement is provided, such as evidence of permitted right of way, or land ownership and evidence that the route is achievable. FOR: 9, AGAINST:2, therefore **RESOLVED**. Clerk to email the agent to request further information.

2880 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- .01 The recent concerns from some parishioners over there being no remembrance parade to a service in St Johns church was noted and it was highlighted this was not the intention of the Parish Council or organisers of the Civic Remembrance service which is to be held at the War Memorial. However, a member from Bell Ringers did express disappointment that they church bells are not to be rung as usual. The clerk reminded this was decided by the church and the ringers not the council.

- .02 A parishioner defended the Parish Chronicle, following negative comments made during the meeting. The circulation is currently 700 households which is over 50% of the parish.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.34PM