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# County Councillors Report to Bishopsteignton Parish Council

## Highways Management.

This winter has posed challenges for the Highways and Traffic Management Service.

The mix of prolonged sub-zero temperatures and heavy rain led to a rapid deterioration in the condition of the network highlighting the fragility of the asset following decades of under investment.

Since April 2022 our inspection team have assessed over 27,000 reports of potholes from members of the public. Over 10,000 reports were assessed in January alone, we were receiving as many as 500 reports per day. The team have been working hard to get on top of backlog with a focus on the safety of the travelling public. Milestone our maintenance contractor, has increased their resources which has seen weekend working and over forty gangs working across the county. At the beginning of the month there was 3,000 potholes waiting to be repaired, this has reduced to approximately 2,000.

Following a quiet November, in which we saw very little in the way of gritting treatment, the extended cold snaps in December and January has seen us use over 15,000 tonnes of salt across 2,094 runs the equivalent to 55 full, Countywide treatments on our Primary Salting Network. The average across the last four winters for the same period has been 8,919 tonnes and 1,597 runs.

This additional work has a knock-on effect with the planned improvement works. Gritter drivers are limited in how many hours they can work which often means planned improvement works have to be deferred. In addition, with safety of the network taking priority, several the patching gangs have been redeployed on to potholes repairs. Again this means planned improvements will have been deferred. Neighbourhood Officers will be in contact with Elected Members that have works impacted in their area.

The resolution of drainage assets referred for additional maintenance has slowed in the last few months to support the corporate financial challenged. However, over 10,000 defects have been addressed so far this financial year which clearly demonstrates the benefits of funding a focused programme of drainage asset defect identification. We have over 14,000 outstanding drainage assets defects across the county and works are continuing to resolve them.

Cllr. Ron Peart

06/03/23

## PAYMENTS AUTHORISATION

Appendix B for the full council meeting to be held 06.03.23

VN	Payment Date	Description	Supplier/Payee	Net	VAT	Total	Notes
317	01.03.2023	Cleaning Services Contract	P. Walton	£257.50	£0.00	£257.50	Contractual, PAID
318	01.03.2023	Cleaning Services Contract	P. Walton	£171.67	£0.00	£171.67	Contractual, PAID
319	01.03.2023	Email hosting monthly fee	Very Good Email Co	£13.00	£2.60	£15.60	Contractual, PAID
320	01.03.2023	Website hosting & management	Dot Combo Ltd	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	Contractual, PAID
321	01.03.2023	BPC Grant	BVF Committee	£510.00	£0.00	£510.00	PAID, Authorised 06.02.23
322	01.03.2023	BPC Grant	Bishopsteignton Pantomime Society	£510.00	£0.00	£510.00	PAID, Authorised 06.02.23
323	07.03.2023	Clerk's salary	Mrs. K Ford	£1,613.08	£0.00	£1,613.08	
324	07.03.2023	Tax & NI	HMRC	£496.25	£0.00	£496.25	
325	07.03.2023	Pension Contributions	DCC Pension Fund	£543.76	£0.00	£543.76	
326	07.03.2023	Expenses - various	Mrs. K Ford	£54.59	£2.50	£57.09	
327	07.03.2023	Bench Maintenance	Bishop property (J. Parkes)	£36.30	£7.26	£43.56	Parts only, awaiting labour invoice.
328	07.03.2023	BERT expenses - MC Hall hire	Bishopsteignton Methodist Church	£28.00	£0.00	£28.00	For two defib awareness session held by the BERT.
329	07.03.2023	General Maintenance	Andy Forte	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00	Repaired broken soil vent pipe at The Lawns toilets
330	07.03.2023	Cockhaven Junction	BGS Ltd	£7,160.00	£1,432.00	£8,592.00	
				<b>11499.15</b>	<b>1444.36</b>	<b>12943.51</b>	

On behalf of Bishopsteignton Parish Council, I agree that the debts detailed above shall be paid from Bishopsteignton Parish Council funds and that these transactions shall be carried out by the Clerk & RFO of Bishopsteignton Parish Council within the 24 hours following this meeting of Bishopsteignton Parish Council.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: Chairman  
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Dated: 06.03.23  
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT At 28.02.23**

**1. BALANCES**

<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>168176.85</b>	as bank reconciliation on page 2
<b>of which Restricted/Earmarked Funds</b> (detailed below)	<b>156787.34</b>	93.2% of Bank balance
<b>CONTINGENCY BALANCE AVAILABLE /UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> (Advised to hold 3 months' worth of regular expenditure, approximately £13,000)	<b>11389.51</b>	6.8% of Bank balance

**2. RESERVES - Restricted/Earmarked Funds**

<b>Burial Account</b>	91007.97	Bishopsteignton Cemetery use only
<b>Staff costs</b>	771.48	Staff salary, NI & Pension contributions
<b>Administration costs</b>	10021.76	Includes office cost, elections, audit, training, insurance, etc
<b>Asset Management</b>	12358.25	Toilets, Carpark, St. Johns, Open spaces, play areas, MUGA
<b>Agency Grants</b>	-179.72	Includes P3 grant
<b>BERT/Emergency Resilience</b>	1417.12	
<b>Queens Platinum Jubilee</b>	-25.50	
<b>Lawns Scout/Community Hub</b>	-250.00	
<b>Grant Awarding Funds</b>	1020.00	Under GPC of Localism Act 2011
<b>Monies held in Trust</b>	876.34	Cricket Club, Bench donation, Playdays
<b>CIL</b>	39011.26	Spend must meet criteria, deadlines for spend
<b>S106 Balance</b>	-3629.67	Balance of monies claimed & spend to be claimed
<b>Balance of other funding sources</b>	2000.70	Includes various earmarked grants.
<b>Climate Action Fund</b>	3934.96	Grant awarded Nov '21
<b>VAT</b>	-1547.61	Balance of VAT payments & receipts
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156787.34</b>	

**3. BANK RECONCILIATION (next page)**





# BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040

### Response to Final Public Consultation

#### V2 Forder Lane, Bishopsteignton

**On behalf of a vast majority of its electorate, Bishopsteignton Parish Council strongly oppose the proposed allocation of this land for development. This site is considered entirely unacceptable for development, being greenfield and designated undeveloped coast.**

Development here will significantly erode the beauty of the local area including the Teign Estuary and the rural aesthetic on approach to the village from Newton Abbot to the west. This is a very visually prominent location, both on approach and from across the estuary, and if developed will change to be completely out of character.

This current proposal ignores the respect for the environment, the sensitivity of location and the surrounding open countryside as detailed in the Vision Statement within the Bishopsteignton Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP) created for and supported by the electorate. Other policies within the BNDP are contradicted despite the overwhelming support for protecting the undeveloped coastal land and the delicate ecology of the area when the plan was made/adopted in 2017.

To develop this land would be contrary to the principles of the (2021 revised) NPPF Chapter 13: Protecting Green Belt land, 137 to 144. Although this land is not registered as Green Belt it is a previously untouched green field with special biodiversity. The Local Plan policy EN2 Undeveloped Coast, in which this land lies, is equivalent to a Green Belt and is designed to provide similar protection. Furthermore, a development here is inappropriate use of a greenfield site when alternative sites, previously developed and currently unused, may be available in the Teignbridge District. NPPF 141 states *"Before concluding that exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries, the strategic policy-making authority should be able to demonstrate that it has examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development. This will be assessed through the examination of its strategic policies, which will take into account the preceding paragraph, and whether the strategy:*

*(a) makes as much use as possible of suitable brownfield sites and underutilised land;"*.

Bishopsteignton Parish Council strongly believe any development of this open space will be contrary to the majority of NPPF Chapter 15: *Conserving and enhancing the natural environment*, and NPPF 16: *Conserving and enhancing the historic environment*. Bishopsteignton is a small village of major historical importance. Its narrow streets and surrounding beauty reflects its past choice as a desirable location for settlement however there is no demonstrable need for a coastal development for 55 houses for the local population.

NPPF 174 which states *"The Local Plan should minimise impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures:"*. This allocation will offer no gains for biodiversity, only losses.

The Environmental Improvement Plan 2023 issued by HM Government on the 31st January 2023 states that *"our apex goal – improving nature. We will halt the decline in our biodiversity so we can achieve thriving plants and wildlife."*

The presence of any protected species is a material planning consideration if a development proposal would be likely to harm it or its habitat. The breach of protected species legislation can give rise to a criminal offence. Under the Conservation of Habitats and Special Regulations bats of all species are protected.

The Habitat Regulations Assessment carried out by Teignbridge District Council in 2014 confirmed that:-  
“*Bishopsteignton Parish is within part of a Sustainance Zone and Strategic Flyways of the South Hams Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which is designated for its greater horseshoe bat population (and certain habitats). The parish is within 10km of the Exe Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA), Ramsar site and European Marine site, and Dawlish Warren SAC.*”

The proposed allocation site lies within the known foraging area for the Grey Long Eared Bat (see page 47 of Bishopsteignton Adopted Neighbourhood Plan- Appendix 3i Biodiversity Map). If developed, this would be detrimental to this nocturnal species by causing the disturbance of the foraging flight paths of this colony and is therefore contrary to protective legislation. The addition of buildings, vehicles, and street lighting would generate a large amount of unnatural light in an area that is currently an open field and hedgerow thus affecting their foraging and roosting habits and likely to be detrimental to their population.

*For greater detail of these concerns please refer to the response submitted by Mr. C. Grimshaw.*

Cirl Buntings which breed, nest and feed in this area must remain protected: The RSPB are working tirelessly to conserve this species at Labrador Bay, but they need help with their work in the wider area of coastal South Devon. Development in the proposed allocation goes against fundamental principles of nature conservation at a time when conservation bodies are crying out for us to protect biodiversity and the wider environment.

To facilitate development in this vicinity will be contrary to the following policies:

NPPF 179, within chapter 15, Habitats and biodiversity, states: *To protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, plans should:*

*b) promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity.*

Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 policy EN11: Important Habitats and Features, which states ‘*To protect and enhance existing areas of biodiversity and geodiversity, including networks of habitats and connections between them, development proposals will be located and designed to take account of the importance of any affected habitats or features,*’

The BNDP, policy BSC5 on page 29 of the document, states ‘*Development shall respect the landscape characters of the area and comply with local plan policies “EN2 Undeveloped Coast” and EN2A, Landscape Protection and Enhancement (now EN4). Particular attention will be given to the need to protect the views identified on maps M1 & M2 and ensure development is not intrusive and relates sympathetically to natural and built features in the landscape.*’ Development here would be contrary to your own policies (referenced above) and NPPF 174 ‘*(c) maintaining the character of the undeveloped coast*’. Intrusion into the undeveloped coast must be seen from all viewpoints around the estuary. The extension of the settlement limit towards the river by the Forder Lane development will be a clear visual pollution of this unique environment.

There appears to have been no attempt made to address the need for suitably safe pedestrian access to the village centre. The draft Local Plan 2022-2040 says there will be spaces available at the school, but families will need to reach it safely on foot; currently no safe access exists. Residents are more likely to avoid using the village facilities and head toward Kingsteignton /Newton Abbot in vehicles, creating a greater carbon footprint and resulting in a lack of community inclusiveness and participation. BNDP policy BSF1 supports the retention of existing facilities such as the shop, post office and pubs.

The allocation of this land is not in line with the Devon County Council Strategic Planning Policy which includes the following statements:

*Protect the **open character of the estuary** and the important expansive cross-estuary and sea views.*

*Protect the **scattered rural settlement pattern** of houses, farmsteads and hamlets and ensure that new development reflects the vernacular character.*

*Protect and enhance the **landscape setting of Teignmouth, Shaldon, Ringmore and Bishopsteignton**, ensuring new development enhances features such as hedgerows and woodlands.*

*Plan for the **sensitive location of new development**, avoiding prominent valley sides, unfettered ridge lines and shoreline locations, and ensuring that settlements retain their individual identity.*

This site is on the outskirts of the village, removed from the settlement limit and central village services, with very limited public transport and minor village roads, parts of which are effectively single-track, any development of this size is contrary to...

NPPF 106, from chapter 9: Promoting sustainable transport which states '*Planning policies should:*

*a) support an appropriate mix of uses across an area... to minimise the number and length of journeys needed for employment, shopping, leisure, education and other activities'* and,

NPPF 110. '*In assessing sites that may be allocated for development in plans, or specific applications for development, it should be ensured that:*

*b) safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users;'* and;

NPPF 112. '*Within this context, applications for development should:*

*a) give priority first to pedestrian and cycle movements, both within the scheme and with neighbouring areas; and second – so far as possible – to facilitating access to high quality public transport, with layouts that maximise the catchment area for bus or other public transport services, and appropriate facilities that encourage public transport use;*

*b) address the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility in relation to all modes of transport;*

*c) create places that are safe, secure and attractive – which minimise the scope for conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, avoid unnecessary street clutter, and respond to local character and design standards.*

*d) allow for the efficient delivery of goods, and access by service and emergency vehicles.'*

It is not expected that improvements to the current services will be forthcoming therefore it is strongly believed by the community that the creation of any new homes on this land will overburden the village structure and its current services, as supported by NPPF 124, under *Achieving appropriate densities*, which states '*Planning policies and decisions should support development that makes efficient use of land, taking into account:*

*c) the availability and capacity of infrastructure and services'*

In summary, the enormous demands of modern living and a spiralling population will never be met by short sighted solutions such as the development of land like this, positioned away from the settlement limit and therefore not part of the village community, breaking up a greenfield corridor rich in protected biodiversity, to solve a national housing crisis **therefore urgent attention is given to removing it from the Teignbridge Local Plan.**

### **V3 Bakers Yard, Bishopsteignton**

If accepted, the allocation of this land must be beneficial to the community of Bishopsteignton. To develop this into only residential properties does not support the proposals in the Bishopsteignton Neighbourhood



Development Plan (BNDP). However, it is strongly felt by the Parish Council that this policy, which stipulates any 'redevelopment of Bakers Yard to provide for employment use', should be retracted as it has been proven that live/work units are not desirable therefore making development of this the site financially unviable for potential developers. A fact demonstrated by the attempts made by landowners and their agents to secure planning permission and a sale. With an amendment to the BNDP policy, which could be created and incorporated during a future review of the plan, and with appropriate and necessary improvements to infrastructure, the right design of low-density residential properties, and a safe pedestrian access to the centre of the village, it is the opinion of Bishopsteignton Parish Council that this would be the only suitable site for development within the parish. Development of this previously developed site, currently neglected and unused, is much preferred to the allocation of V2: Forder Lane, Bishopsteignton.

Within the BNDP it states development must reflect the character and scale of the village, particularly the traditional, the vernacular architecture in the conservation area and to be physically integrated within the terms of design, scale, and provide pedestrian access.

A safe pedestrian access route is essential, as well as well-planned vehicular access to the development site and onto the A381 Newton Road. As it is, the junction of Forder Lane with the Newton Road is already very vulnerable to accidents. A planning application for the development of this site has already been refused as the proposal was contrary to paragraphs 110-113 of the NPPF and Policies S1 and S9 of the Teignbridge Local Plan (May 2022).

To develop Bakers Yard without these essential safety provisions would be contrary to:

NPPF 106, from chapter 9: Promoting sustainable transport which states '*Planning policies should:*

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## Chapter 1: General Policies

GP1	4. Road Safety & Congestion, with the objective of minimising by use of Public Transport 5. With required infrastructure 6. Consistent with requirements appropriate to the development.
GP2	5. With appropriate and required infrastructure 6. Including Conservation Areas within Towns & Villages
GP3	3 - 1.12. Essential that developments have good links to Town & Village facilities for all residents.
GP5	1.14. It is essential that policies within Neighbourhood Plans are fully considered when Planning Application decisions are made, having regard to designated Green Spaces
GP6	1.20 Add - All designated Green Spaces identified in Local Plans

GP7	7. Essential for connections to existing and new footpaths and cycleways etc....
<b>Chapter 2: Climate Change Policies</b>	
CC1	Welcome the comments about local food production, renewable energy and local building materials. Plus the provision of a green infrastructure.
CC2	Welcome the 'fabric first' approach. This will be key to reducing carbon emissions on new builds but there is no mention of any support to retrofit existing older properties. Only around retrofitting older building when changing use. With the aging housing stock, being able to do things like change windows for double glazing or fit solar panels is critical. Current planning process inhibits these changes. Would ideally like to see something more about how existing processes will be adapted to support a more sustainable approach.
CC3	No comment. Glad to see a variety of charging option is being considered; highway specific needs as well as off highway needs (street charging vs. car park charging)
CC4	No comment, happy to see the way in which people need to use transport to minimise people's usage is being considered; such as promoting other modes of transport and improving the existing network that supports all other transport than cars.
CC5	Still no mention of any other source but PV or wind. We are next to a potential source of energy in the form of tidal on the Teign. Why is tidal not being considered?
CC6	Welcome the comments about biodiversity and directly supporting the local communities
CC7	All a bit vague but welcome the fact that thought is starting to be given to storage of renewable energy
Chapter in general	<p>The original plan consulted on promised net zero operation emissions from all buildings when the plan comes into force, this has now been moved back until 2028. Why? Net Zero needs to be defined for the purpose of planning as there are several different, even conflicting, understandings of what net zero actually means and what does it cover? Also carbon neutral needs to be qualified.</p> <p>Any offsetting needs to be explained in some detail, for instance, with tree planting the calculations must take into account the number of years of growth required to achieve the quoted offset amount; trees planted in a particular year for the purpose of offsetting won't have locked in their quota of carbon until many years later.</p> <p>Overall, the CC part of the plan is very limiting in its ambition and severely lacks any detail to make it a useful document.</p>
<b>Chapter 3: Design &amp; Wellbeing Policies</b>	
DW1-DW3	Covered comprehensively with no alterations needed.
<b>Chapter 4: Economy Policies</b>	
EC1, EC2, EC3, EC4, EC5, EC7	No comment.
EC6: New Tourist Accommodation and Attractions	Strategy to increase and expand existing tourism opportunities increasingly important but in a focused way and provided there are linking plans to improve the associated access roads.
EC8: High Speed Digital Networks	High Speed Digital Networks vital. Need to facilitate ongoing upgrading of facilities, being mindful of any health issues. Key element to increased working from home.
EC12: Local Shops	BPC previous comments: Support & develop local shops needs to include retention of existing shops - vital to local communities, evidenced by the need to reduce vehicular travel in difficult times.
<b>Chapter 5: Homes Policies</b>	
H2	This figure has increased to 25% from 17% however, there is the option for the developer (understand point 3) to make a payment for affordable housing elsewhere if it will not be an efficient use of resources. It should be made clear how proposed allocations V2 and V3 would be affected by this option should the allocations be approved.

H5	Still no clarity on how this will be enforced.
H6	Custom and Self Build - They have increased this to £13K - I agree with using a.
H7	Rural Exception Sites - As before the plot value is too low and should be a % of the open market. This policy initially reads well but there are so many exceptions and requirements that it will be a struggle to enforce and easy for developers to avoid.
H8	Other Exception Sites - Local Needs housing in Rural Areas - This important section, as shown in previous consultations, has vanished.
H10	Homes for the Travelling community - 2 sites have been identified (Ilford Park and Welcome Stranger Cross, Liverton) however there is the scope for further 'windfall' sites - Windfall is defined as development management policy (Policy H10.)
H11	Suggest changing 'substantially reduce energy demand' to 'minimise energy demand'. As it's not understood how 'substantially' could be measured and defined for the varied types of development available under this section.
H12	Residential Amenity -Still not enforced and no enforcement mentioned
H13	Replacement dwellings - NO mention of the environment or of the dwelling needing to be made very energy efficient and to incorporate modern energy efficient devices (i.e. heat pumps and the such like.)
H14	Re-Use & conversion - Although they do not specify the age of the building, it is specified that the building should be 'heritage asset or architectural merit'.
H15	Subdivision of existing dwellings - What is the definition of 'acceptable impacts? (Section 5) again no mention of improving the buildings energy efficiency. There should be a requirement to improve the EPC rating by at least 1 level from its existing level.
H16	Rural workers - No mention of distance or of the dwelling needing to meet a high EPC rating.
H17	Removal of conditions - No specification of length of time, in fact says 'considered reason could vary depending on the buoyancy of the property market' - I think this is too vague and that there should be a defined period of time.

## Chapter 6: Environment Policies

EN1	The strategic break between Kingsteignton and Bishopsteignton was a core policy requirement of the Community in all consultations and is therefore a very serious omission from this Local Plan. Its absence casts enormous doubt about TDC's strategy for management of their responsibility for the Undeveloped Coast and in particular to, the unique environment of the Teign Estuary. The sensitivity of the bat colonies to any of these environmental changes whether feeding, routes, pathways, or light pollution will require to be thoroughly investigated and examined.
EN6	6.31. BPC consider that no development should be allowed in locations of flood risk.
EN7	2. This paragraph continues to include reference to mitigation rather than avoidance harmful impact on air quality.
EN12	2b. Reword to "Appropriate mitigation must be scientifically proven and the possibility of alternative financial contribution is not acceptable".



# BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Appendix E for 06.03.23 Clerks Report

### KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS Working Party

To consider celebratory events within the parish which may be held over the additional bank holiday weekend of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> (day of the Coronation) to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the working party met on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

The following actions were agreed:

- **Community Engagement** - Clerk to circulate email to all know contacts for community groups and venues, who might be holding a celebratory event, asking for details of their event/intentions. This will enable us to resolve any potential clashes and form a table of events from which a publication/leaflet/poster might be produced and shared with the community.
- **Coronation Champions Award** - <https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk>  
Full council to consider potential nomination for this award. Nominations can be anyone aged 14 and over who has been involved in volunteering in the community, with evidence of such for the last five years. The working party initially recommend a nomination for Mr. Eddy Stephenson.
- The working party felt it might be appropriate to host a community event, as most local councils do. But rather than a BIG LUNCH, they considered a childrens fancy dress party at the Lawns (possibly in the MUGA) on the morning of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. This could include:
  - A small gift for attending we thought a seed-bomb,
  - Entertainment, if anything still available, such as Circus Skills
  - Face-painting, if available
  - Crew coffee, if available
  - Ice-cream seller, if available
  - Event should be free of charge for villagers
- **The Big Help Out** <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/> On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> events should be focused on volunteering.  
The working party are considering a litter picking session, so as not to impact the bank holiday too much but will ask other community groups if they have volunteering opportunities or ideas.
- **The Big Lunch – possible Road Closures.** Deadline for these is very close but I have not heard of any organisations or smaller community groups needing assistance, will try again on FB.



# BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Appendix F for 06.03.23 Clerks Report

### CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

**A discussion was recently held with BPC Chair, Cllr. Henry Merritt, and Climate Action Committee Chair, Cllr. Jon Watson, where the future of this committee and how BPC might attempt to tackle Climate Actions in the future, were considered.**

It was considered appropriate to to introduce a revised/new approach for the Climate Action Committee (CAC) and for BPC to take the following actions:

- To disband the current CAC and to write to co-opted members to outline the revised approach, thanking them for their past support and the opportunity to continue working together on specific projects.
- To regularly liaise with existing community groups, namely Sustainable Bishop, which works tirelessly to tackle climate concerns locally; with a BPC member to join as a representative offering support to future schemes and events within the community both financially and with available resources.  
*For example, Sustainable Bishop are currently organising a second Clothes Swish event, the main cost being hire of the village Hall, this cost could be met by the PC, using the Climate Action fund? Or, work with them towards a display/presence at the upcoming Village Festival.*
- As a whole council (or the Strategy & Governance Committee) review all current policies and processes within the council to tighten up and better ensure climate is considered in all actions taken.
- Have a BPC representative to attend relevant meetings/workshops/webinars within the sector which will lead the council on future processes to ensure meeting the Councils Declaration of Climate & Ecological Emergency and report back to the council where relevant changes can be administered.
- BPC to reiterate its declaration of Climate & Ecological Emergency, stressing the importance of this, what the Council hope to achieve and how, in a brief document to be published on the BPC website. Document to be prepared by the Clerk, reviewed and approved by Full Council, subject to amendments.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

SECTION 14

THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (COLLEY LANE, HIGHER EXETER ROAD, LUTON, TEIGNMOUTH) ORDER 2023

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order.

From **MONDAY ~~20 FEBRUARY~~ 2023** for a maximum of 18 months **13th MARCH to 28th MARCH**  
Anticipated Finish **FRIDAY ~~10 MARCH~~ 2023**

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -  
**COLLEY LANE, LUTON AND  
HIGHER EXETER ROAD, TEIGNMOUTH**

The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - B3192, A381, A380, B3192

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -  
**PATCHING**

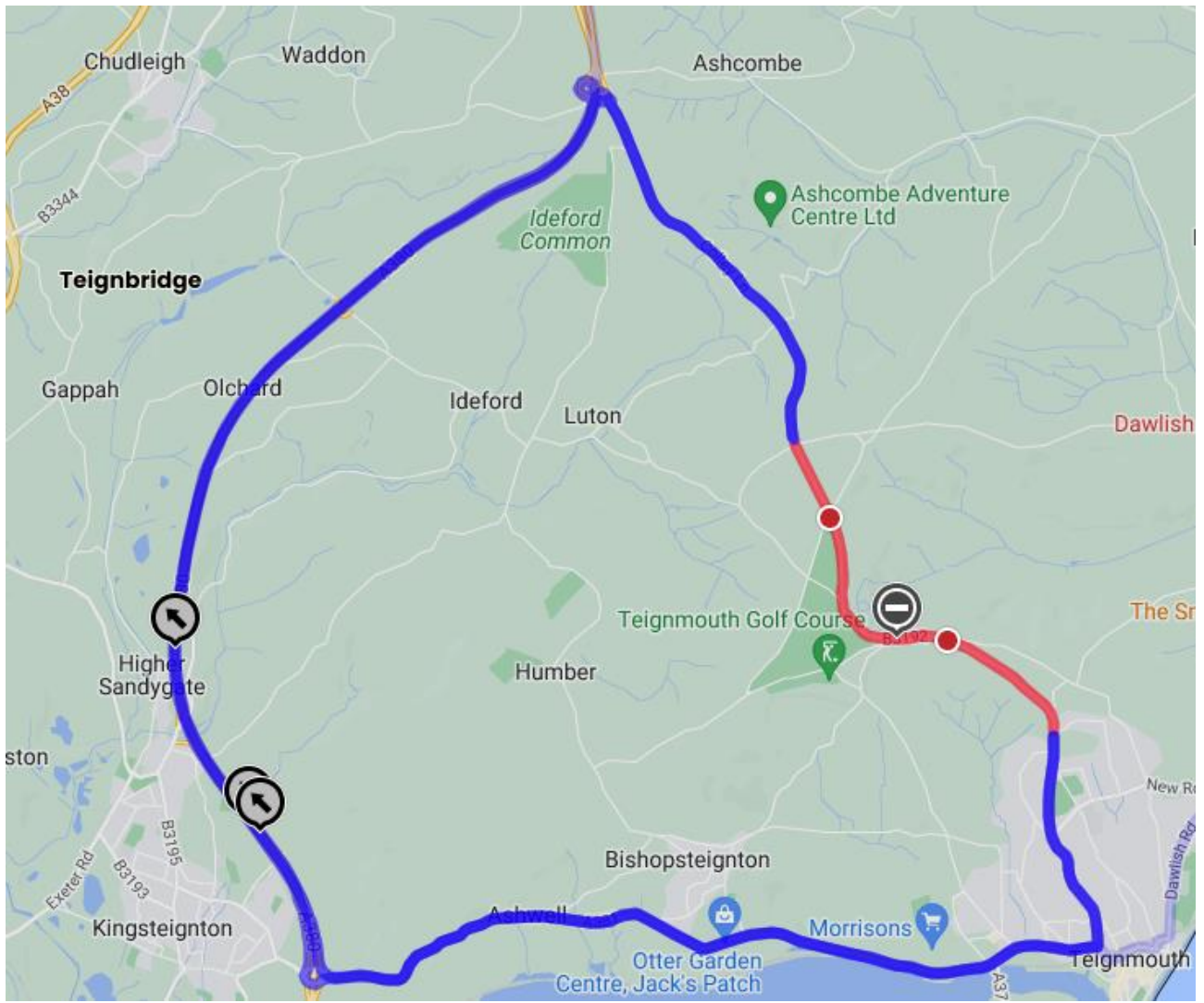
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Dated: MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023

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**Appendix H - CLERKS REPORT OF GENERAL UPDATES 06.03.23**

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH PARTICIPATION** – I have agreed to support 2 young parishioners who are completing the DofE award scheme. 15 years old doing Silver and 13-year-old doing Bronze. Both must try to carry out 1 hour of community service each week, for Bronze this is for 3 months' worth and for silver it will be six months. I have thought of several tasks they can complete including PROW assessments, bench assessments, checking and cleaning food supply boxes (for sus bishop if agreeable). There is bound to be more tasks crop up in the meantime but if you think of anything please let me know and if suitable I can liaise with them.

**ELECTION 2023** – Please encourage anyone who might be interested in joining the council to get in touch. I can offer an insight into the role, as might you, as well as give them guidance in the application process.

**Important Dates:**

- **17.03.23 - Notice of Public Election** - Office posters and notices displayed.
- **04.04.23** - Nominations - 4pm Deadline for delivery of nomination papers.
- **05.04.23** - Publication of Statement of persons nominated – display of who exactly is standing, if 11 or fewer there will not be an election. If 12 or more, there will be.

**COST OF LIVING GRANT:**

An application on behalf of the Lunch Club, submitted by the clerk and Cllr. Head, was successful. The group have been awarded £1,000 to keep the club going, pay their annual BCC rent, and means the price of lunch will not to be increased for this year. The fund will be paid into BPC accounts and held in trust for them until banking services are secured.

**PLANNING MATTERS TO BE NOTED:** Amendments to the following application:

REQUEST TO GO TO CATEGORY B: 22/02156/FUL - Cockhaven Arms 12 Cockhaven Road - Stationing of three shepherd huts and the erection of a linen and cycle store. To date, no further change to the application/revisions.

APPEAL AGAINST LPA DECISION: 22/00073/REF - 2 Great Furlong - Appeal against the refusal of 21/02823/FUL: Erection of a new detached dwelling. No date for the Planning Inspectorate decision has been indicated. TDC as the LPA have submitted their response which can be read here

<https://publicaccess.teignbridge.gov.uk/online-applications/appealDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RMXH3HPZ0HR00>

**PARISH MAINTENANCE/AMC COMMITTEE:**

**Benches** – Maintenance ongoing, as and when required. No benches currently require urgent attention. Agreed for members of AMC to assess the current condition and recent works, walks to be arranged.

**Playground Revamp:**

Funding: Phase 2 applications for both playgrounds must be submitted by 30.04.23, however these will be my focus once the TLP comments are submitted, I hope to submit the funding applications before 31.03.23 before I move on to annual accounts and audit. Viridor's decision to be confirmed by 28.06.23 therefore Viridor insist no works are to begin before mid-July.

Suppliers: Both chosen contractors have been awarded their contract and advised of the timescale we are working to, that this is subject to funding. Unsuccessful contractors have been advised and thanked for their time. Both will be in contact in May about site visits in late May/early June.

Additional: AMC agreed unanimously the wooden ship at Cockhaven Close should be removed at the same time, this has been factored into the quote and work schedule for the relevant contractor.



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**BPC Car Parks:** The three car parks owned and managed by BPC, being both sides at the top of Bishops Avenue and the one at the Lawns, require some suitable signage and a policy for use to be adopted. This is a task delegated to the Asset Management Committee & Clerk for further consideration/preparation. No further action has been taken yet.

**MUGA – Line Markings:** Secondary netball court marking complete. Looking to mark the primary court in FY 2023/24 and we can use S106. Work may take place in April, will seek quotes for AMC consideration.

PLEASE NOTE: Personally, I am not overly impressed by the quality of recent line-marking work. Will seek quotes and recommend alternative contractors for the next project.

**Improvements at Fore Street Toilets:** It has been reported some minor repairs and painting is required to keep this facility in good condition. Inspection to be arranged to create job spec before quotes to be sought.

**Cockhaven Junction Enhancement:** Work complete, except planting, to be discussed at this meeting.

**Trees: Cemetery - Ash Dieback:** Inspection carried out by Devon Tree Services in Sept 22. Report advises no serious deterioration because of Ash Dieback, no immediate action required, recommends further inspection in August/Sept 2023 when in leaf. There is a second Ash which needs checking, this is along the path edge, and it appears to have damage, inspection to be organised.

**War Memorial:** Requires professional steam clean and lettering repainted. All three quotes for this work now received. Clerk to write to BH for possible grant. Once a response is given a funding application shall be submitted to the War Memorials Trust. If not successful a budget heading will need to be established for the a future budget & precept. No further action, will prioritise when possible.

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: Surface of FP13 (adjacent to School):** DCC Highways Maintenance Funding application was unsuccessful, despite meeting the criteria. An explanation has been requested. It has been agreed by AMC to complete the necessary work using CIL. Preferred contractor chosen, to be advised and work scheduled. Clerk to action asap.

### **CIVILITY & RESPECT PROJECT & PLEDGE:**

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>

Throughout the sector, there are growing concerns about the impact bullying, harassment, and intimidation are having on local (parish and town) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff and the resulting effectiveness of local councils. NALC, One Voice Wales, the SLCC and county associations have responded to this by setting up a Civility and Respect Working Group to oversee the Civility and Respect Project.

PLEDGE - NALC, SLCC, and OVW believe now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector. The Civility and Respect Pledge is being introduced because there is no place for bullying, harassment and intimidation within our sector. The pledge will enable councils to demonstrate that they are committed to standing up to poor behaviour across our sector and to driving through positive changes which support civil and respectful conduct. All councils are being invited to make the Civility and Respect Pledge. More detail can be provided for BPC to make the pledge at a future meeting.

### **INTERPRETATION BOARDS:**

Bishopsteignton Heritage are leading on the production of several boards around the parish. So far, they have completed these at the four-parish boundary stone, St Johns Church front, and the Admirals graves in the Churchyard.

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Two new boards ordered by BPC, for The Parish Cemetery and The Village Green, funded by BPC, from the Burial Account for the former, and S106 for the latter (application for fund submitted).

Further boards are anticipated at Bishops Palace Walls (replacement board depending on continued agreement of the landowners) and The Lawns recreation ground, Old School (Community Centre), and a full village map. In future, other than the board at the Lawns and insurance cover for each new installation the cost of these will be met by BH.

### **POLICY WORK:**

I am currently working through a review of all BPC policies, existing and additional which may be required, to ensure we are compliant with statutory regulations before we consider an application for a quality council award (foundation level).

Currently working on the following policies, new & revisions: Training policy, Complaints Policy, and the BPC Financial Regulations. All new drafts can be reviewed by the BPC Strategy & Governance Committee or Full Council whichever meets soonest.

### **BOOKINGS @ THE MUGA:**

Several regular bookings mean the court will be closed to the public at the same time, this is difficult to guarantee due to the fact it is never locked. Booking as follows For February onwards:

- Tuesdays 7.00 to 8.45 Chudleigh Canon Netball
- Various usage from Newton Abbot Rugby club and Teignmouth Youth AFC for training when their own pitches are water-logged.

### **DEFIBRILLATORS:**

The two new unit installation at Teign View Road/top of Murley Crescent and Teign Close/Forder Lane junction, opposite Grange Park are now complete and units have been commissioned. Update added to the BPC website.

Agreement in principle to install a unit at Cockhaven Arms, agreement given. Installation to be confirmed when funds for another unit are available.

Regular Inspections: Each defibrillator unit requires a monthly inspection to ensure it is fully operational and Eddy is wishing to step down. Kindly, a couple of volunteers have now come forward and we regularly touch base.

### **TIDY TEIGNBRIDGE FUND – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

Grant funding has been approved, £685.00 will be paid by TDC to BPC in April 2023. This covers a quote which was provided for weed clearance and possible repointing of the raised pavement on Shute Hill. I need to arrange with the contractor when this work will take place.

### **FURTHER MEETINGS – FOR INFORMATION/TO BE ARRANGED:**

- **BPC Planning Committee:** Monday 20 March 6.00pm @ BCC
- **Annual Parish Electors Meeting:** Monday 20 March 7.00pm @ BCC (includes promotion on standing for election).
- **BCC Regeneration Joint Committee:** TBC
- **Next Full Council:** Monday 3 April – 7.00pm @ BCC
- **PACT:** Monday 3 April 10.30am Otter Jacks Patch and Thursday 4 May 11am The Old Commercial.

### **FOR INFO:**

For direct contact either phone: 07483 149812, 11am to 3pm, Monday to Thursday. or email: [clerk@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk)

Majority of my weekly hours will be worked from home, but I do intend to work from the Bishopsteignton Heritage Hub/visit the parish at least once per week, most likely Wednesday. I will always ensure Cllr. Head knows when I am there, and when I leave, in accordance with the BPC Lone Working Policy.