

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD AT 7.30PM MONDAY 06 MARCH 2023  
AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL



**2921 MEETING GOVERNANCE**

**.01 Attendance:**

- .i **Present:** Members: Cllrs. Merritt (Chair), East, Gateshill, Gill, Grimble, Head, Shaw, & Smith (8/11). County Cllr. Peart. Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford. 6 members of the public.
- .ii **Apologies:** Cllr. Benham, Lambert & Watson. (3/11) District Cllr. MacGregor. PCSO S. Bunce & PC. C. Orchard.

**.02 Declaration Of Interests:** none.

**.03 Order Of Business:** No change required.

**.04 Ratification Of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Bishopsteignton Community Centre on 06.02.23 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.

**2922 OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**.01 POLICE:** Nothing reported, latest Teignmouth & Dawlish Rural Neighbourhood Gazette to be uploaded to the website.

**.02 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** No report was provided.

**.03 COUNTY COUNCILLOR:** Cllr. Peart provided the following report. No further matters were raised or questions asked.

**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.

**2923 FINANCE:**

**.01 Payments:** It was proposed and seconded, that the payments listed in '2303 Payment Authorisation' be approved and processed by the clerk. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

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.02 **Monthly Finance Statements:** A statement for the period ending 28.02.23 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.

**2924 TEIGNBRIDGE LOCAL PLAN: BPC CONSULTEE RESPONSE:**

The Chair thanked both council members and members of the public for their input into the response collated by the clerk, to whom thanks was also given. This was considered. It was proposed and seconded that the final version with minor amendments be approved for submission to TDC as the Local Planning Authority. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

A member of the public reported that the Residents Association are writing to MP. Anne Marie Morris to complain about the TDC online form which was to be used by members of the public to respond to the consultation as this was difficult to navigate and deterring people from commenting at all. Council agreed unanimously to also write to A. M. Morris to express concern over this matter. Clerk to action.

**2925 KINGS CORONATION:** Members considered the clerks report. It was noted that the working party and clerk are liaising with the public to prepare either a programme or poster of events. Attempts at organising an event, possibly a children's party, for the Sunday morning will be made depending on clerk's workload and availability of entertainers, refreshments, etc.

The clerk advised of the community Champions Award which was considered. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr. Eddy Stephenson be nominated by BPC for his endless services to the village over many years.

**2926 CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE:**

Members consider the report provided by the Clerk. This was discussed at length with input from the public audience which included several members who are co-opted onto the Climate Action Committee. It was proposed and seconded that introduce a revised/new approach be used to consider Climate & Ecology, ensuring these issues are a constant and serious consideration in all future BPC projects and decisions. The current Climate Action Committee to be disbanded whilst offering thanks to all members for their dedication. The council will work alongside other established groups on many projects moving forwards, offering support where possible, with clear lines of communication. Should a larger project, requiring greater involvement and leadership a working party can be established and led by the council. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

**2927 HIGHWAYS:**

The notification of road closure was acknowledged. This shall be shared, including a map, with the public to increase awareness and minimise disruption.

13th March to 28th March 24/7 road closure, with diversions in place, of Colley Lane, Luton and Higher Exeter Road, Teignmouth.

**2928 ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Garden at Cockhaven Junction:**

Members considered the request from Dr. Derek Greatorex, to allow the area allocated for planting at the recently reconfigured Cockhaven Junction, to be named as a memorial garden for his late wife Gill Greatorex who did so much for the village. This idea was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed therefore **RESOLVED**.

**2929 CLERKS REPORT**

The clerk provided a report prior to the meeting and made available to download from the website. The following matters were considered further:

.01 **Defibrillator at Old Walls Vineyard:** Cllr. Gill reported he has spoken to the current owner who stressed it will be encouraged with a new owner that the defibrillator and it's cabinet will remain in situ once the

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property is in new ownership. If an agreement cannot be reached the unit will be returned to the Parish Council for relocation. The donor, Mrs. Warren, is aware.

- .02 **Flytipping:** Cllr. Grimble reported possible flytipping behind the MUGA saying it looks to be one of the old floodlight headlamps. Cllr. Gateshill to investigate.

**2930 MEMBERS REPORTS:** members gave brief summaries on the following matters/events:

**Teign Estuary Trail:** Cllr. Merritt reported the work which continues under the joint working party in liaison with the relevant officer from both Teignbridge District and Devon County Councils. A meeting with other parties including Teignmouth Town Council is being arranged, before consideration is given to how the latest news can be communicated to the public. Cllr. Merritt urged BPC TET working party members to attend.

**2931 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mrs. Cawthraw, as chair of BERT, reported Cllr. Watson has volunteered to be the named Snow Warden. She stressed that BERT required further volunteers, particularly as Zone Co-ordinators and that this should be highlighted at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.09 PM**

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