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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 8th August 2018, 7.00pm

Persons present: Cllrs Davenport (Chair), Martin, Warmington, Allen, Pattermore, Watson, Armstrong, Rigby and Partington.

Persons absent: Cllrs Russell and Morency

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk), William Jenman (Quantock Hills AONB) and 3 members of the public.

69/18 Apologies

Cllrs Russell and Morency

70/18 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.

Cllr Warmington declared a personal interest in respect of Item 4 'To receive a presentation regarding the Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme' as she lives in the scheme area.

The agenda was interrupted to take item 4 'To receive a presentation regarding the Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme'

71/18 To receive a presentation regarding the Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme

William Jenman of Quantock Hills AONB gave a short presentation about the Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme. The scheme will be funded through a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The scheme is currently in its development phase, a bid is being developed which will be submitted in August 2019. Work is planned to start in January 2020. The bid projects are evolving, and the views of the Parish Council and local residents are being sought.

Actions:

Clerk to circulate William Jenman's contact details to Parish Councillors

Clerk to provide contact details for Fiveways to William Jenman.

The agenda was resumed

72/18 To consider particular issues to be raised by the Parish Council in its response to the amended planning application submitted by David Wilson Homes relating to the proposed development at Taunton Road / Hither Mead.

Chair confirmed that the Working Group met on 20th July to discuss the amended plans submitted by David Wilson Homes, to identify any particular issues. The two main issues with the amended proposal are that a portion of the development has been reserved for a care home and that the proposal still includes 173 homes in the remaining space.

Chair confirmed that he had been in touch with a local housing association about the proposed care home use and that he had been advised that there was little demand for this type of scheme in Bishops Lydeard for a number of reasons.

Chair also noted that the proposed homes to be built had been amended to include 46 very small three bed houses in place of 5-bedroom homes to enable 173 homes to be built.

Chair also noted that little notice had been taken of the Traffic Report obtained by the Parish Council. A discussion followed about Highways, particularly that no change had been made to the location of the first right hand junction. Cllr Rigby confirmed that he has raised several issues about the proposal with SCC Highways.

A further meeting of the Working Group will take place in advance of the next Parish Council meeting with a view to formulating suggested comments for inclusion in the Parish Council response to the amended planning application.

73/18 To consider the Parish Council's response to the proposed Ward boundaries for the new Somerset West and Taunton Council

Chair introduced the item and confirmed that the proposals forming part of the consultation including Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone in the South Quantock ward. A discussion followed about the size of the proposed ward, particularly it stretching as far as south of Williton and concerns were expressed that such a proposal wouldn't enable community cohesion.

Cllr Warmington confirmed that Crowcombe are putting forward a response whereby Bishops Lydeard, Cothelstone, Ash Priors and Cotford St Luke form one two councillor ward.

The Parish Council agreed that it preferred this proposal as it would enable better community cohesion.

Action:

Clerk to submit a response to the consultation suggesting a ward of Bishops Lydeard, Cothelstone, Ash Priors and Cotford St Luke in the interests of community cohesion.

74/18 To receive an update on Sandhill Park Mansion

Cllr Watson reported that a meeting had taken place regarding the Sandhill Park Mansion where representatives of TDBC, the bank, consultants and the residents association were present. The developer is no longer involved with Sandhill Park Mansion; Downtown Estate is now in administration. United Bank have already invested a large amount of money in Sandhill Park and consideration is now being given to changes to the proposed internal layout to increase the number of flats to enable recuperation of the money invested. An amended planning application will need to be submitted to enable this. Completing the mansion house to an acceptable standard for everyone involved including Heritage England has been stated as a priority. It is hoped that the work will be completed within 3 years.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Chair would be included and involved in any future discussions. A bond is still in place, but a copy of the bond is still awaited.

Actions:

Clerk to include Sandhill Park Mansion house as a standing item on future agendas to enable updates to be provided.

Chair to chase a copy of the bond.

75/18 Planning applications for comment

06/18/0020/T – Application to fell one willow tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Lydeard No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 51 Lethbridge Park, Bishops Lydeard (TD705)

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant

06/18/0021/T – Application to carry out management works to one oak tree, one spruce and one lime tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Lydeard No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at Lethbridge Park, Bishops Lydeard (TD705)

The Parish Council has no objection to the granting of permission subject to the views of the Tree Officer

76/18 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of 11th July 2018

Having been previously circulated, the minutes from the Parish Council meeting 11th July 2018 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

77/18 Matters arising

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

Cllr Rigby provided an update in respect of the 20mph speed limit; SCC have confirmed that they will review the proposal and advise the Parish Council about next steps.

In addition to the Clerk's report, Clerk advised the Council that a request had been received from a member of the public to replace the Darby Way road signs.

Actions:

Clerk to respond to SCC regarding the Woodland Walk gate to confirm that it is the view of the Parish Council that the current condition of the gate is a health and safety issue and to enquire about the Parish Council undertaking work to replace it and the fence if SCC are unwilling to. Clerk to contact TDBC about the Darby Way road signs.

78/18 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 and reported that he had received no further communication about what is in the Ecology Report. The member of the public has also contacted the Wildlife Trust about the issue.

79/18 Parish Lengthsman Report

A report from the Lengthsman was not received in advance of the meeting.

80/18 Avon & Somerset Police report

No police report was received in advance of the meeting.

81/18 Somerset County Council matters

Cllr Rigby reported on the following:

SCC Finance – the councils finances are not in good shape. Auditors have raised a number of concerns. If a 114 notice is issued the council will only deliver the basic level of statutory services. If this happens it is likely that additional services are passed to the Parish Council to deliver.

Unitary Authority – conversations are on-going but slowly and could take 3 years. This may be expediated if the 114 notice is issued by the council.

Roundabout – Cllr Rigby continues to request that the issues from the safety audit are identified and remedial work is implemented.

Speed Reduction – a consultation is underway regarding changes to the speed limit from the Cotford St Luke Roundabout into Cotford St Luke. The changes will mean a consistent 40mph speed limit reducing to 30mph a little earlier than what is in place currently.

82/18 To consider the Parish Council's response to the Improving Lives Strategy Consultation

The Parish Council discussed the Improving Lives Strategy Consultation and agreed to support the proposed priorities in the strategy but agreed to make an additional comment that the priorities and strategy need to translate into action.

Action:

Clerk and Chair to agree the response to the consultation in advance of the Clerk submitting it.

83/18 To consider and agree a nomination for the 2018 SCC Chairman's Award

The Parish Council discussed the 2018 SCC Chairman's Award and it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Rigby and agreed with all in favour to nominate Alan Ball as chair of the Village Hall Management Committee for the award.

Actions:

Chair to complete the nomination form and Clerk to submit.

84/18 To note planning permissions granted

No planning permissions were granted

85/18 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

No planning applications refused / withdrawn

86/18 To note income received

No income received

To approve payments

Intelligent Workplace Solutions Limited (June toilet cleaning)	£239.08
Clerk's expenses (Travel, office 365, postage)	£49.69
Viking Stationary (Shredder, Stationary, Postage)	£203.72
Playsafety Limited (ROSPA inspection of MUGA)	£79.80
A Shepherd (Re-imburement for laptop purchase)	£698.98

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

87/18 Urgent matters for report only

Cllr Watson reported that he had been approached by a member of the public who had concerns about the affordable homes proposed at the Paddock. Cllr Watson confirmed that he had responded to the member of the public to confirm that local people will be offered the housing and that the housing will only be offered more widely when local ties have been exhausted. Chair confirmed that plans for the proposal are expected to be available in the next week or so.

Cllr Partington reported that he had been contacted by the Chairman of Cotford St Luke Parish Council about the number 28 bus and its running times on a Sunday morning. Cllr Partington to circulate the email.

Chair reported that the TDBC have suggested that the proposed housing at Station Green is not exempt from providing a proportion of affordable housing. The conversation between TDBC and Taylor Wimpey is ongoing.

88/18 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018, 7pm, Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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