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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 11th July 2018, 7.00pm

Persons present: Cllrs Davenport (Chair), Russell, Warmington, Watson and Allen.

Persons absent: Cllrs Martin, Rigby, Armstrong, Partington, Pattermore and Morency

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

49/18 Apologies

Cllrs Martin, Rigby, Armstrong, Pattermore and Morency

50/18 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 any planning applications, to avoid fettering his discretion.

51/18 To receive a presentation regarding the West Somerset Railway Development Plans

Item deferred.

52/18 Planning applications for comment

06/18/0014 - Erection of two storey side extension, single storey side and rear extensions and alterations to outbuilding to form living accommodation at Poets View Cottage, Bishpool Lane, Spaxton (Amended scheme – amended approved plans from application number 06/17/0045)

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission but requested the planning officer have due regard to the neighbours' concerns that have been expressed.

06/18/0019 – Erection of a single storey garage to the rear of 14 High Street, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission

06/18/0017 - Erection of 10 No. dwellings with associated landscaping, open space and drainage infrastructure, to the west of the site, at Station Farm, Station Road, Bishops Lydeard

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It was noted that both applications are for residential development and, as such, are clearly in breach of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan with particular reference to Tourism. However, the Council is aware that a separate and smaller site formerly owned by Taylor Wimpey was the subject of a successful appeal for the grant of residential development at the end of last year. It was considered that the Inspector's reasons for granting that appeal might essentially be repeated in any appeal from a refusal on the subject applications, particularly as this parcel of land has been vacant for very many years. It was further noted that 06/18/0017 met with the approval of local residents. In the circumstances, and very reluctantly, the Council resolved to support application no. 06/18/0017 but conditionally upon Taylor Wimpey withdrawing 06/18/0018.

53/18 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 13th June 2018

Having been previously circulated, the minutes from the Parish Council meeting 13th June 2018 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

54/18 Matters arising

Clerk's report was read to the council (attachment 1)

Cllr Warmington raised the NALC Star Awards and suggested that the Clerk should be nominated for the Clerk of the Year award. Chair agreed to submit a nomination.

55/18 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda

A member of the public raised the lighting at Greenway / Station Green once more. The Ecologist Report has been carried out but a copy has not been made available.

Action:

Chair to liaise with Taylor Wimpey about the report and request a copy.

56/18 Parish Lengthsman Report

The report provided by the Lengthsman was tabled at the meeting and noted.

57/18 Avon & Somerset Police report

No police report was received in advance of the meeting.

58/18 Somerset County Council matters

In Cllr Rigby's absence, the Clerk read a report provided by Cllr Rigby reporting on the following:

Library Consultation - now closed. Proposals expected to come forward in the autumn.

SCC Finances - The council's financial situation remains precarious with savings targets being widely missed, especially in children's services. Extraordinary measures are being implemented in an attempt to bring spending back within budgets though demand remains high.

Small Improvement Scheme - Both Small Improvement Schemes have been accepted, namely the improvement of the informal footway alongside the A358 between Langford Lane and Cross Keys and also improvements at the A358 junction at the Farmers Arms. Both are outside the Parish but will benefit local residents.

Bishops Lydeard Primary School - The head at Bishops Lydeard School has resigned. The pupil roll has fallen from 220+ to 172 as other local schools are over-subscribed.

Action:

Chair to invite a senior representative of the MAT or the Chair of Governors to a future Parish Council meeting.

59/18 To discuss and agree next steps in relation to Woodland Walk

Clerk provided some background to the item. SCC have refused to replace the fence that was taken down during construction of the roundabout. Clerk confirmed that SCC had previously indicated that the legal costs to transfer Woodland Walk to the Parish Council would be in the region of £2500 and a tree surgeon had previously advised the Parish Council to budget £1500 per year for the on-going maintenance of the area.

It was agreed to pursue an application to nominate Woodland Walk as an asset to be recorded on the Register of Assets of Community Value held by TDBC.

Cllr Allen raised that the gate was broken. Clerk confirmed that she would approach SCC and request that it is repaired / replaced.

It was agreed to pursue the replacement of the fence once the application to nominate Woodland Walk as an asset of community value was complete.

Actions:

Clerk to complete and submit application to nominate Woodland Walk as an asset of community value

Clerk to contact SCC and request that the gate is repaired / replaced.

60/18 To consider the noticeboard at the Village Hall proposal

Cllr Allen provided some background to this item. Two noticeboards were displayed at the Mount Street end of the village hall but were removed when construction of the stage at the Village Hall commenced.

Cllr Allen proposed that the Parish Council purchase one noticeboard with a tan background for Parish Council notices and the Village Hall Management Committee purchase another one the same.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase one noticeboard. Cllr Allen confirmed that the Committee are currently investigating whether planning permission is required to add the noticeboards. Once confirmation is received, Cllr Allen will instruct the Clerk to go ahead and order the noticeboard.

61/18 To receive an update regarding the Taunton Road Development

Chair confirmed that the Working Group had met with David Wilson Homes and Origin 3 on 28th June 2018. During the meeting amended proposed plans were shared and discussed with the group.

The Plans have since been submitted to TDBC as part of the planning application. There is now a further period of consultation during which the Parish Council can make comments on the amended plans.

Chair confirmed that a further meeting of the Working Group would be scheduled over the coming weeks to consider the amended plans and other supporting material submitted to TDBC with a view to making recommendations to the Parish Council at its next meeting on 8th August as to the comments the Parish Council might want to make regarding the amended plans.

62/18 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) update

Clerk presented the Privacy Policy, General Privacy Notice and Privacy notice for councillors and role holders. Clerk confirmed that the policy and notices had been developed using national guidance and templates.

It was agreed to approve the Privacy Policy and Notices.

63/18 Finance

Quarter 1 financial statement presented to the Council, the content of the financial statement was noted.

64/18 To note planning permissions granted

13/18/0004 - Erection of two-bay extension to agricultural building, laying of concrete hardstanding and associated works at Fennington Farm, Kingston St Mary - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

06/18/0012 - Erection of single storey rear extension at 10 Hamber Lea, Bishops Lydeard -
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

65/18 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

No planning applications refused / withdrawn

66/18 To note income received

Interest

£35.61

To approve payments

Intelligent Workplace Solutions Limited (June toilet cleaning)	£234.38
HMRC (Tax and National Insurance Contribution)	£401.60
Clerk's expenses (Travel, office 365, postage and salary adjustment)	£98.85
Shelter Solutions (Bus Shelter Hither Mead)	£4356.00
Jack Council (Parish Lengthsman Work – June)	£498.70
Aerosol Art (Community Street Art Project – Underpass)	£345.00
Bishops Lydeard Village Hall (MUGA and Car Park Lease)	£175.00
Bishops Lydeard Village Hall	£45.75

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

67/18 Urgent matters for report only

Cllr Watson reported that he had requested TDBC to cut the grass verges. Some have been cut and the remainder are expected to be cut shortly.

Cllr Allen reported that the Fete and Flower Show is on this, Saturday 14th July.

Cllr Russell reported that he had been carrying out a further check of the bin and dog bin provision in the village. Members of the public have indicated that they would like to see a dog bin near West Street. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate a bin being placed on the small grass area near Glanfield Close. Litter was reported to be particularly bad at WSR play park and on the Quantock View to Hamber Lea footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk would request the Parish Lengthsman to pick up any litter he sees whilst he is doing his rounds and if he could report any drug paraphernalia he finds to the Clerk with a picture and location.

68/18 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th August 2018, 7pm, Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed..... Date.....