

***ADOPTED***  
**BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Bishops Lydeard on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 7pm.

**Persons present:** Cllrs Martin, Watson, Davenport, Pattermore, Mrs Lewin-Harris (Chair), Maj Lewin-Harris, Smith, Rigby, Partington (from 7.05pm)

**Persons absent:** Cllrs Allen, Warmington

**In attendance:** Mrs M Rousseau (Clerk), PCSO Sharon Cridland, County Cllr Wilkins, 11 members of the public

**099/11 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen and Warmington

**100/11 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda**

Cllr Watson stated that as a member of TDBC Planning Committee he would not be commenting on planning applications to avoid fettering his discretion.

*The agenda was interrupted at this point to take Item 7, To hear details of proposal for a skate park in Bishops Lydeard*

**101/11 To hear details of proposal for a skate park in Bishops Lydeard**

PCSO Cridland spoke on the current interest in skateboarding in the village. There is a lack of suitable facilities locally. A group of young people in the village would like to look at the possibility of a skate park at a suitable location. They feel it would be well used. Looking for the Council's support of the project. Agreed there was a willingness to support the proposal. Cllr Partington suggested that the Parish Plan should be revisited and the request included. Agreed that the PCSO and other interested parties would form a group and report back on progress at the next meeting.

*The agenda was resumed*

**102/11 Planning applications for comment**

06/11/0037 – Formation of access at 2 Minehead Road, Bishops Lydeard

The proposal was considered. It was felt by the Council that they could not comment due to inadequate information being provided.

06/11/0039 – Erection of two storey extension, erection of conservatory, erection of double garage and erection of separate implement store at Box Cottage, Tithill, Bishops Lydeard

The proposal was considered. It was proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to support the proposal.

**103/11 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**104/11 Matters arising**

Clerk's report read to the Council, covering the following matters:

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076/11 – further comments passed back to TDBC regarding Infrastructure Delivery Plan consultation  
SCC chased regarding tree at Woodland Walk

Diamond Jubilee meeting not well attended; further update is on as a separate agenda item.

091/11 – Completing application form to fell tree at War Memorial as agreed.

097/11 – Contacted Diane Hartnell at TDBC regarding the Fives Wall and Sandhill Park. Received the following reply:

*thank you for letting me know the Council's concerns about the fives wall. I will take this on and chase Enterprise Inns.*

*We have been in discussions, over a number of months, re Sandhill and hope that something will be in public domain soon. We are well aware of the deteriorating nature of the mansion, hence our hope that something positive will be secured soon.*

Will follow up and find out progress with Enterprise Inns for next month's meeting.

- Spoke to Martin King who confirmed that vegetation at Stoney Lane was cut together with the other footpaths, but he has cleared it again as a gesture of goodwill.

Following information received from Simon Shirley regarding the tramway pole:

*We are gearing up for to complete works on site on the 1st Nov. I have applied to the highways for access, so as long as there are no objections then the work should be complete. We may have to return to give it another coat of paint.*

Clerk to go back to TDBC re Sandhill Park to ask specifically if owners are complying with statutory requirements for listed building. Cllr Rigby reported seeing windows open, and the current boarding doesn't cover them.

#### **105/11 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda.**

None received

#### **106/11 Avon & Somerset Police**

PCSO Cridland reported on crime in the Parish for the past month. Working with school re anti social behaviour. Remote control car project due to start 18/10 5.30- 7.30pm.

Speedwatch need new gun at a cost of £150, current one on loan. Numbers of volunteers dwindling. Felt it was unfortunate that Police are not able to follow up offenders.

Requested that Speedwatch & speed issue in village be put on next agenda.

The Council agreed that the PCSO's report was very comprehensive. Appreciate receiving written report if PCSO is not able to attend the meeting.

#### **107/11 Somerset County Council matters**

Cllr Wilkins reported that road salt/grit stocks higher than last year. Councils will be given sacks for local use.

Following accidents at Almshouses steps, they have been inspected by Highways who found no safety defects. Cllr Wilkins happy to arrange site meeting with interested parties. Roger Sleaf liaising with Conservation Officer regarding possible handrail.

Cycle path project hasn't gone through. WSR have not offered land. SCC has put the project on reserve list.

Judgement in libraries judicial review expected next month.

An update on progress on the Broadband programme requested.

*The agenda was interrupted at this point to take Item 12, To consider final response to consultation on Electoral Review of Somerset*

### **108/11 To consider final response to consultation on Electoral Review of Somerset**

After debate it was agreed that the Council would respond highlighting local connections and local geography and the strong ties between Bishops Lydeard and Cotford St Luke. State disappointment at loss of Cotford St Luke from the proposed ward and also that the Council is not convinced of need to reduce by 3 county councillors.

*The agenda was resumed*

### **109/11 Finance**

Quarterly financial statement presented to Council.

It was proposed, seconded and voted unanimously that the Clerk's contract be amended to claim mileage at 45 pence per mile, and to backdate this to April 2011.

### **110/11 To discuss arrangements for Cotford St Luke Community Hall underlease trusteeship Transfer**

It was proposed, seconded and voted unanimously that the underlease trusteeship be transferred to Cotford St Luke Parish Council. Clerk to instruct Ashford's Solicitors to act for the Parish Council in the matter.

### **111/11 To review the Council's Standing Orders**

It was agreed to accept the current standing orders with no amendments and that they be reviewed annually.

### **112/11 To consider a request for a litter bin at Greenway Hall**

The item was deferred.

### **113/11 To consider a response to the National Highways & Transport Survey**

Cllrs Partington and Rigby to complete and return to Clerk. Circulate response to Council.

### **114/11 To receive an update on progress with plans for the War Memorial**

Chair has received some quotes for work back but is awaiting further information. Will have a full specification for next meeting. Chair to go back to War Memorials Trust for further information and to complete expression of interest for grant.

### **115/11 To receive an update on progress on the Welcome Pack**

Reported some difficulty getting details. Another meeting has been organised.

### **116/11 To consider response to consultation on 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England**

Proposals discussed. Clerk to consult Milverton and Wiveliscombe Councils for their views. Agreed that the village has no ties to Bridgwater – geographically distant, with the Quantock Hills between them. The village looks to Taunton for economic and social activities.

### **117/11 To discuss location of the bollards outside the Co-op, Bishops Lydeard**

The item was deferred.

### **118/11 To receive a report on the meeting to discuss arrangements for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Village meeting poorly attended. Summary of TDBC meeting outlined. Suggested projects discussed, including redecorating underpass. Agreed to draw up a questionnaire for consideration at November meeting.

**119/11 To consider a proposal for a Parish Lengthsman scheme**

Proposal outlined. Agreed Council interested in concept. Clerk to get more details.

**120/11 To note planning permissions granted**

Having been previously circulated, these were noted as:

06/11/0033 Erection of conservatory at the rear of 62 Greenway, Bishops Lydeard - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

**121/11 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn**

None received

**122/11 To approve receipts and payments**

The payments for October were considered

Payments:

Viking - stationery	£74.47
Playsafety Limited – MUGA/BMX track inspection	£321.60
TDBC – May 2011 election costs	£1268.34
Clerk’s expenses	£82.55
HMRC, tax and national insurance	£384.80

It was proposed, seconded and voted unanimously that the payments be approved.

**123/11 Urgent matters for report only**

Request that Public ROW report and Welcome Pack be added as agenda items for next meeting.

**124/11 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 7pm, Bishops Lydeard Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed Chair .....

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