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BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Bishops Lydeard on Wednesday 14th September 2011, 7pm.

Persons present: Cllrs Mrs Lewin-Harris (Chair), Mjr Lewin-Harris, Pattermore, Allen (Vice-Chair), Davenport, Martin, Partington, Rigby (from 7.05pm)

In attendance: Mrs M Rousseau (Clerk), 3 members of the public

082/11 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Watson, Warmington, Smith

083/11 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda

Cllr Allen declared a personal interest in application 06/11/0036

084/11 Planning applications for comment

06/11/0033 – Erection of conservatory at the rear of 62 Greenway, Bishops Lydeard

The application was discussed. Confirmed there were no representations. It was proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to support the application.

06/11/0036 – Erection of a dwelling with garage, parking and formation of access – approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, layout and scale (outline application 06/08/0050) at Plot 1, Questel, Taunton Road, Bishops Lydeard

Amendments to the application discussed. Representations read to Council. The application was then discussed. It was proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to support the application, subject to Highway conditions. Agreed to make comment about lack of pavement in the area.

Cllr Rigby declared a personal interest in application 06/11/0036

085/11 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 10th August 2011

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

086/11 Matters arising

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

076/11

Following is taken from the TDBC Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Provision for cycling

3.18 There is a range of schemes, agreed between the County Council and Borough Council, to support the implementation of the Core Strategy and to improve the cycle network in the urban areas of Taunton and Wellington. The schemes will improve the existing cycleway network and ensure that new developments are properly integrated into the network.

3.19 The schemes include two walking and cycling links that will enhance the access between Monkton Heathfield and other parts of Taunton:

A walking and cycling link to Priorswood

A walking and cycling link to the Canal

And additionally, a comprehensive signage of the cycle route network in Taunton using time-based signage and colour coded routes. A plan for this network has

been agreed between the County and Borough Councils

3.20 There will be other measures within new developments that will be needed to encourage the use of cycles and active travel. These measures will be agreed with the Council as part of the design and planning process on a scheme by scheme basis and as part of the Travel Planning process for new developments.

Issue of lack of hard copies of documents raised with David Greig.

080/11

Hedge along Minehead Road reported to County Highways for action.

Hamber Lea to Quantock View path is responsibility of County Highways; request to cut back vegetation has been passed on to them.

Nick Whitmore at Deane DLO has access to map showing ownership of land in Taunton and is making arrangements to send a copy to the Clerk.

Bishops Lydeard Woodland Walk – a number of apparently unauthorised activities have taken place in the area recently. A ‘Keep Out’ sign was erected, a tree was felled and some animal traps were put up in trees. PCSO and SCC were informed. The PCSO has identified the youngsters responsible for the sign and has spoken to them. SCC inspected the area and confirmed that they had not given authorisation for any tree to be felled, or any animal traps to be put up. SCC are arranging for the removal of the felled tree and remaining stump and are investigating the animal traps. Further information is contained in the PCSO’s report.

Regarding progress on purchasing the woodland walk land, currently the department responsible for overseeing this is working on transfer of some SCC buildings, which will take priority for the near future. Work on getting quotes for possible legal costs and tree inspection costs continues.

A review of the Council’s Standing Orders and Code of Conduct will be on the agenda for October. Councillors will be emailed copies of these – please familiarize yourself with them before the meeting and bring any comments/suggestions you may have with you.

Clerk to chase SCC re removal of tree from Woodland Walk.

Agreed to make further representation regarding the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, to raise the following points: poor consultation, no hard copy of plan provided, short response time, timing of consultation during August, when many parishes do not meet. To stress importance of a cycleway connecting Bishops Lydeard, Cotford St Luke and Taunton, not linked to any new development, make reference to Parish Plan.

TDBC 26/09 meeting re Diamond Jubilee – councillors welcome to attend.

The agenda was interrupted at this point to take Item 10, To receive information on plans for a Forest Garden in Bishops Lydeard

087/11 To receive information on plans for a Forest Garden in Bishops Lydeard

Joel Tait spoke on plans to establish a forest garden for Bishops Lydeard.

Cllrs Partington, Rigby & Martin declared a personal interest in the item.

Agreed that the Council supports the principle of a Forest Garden. Clerk to email letter of support to Joel Tait.

The agenda was resumed

088/11 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda.

None received.

089/11 Avon & Somerset Police

PCSO not able to attend, written report circulated.

090/11 Somerset County Council matters

Nothing raised.

091/11 To receive an update on plans for the War Memorial

Chair contacted a number of companies suitable to do repointing, repairs, bronze work. Meeting 16/09 11am with H Layzell. Corbel Conservation – will visit and give written report.

Grants available from War Memorial Trust.

Tree must be removed – Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Partington declared a personal interest in the item.

Vice Chair to contact Jim Bletcher to discuss landscaping.

Cllr Rigby to contact local architect, Nikki Denning

092/11 To consider response to consultation on Electoral Review of Somerset

Response discussed. Agreed to cover the following points: local connections, local geography, large number of Parish Councils already in division, if it was to get bigger would make councillors job difficult. School links various communities. Bishops Lydeard classed as rural centre. Clerk to bring draft response to October meeting.

Agreed to agenda consideration of a response to the national consultation on constituencies for next meeting.

093/11 To consider a request for a litter bin at Greenway Hall

Clerk to get quotes for litter bin.

094/11 To note planning permissions granted

None received

095/11 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

None received

096/11 To approve receipts and payments

The payments for September were considered

Payments:

Bishops Lydeard Village Hall – rent	£23.75
Martin King – vegetation clearance	£696.90
BT – Internet services	£90.00
WebMe – website	£105.00

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

097/11 Urgent matters for report only

Question over whether Sandhill Park currently water tight? Clerk to follow up with TDBC, request inspection.

Fives Wall in a state of disrepair, vegetation at the back. Clerk to contact TDBC Conservation Officer.

Query over whether Stoney Lane vegetation cut.

Cllr Partington reported that he had contacted SCC regarding a locked gate on Whiskey Trail. Gate now unlocked.

098/11 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th October 2011, 7pm, Bishops Lydeard Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed Chair

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