

ADOPTED
BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Mrs A Shepherd, Rose Cottage, Oldway Lane, Wrantage, Taunton, TA3 6DE.
Phone: 01823 412922 Email: clerk@bishopslydeard.org Website: <http://www.bishopslydeard.org.uk>

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 7.00pm

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

Persons absent: Cllrs Allen, Russell and Warmington

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

72/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen, Russell and Warmington.

73/20 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda

Cllr Morency declared a personal interest in respect of item 10 'Quantock View Parking Proposal'.

74/20 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2020

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 8th July 2020 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

75/20 Matters arising

No matters arising.

76/20 Clerk's Report

Clerk's report was read to the council (attachment 1).
Clerk to follow up site meeting regarding bins on Hither Mead.

77/20 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda

A member of the public requested an update regarding the lighting issue on Greenway; no responses are being received from SCC or SWT. Cllr Rigby to follow up.

78/20 To receive an update on local Coronavirus Initiatives

Cllr Rigby provided an update. Local initiatives are winding down as the lockdown eases. There is still a threat but the numbers of cases in Somerset are low. People that are getting the virus in this wave aren't getting as poorly because the people contracting the virus are younger. The impact locally is quite low at the moment. There is still a local group available for members of the community to call upon, but the urgency has reduced, however communities need to be vigilant as the winter comes.

79/20 Planning applications for comment

06/20/0008 A further and substantial amendment to the David Wilson Homes original planning application 06/17/0033.

Chair reported that he had a meeting with the Planning Officer, Karen Wray about the David Wilson Homes development. A couple of months ago the Parish Council put in comments opposing the DWH application to remove some 5 bedroomed properties and adding 4 bedrooms instead, the Planning

Officer confirmed that a decision has been made to approve the application by delegated authority but the decision doesn't appear on the website yet. A modified S106 agreement is now required.

In relation to this application a further 50+ new drawings appeared at the end of last month with no explanation of the changes proposed. The Planning Officer indicated that many of the changes are small e.g. glazing design but upon further inspection of the plans the Chair believes that there are bigger changes on a number of the plots. Chair to look into the proposed amendments further and report back at the next meeting.

06/20/0036 Erection of a single storey extension to the front of 29 Four Acre Mead, Bishops Lydeard. The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

06/20/0037/T Application to fell one Oak tree (possibly outside TPO area) and to carry out management works to one Ash tree and two Beech trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Lydeard No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at West Lodge, Williton Road, Bishops Lydeard (TD704).

The Parish Council has no comments to make regarding the proposal subject to the views of the Tree Officer.

80/20 Update regarding the location of the Co-op to Taunton Road

Chair provided an update regarding the Co-op move to Taunton Road. Although Landmark Estates would have preferred to conduct a face to face consultation, they weren't able to and an online consultation has been conducted instead. Posters about the consultation have been added to the PC website, Facebook page and noticeboards. The deadline for comment was 10th August. Chair provided a summary of the comments made on the PC Facebook page about the proposal.

Landmark hope to submit the planning application by the end of the month but Karen Wray, Planning Officer confirmed that no pre-app advice had been sought by the applicants.

81/20 Quantock View Parking Proposal

Chair reported the comments received from the Quantock View South Side Residents group, the Head Teacher of the primary school and David Galley, Tree Specialist at SWT which were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Chair recommended that further investigations and surveys should be carried out before the Parish Council moves forward with a scheme but that rectifying the drainage problem should be explored as a matter of urgency.

A discussion followed about the proposal and the comments received.

It was noted from the comments received that it would be beneficial to amend scheme C to change the angle of the spaces on the south side, remove a space from the end of the east side to enable a larger turning area, to remove the spaces required to ensure tree roots aren't adversely impacted and to add some kind of crossing / bollards from the Hamber Lea pathway to the Quantock View corner to enable safer travel of children to school. It was also noted that the scheme would solve the drainage problem by a new soakaway being installed.

It was noted that the vast majority of the consultation responses received were in support of parking being made available on the south and east side of the green.

A member of the public from Quantock View South Side Residents Group spoke about the proposal and requested that a traffic safety audit was obtained and raised concerns about the ongoing maintenance of the road as it is unadopted.

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that Scheme C with parking to both sides of the green would be progressed and the following additional information would be obtained and amendments to the scheme would be made:

- Tree report to be obtained

- Creation of a larger turning circle at the end of the proposed east side parking by removing one space
- The need for a Traffic Safety report to be explored and obtained if required
- Crossing from Hamber Lea footpath to be included in the scheme
- Negotiate with the District Council the lease for the portion of land that is needed.

82/20 Update regarding Sandhill Park Mansion and Asset of Community Value application

Chair reported that the application for Asset of Community Value submitted to SWT has been declined due to lack of evidence of use. Chair suggested that the Parish Council should concentrate its efforts on adding a Right of Way and Village Green status on the parkland at the front of Sandhill Park. A lot of people will vouch that they have had use of the land for last 20 years.

Chair suggested that professional help may be needed to move this forward but that he would develop a note for consideration at a future meeting in conjunction with Cllr Rigby.

In respect of the Mansion, Chair reported that he met with Jo O'Hara, Heritage at Risk Officer, SWT who confirmed that she in weekly contact with the bank for the administrators to push progress.

Chair reported that three planning applications were outstanding regarding the parkland and fencing; one in respect of the land on the right hand side where wooden fencing has been constructed which is in breach of the Planning Permission granted last year, one in respect of an amendment to the Planning Permission that was granted last year which appears to enable Strongvox to hold onto a ransom strip; this application is being considered by SWT Planning Committee on 20th August. The other application relates to the proposed Glamping Units, the Planning Officer has indicated that this is likely to be refused on the grounds that the all of the land going down to Greenway Road is regarded as parkland and therefore glamping units are considered to be inappropriate.

83/20 Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council matters

Cllr Rigby reported on the following:

Unitary Proposals – District Council Leaders in Somerset have accepted that a form of Unitary Authority is likely to happen, but they haven't accepted that the One Somerset proposal is the best way forward. A meeting has taken place with the Secretary of State and it was clear that a form of unitary authority will take place for Somerset. District Council will submit an alternative business case with an East / West split of Somerset. There is little time to do this as it must be submitted by the middle of September. A Shadow Council will be in place by April next year, Councillors will be elected in May 2022. There will be a short period of local consultation on District proposal. It is likely that a decision on the way forward will be made by the Secretary of State by the end of year.

Covid 19 – SWT offices reopened last week for booked appointments, staff will not move back to offices until next year now.

Cycle Path one of many projects that the council will take forward.

County Council Elections - Next years' County Council elections unlikely to take place.

Rights of Way - Public Right of Way which runs along the Western Boundary of Sandhill involves a section of walking on B3224. Cllr Rigby has had a conversation with landowner of the adjacent field about having the footpath in the field rather than on the road. Not in Bishops Lydeard Parish area (in Combe Florey) but would benefit parishioner. Cllr Rigby confirmed that he would bring the proposal to a future meeting.

Cllr Trollope-Bellow reported on the following:

Unitary Proposal – the SWT view is that two Unitary Authorities for Somerset would be better than one.

84/20 To consider 20mph speed limit proposals

Cllr Rigby provided an update on the 20mph speed limit proposals. SCC are now happy to include Hither Mead and Taunton Road in the 20mph zone, Cllr Rigby is trying to establish how far along the High Street / Cothelstone Road the 20mph speed limit will continue.

Cllr Rigby confirmed that SCC had indicated that the cost of the design, legal work and required infrastructure was £15k. SCC have requested that the Parish Council pay 20% (£3000) now. The expenditure was approved with all in favour.

Traffic Management Improvements to Gore Square and other areas in the village that were recommended in the Traffic Consultants report were discussed. It was agreed that these measures would be progressed as stage 2 of improvements.

85/20 Parish Lengthsman Report

The Parish Lengthsman Report for July was circulated in advance of the meeting and its contents noted.

Clerk confirmed that the issues highlighted in the report had been reported to SWT / SCC as required. Vice Chair raised the issue of Himalayan Balsam growing along both sides of the stream. It was agreed that the Clerk would request / arrange a site meeting with SWT to discuss the condition of the area next to the stream.

86/20 Avon & Somerset Police report

The Police Report for July was circulated in advance of the meeting and its contents noted.

87/20 Community Library Partnership update

Vice Chair provided an update on the library and the plan to reopen on 2nd September. SCC have agreed to reduce the staffing cost by 50% for the first quarter whilst the library was closed.

Vice Chair summarised the risk assessment that had been completed by the Clerk in preparation for re-opening the library. The Risk Assessment was approved.

Clerk outlined two quotes that were received to clean the library twice a week from September. The quote provided by Intelligent Workplace Solutions was approved with all in favour. Clerk to instruct cleaning company to commence cleaning on 1st September.

88/20 To discuss exploring the installation of electric charging points

Vice Chair reported that he had begun to make some enquiries about electric charging point installation in the parish. It may be possible to get grant funding to install an electric charging point and then receive a cut of what the person pays for using the charging point. Vice Chair suggested that the Village Hall may be interested in installing charging points.

Vice Chair requested authorisation from the Parish Council to investigate the installation of charging points. Parish Councillors confirmed they were happy for the Vice Chair to continue with his investigations.

89/20 Finance

To note income received

Interest	£110.09
SCC Quarter 2 Library Contribution	£500.00

To approve payments

Payments to be made by Direct Debit:

BT (Telephone and broadband)	£73.20
Somerset Web Services (Email account)	£5.52
Information Commissioners Office (Annual registration)	£40.00

British Gas (Public conveniences electric)	£80.91
Payments to be made by BACS:	
Jack Council (Parish Lengthsman Work – July)	£1629.55
Clerks expenses (Zoom and Office 365 subscriptions August Travel)	£56.70
British Gas (Library Electric)	£41.40
British Gas (Library Electric)	£47.62
Iain Hunter (Library Fly Spray reimbursement)	£2.70
SWT (Public conveniences – business rates (50% reduction))	£1442.18
SWT (Open spaces and dog bins Q1)	£1015.56
Viking Stationary (Print cartridges and library items)	£86.71
SWT (Library business rates)	£2370.25
Water to Business (Public conveniences)	£74.91
SCC (20% of 20mph detailed design fees)	£3000.00

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

90/20 To note planning permissions granted

06/20/0024/CC Notification for prior approval for a change of use of the land to the front from shop (Class A1) to have 6 No. picnic tables and chairs to allow customers to eat and drink hot and soft drinks (Class A3) whilst on the premises and for building or other operations for the provision of facilities for ventilation, extraction and the storage of rubbish at 8 Broadgauge Business Park, Westridge Way, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Prior Approval Approved (Conditional) was made on 24/07/2020.

06/20/0026 Erection of a two-storey extension to the side and rear of 109 Darby Way, Bishops Lydeard (amended scheme to 06/19/0052) - Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 16/07/2020.

06/20/0013 Erection of an agricultural building for implement and fodder storage at Luxborough Farm, Frenchies Farm Lane, Aisholt (retention of works already undertaken) -Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 01/07/2020

06/20/0029/T Application to carry out management works to two groups of trees (various species) included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Lydeard No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at Lethbridge Park, both sides of the northern access drive (TD705), Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 30/07/2020.

91/20 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

No planning applications refused / withdrawn.

92/20 Any Other Business - for report only

Chair reported that he had not received any responses from Councillors requesting ideas for what should go on the panels of the pillars at the entrance to the new development. It was agreed that the Chair would respond to confirm that the panes should remain blank for now so that they can be added to in the future. It was confirmed that the topping of the pillars should be cock and hen style.

Chair reported that the new lighting on Taunton Road should be on, Councillors reported that it wasn't – Chair to follow up.

Chair reported that the developer of Station View; Summerfield Homes have agreed that the open space will be transferred to the Parish Council rather than a management company. Planning officer in his recommendations / report indicated that £20k should be allocated for play equipment but this allocation was missed out of the S106 agreement. Chair to make further enquiries.

Chair reported that the War Memorial Garden was not in good state of repair – Lengthsman has been asked to keep it clean and tidy going forward.

Chair outlined a request received from the WSR for a letter supporting their application for a grant from DCMS. Councillors confirmed that they were happy for a letter of support to be sent.

Cllr Watson reported that a member of the public had raised concerns about speeding on the roundabout – issue to be reported to the police by residents. Cllr Watson to also email the PCSO.

Cllr Pattermore reported that the post office no longer has a cashpoint available, cash can only be withdrawn from the counter.

93/20 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2020, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Z. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Signed

Date: 9th September 2020