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BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the virtual Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

Persons present: Cllrs Davenport (Chair), Martin (Vice-Chair), Pattermore, Lewin-Harris, Morency, Armstrong, Watson, Russell, Warmington and Rigby.

Persons absent: Cllr Allen

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk), Jon Bendle, Wombats Cricket Club, Christine Brewer, Village Agent and 2 members of the public.

283/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Allen.

284/19 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda

Cllr Morency declared a personal interest in respect of Item 6 'Quantock View Parking Proposal' and Cllr Russell declared a personal interest in respect of Item 4 'To discuss Parish Council support for local Coronavirus initiatives'.

285/19 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda

Members of the public that were present at the meeting had no comments to make regarding matters not listed on the agenda.

The agenda was interrupted to discuss item 5 'Planning applications for comment'

286/19 Planning applications for comment

06/20/0012/T Proposal: Notification to fell two Spruce trees within Bishops Lydeard Conservation Area at The Grange, 27 Church Street, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council has no objection to the granting of permission, subject to the advice of the Tree Officer.

06/20/0009 Proposal: Change of use of land for siting of 4 No. timber glamping pods and erection of welcome office with associated access and parking on land at Greenway Wood, South Drive, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission in principle but has some concerns regarding foul drainage, although it is stated in the proposal that a connection will be made to main drains system, it isn't clear where the connection will be.

06/20/0008 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 06/17/0033 on land at Taunton Road, Bishops Lydeard

It was noted that although a number of plans have been submitted to SWT in relation to this application, there is no explanation summarising what changes are proposed. The Parish Council felt that it wasn't able to therefore comment on the proposal. Chair to relay to the Planning Officer.

06/19/0021 Replacement fencing along driveway and to south of American Gardens at Sandhill Park, South Drive, Bishops Lydeard (resubmission of 06/18/0015) (Amended site plan)
The Parish Council has no further comment to make on the proposal.

The agenda was interrupted to discuss item 6 'Quantock View Parking Proposal'

287/19 Quantock View Parking Proposal

The quote received from Byron D Hobbs Architectural and Property Services to develop drawings of the parking proposal was outlined by the Clerk.

A discussion followed about the need for drawings of the proposal.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed with all in favour to accept stage one of the quote provided.

The agenda was interrupted to discuss Item 7 'To consider a quote received from SWT to maintain open spaces and empty dog bins during 2020/21'

288/19 To consider a quote received from SWT to maintain open spaces and empty dog bins during 2020/21

The quote received from SWT was outlined by the Clerk and discussed.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed with all in favour to accept the quote received from SWT to maintain the open spaces and empty the dog bins during 2020/21.

The agenda was interrupted to discuss item 8 'To clarify the position around the grant of CIL to the Wombats Cricket Club'

289/19 To clarify the position around the grant of CIL to the Wombats Cricket Club

Vice Chair summarised the discrepancy between the CIL Committees recommendations and the decision made at the last Parish Council meeting.

Vice Chair confirmed that the recommendation was for the full £53k to be allocated from CIL receipts for the project with the proviso that this would be reduced by £10k if the Sports England grant application that the Cricket Club submitted was successful.

Vice Chair confirmed that since the last meeting, the Cricket Club has received confirmation that the Sports England Grant Application was not successful. The Cricket Club has also submitted an enquiry to HMRC to ensure that VAT is not reclaimable; the outcome of which is awaited.

The current situation in terms of ownership was discussed, Jon Bendle, Wombats Cricket Club confirmed that the ECB Steering Group Panel that was supposed to meet on 17th March to discuss the approval of funding which would be used to purchase the ground, was delayed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed with all in favour to award the full £53k of CIL money for the project but with two conditions, one that evidence of securing the purchase of the ground is provided and the second that evidence of the VAT position from HMRC is provided.

Cllr Rigby raised whether CIL money should be allocated / rough estimates be assigned to projects to ensure sufficient allocation of funds to all projects that the Parish Council would like the CIL money to be used for. It was agreed to add an agenda item to the next Parish Council meeting agenda to discuss further.

The agenda was interrupted to discuss item 9 'To note income and approve payments'

290/19 To note income received

Interest	£92.61
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To approve payments

Payments to be made by Direct Debit:

Somerset Web Services (Email address) (Direct Debit)	£5.52
BT (Telephone and broadband)	£81.07

Payments to be made by BACS:

Intelligent Workplace Solutions Limited (March toilet cleaning)	£255.01
Clerk's expenses (Toilet roll holders £48.00, Travel)	£116.14
HMRC (Tax and NI contributions)	£507.29
Water 2 Business (Library water rates 1st Jul 2019 – 6th Feb 2020)	£74.37
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 31st July 2019)	£35.30
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 31st August 2019)	£54.97
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 30th September 2019)	£53.82
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 31st October 2019)	£52.02
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 30th November 2019)	£65.82
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 31st December 2019)	£102.77
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 31st January 2020)	£96.68
British Gas (Library electricity – 1st to 29th February 2020)	£231.33
Viking Payments (Stationary)	£85.19
JHB (Car park line painting)	£780.00

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

The agenda was resumed**291/19 To discuss Parish Council support for local Coronavirus initiatives**

Chair drew attention to a proposal, a paper for which was circulated in advance of the meeting, whereby the Parish Council provides a contribution to the Bishops Lydeard Coronavirus Community Help Group.

The proposal was discussed. John Collier and John Holden, both volunteers / coordinators of the group provided some background and requested an initial Parish Council contribution of £1000.00.

Christine Brewer, the Village Agent for the Parish provided a summary of some of the work that she is doing in the Parish to support those in need during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Cllr Rigby suggested supporting other charities that are established in the Parish to support those in poverty in the village for example the Dyke's Gift Charity. Chair agreed to investigate the current status of the charity.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed with all in favour to support the Community Help Group with an initial contribution of £1000 and to endorse the work of the group on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

292/19 Urgent matters for report only

No urgent matters for report.

293/19 Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in due course.

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

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Date 13th May 2020.