

MINUTES
OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM MONDAY 22 MAY 2023
AT BISHOPSTEIGNTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL



2940 ELECTION OF BPC CHAIR:

The following nominations were made:

Cllr. Shaw nominated Cllr. Merritt, this was seconded by Cllr. Head and received 10 votes.

Cllr. Watson nominated himself, this was seconded by Cllr. Shaw but received no votes.

Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Merritt is duly elected as Chair of Bishopsteignton Parish Council for the municipal year 2023-24.

Cllr. Merritt thanks members for the opportunity to hold this position for the year ahead in which he looked forward to working with all current members and the elected representatives from Devon County and Teignbridge District Councils.

Cllr. Merritt subsequently signed an Acceptance of Office of Chair declaration, countersigned by the Clerk.

2941 MEETING GOVERNANCE

.01 Attendance:

i. **Present:** Members: Cllrs. Merritt (Opening as current Chair), Benham, Edwards, Grumble, Gill, Hanafin, Head, Shaw, Vooght & Watson (10/11). Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford
County Cllr. Peart, District Cllr. MacGregor, & 1 members of the public.

ii. **Apologies:** Cllr. Gateshill (1/11). PCSO S. Bunce & PC. C. Orchard.

.02 Declaration Of Interests: none.

2942 ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR:

The following nominations were made:

Cllr. Merritt nominated Cllr. Gateshill, this was seconded by Cllr. Head and received 6 votes.

Cllr. Benham nominated Cllr. Grumble, this was seconded by Cllr. Gill and received 3 votes.

Cllr. Watson nominated himself, this was seconded by Cllr. Shaw and received 1 vote.

Therefore, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Gateshill is duly elected as Vice Chair of Bishopsteignton Parish Council for the municipal year 2023-24.

2943 COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & REPRESENTATIVES:

The following membership was nominated and agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

.01 COMMITTEES:

PLANNING: Cllrs. Edwards, Gateshill, Gill, Grumble, Head, Hanafin, Merritt, & Vooght. 8 members.

FINANCE: Cllrs. Gateshill, Gill, Grumble, Merritt & Shaw, 5 members.

ASSET MANAGEMENT: Cllrs. Gateshill, Gill, Grumble, Hanafin, Head, Merritt, Shaw & Watson. 8 members.

STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE: Cllrs. Gateshill, Grumble, Hanafin, Merritt, Shaw & Watson. 6 members.

.02 WORKING PARTIES:

HIGHWAYS LIAISON: Cllrs. Grumble, Hanafin, Merritt, Vooght & Watson. 5 members.

TEIGN ESTUARY TRAIL: Cllrs. Benham, Edwards & Merritt. 3 members.

BERT: Currently 6 members of the public and Cllr. Watson.

LAWNS SCOUTS/COMMUNITY BUILDING: Cllrs. Gateshill, Grumble, Head, Merritt, Shaw & Watson.

It was noted that the St Johns Church Maintenance Committee has recently been disbanded but it is hoped that regular communication and the good relationship between the clerk and church warden will continue. The Remembrance working party is made up of various members from the community who are involved in the organisation of the services held at the War Memorial on both Armistice Day and Remembrance

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Sunday. The clerk felt no new members were required at this stage but could ask for support if required in the future.

.03 REPRESENTATIVES/ROLES:

- BCC Management Committee: Cllr. Merritt
- Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Gill, if required, to be confirmed.
- Local Police Liaison: Cllr. Gill
- Snow Warden: Cllr. Watson
- Teign Estuary & Coastal Partnership: Cllr. Hanafin
- Teignmouth Harbour Consultancy Group: Cllr. Hanafin

2944 2023-24 MEETINGS:

- .01 June 2023 Full Council Meeting:** As this is only two weeks away it was considered unnecessary to hold a full council meeting so soon following this occurrence. It was proposed and seconded to cancel the full council meeting scheduled for 5th June 2023. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.
- .02 Meeting Frequency for 2023-24:** Members considered the options, A & B as provided by the clerk prior to the meeting, for the frequency of full council meetings across the year ahead. This was discussed at length and the benefits of both options considered.
It was proposed and seconded to proceed with the schedule outlined in option B for there to be eight full council meetings. FOR: 7, AGAINST: 2, ABSTENTION: 1. Therefore **RESOLVED**.
Clerk to circulate new meeting schedule to members and publish on the BPC website.
- .03 Meeting Start time:** Members considered a change to the start time of full council meetings, from 7.30pm to 7pm. Several members were supportive, but the earlier start time did not suit everyone for reasons of other business and personal commitments. It was proposed and seconded that no change be adopted.

2945 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

Following a brief explanation from the clerk it was proposed and seconded that Bishopsteignton Parish Council is eligible to adopt and will therefore exercise the General Power of Competence (sections 1 to 8 of the Localism Act 2011). Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

2946 GOVERNANCE:

Councillor Code of Conduct (R.002): A draft was reviewed; this had received minimal amendments since it's last adoption. It was proposed and seconded to adopt this version (2.1) of the BPC Councillors Code of Conduct with immediate effect. Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE ANNUAL MEETING AT 8.17PM