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BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.00pm

Persons present: Cllrs Davenport (Chair), Martin (Vice-Chair), Morency, Allen, Pattermore, Armstrong, Watson, Lewin-Harris and Rigby (from 7.25pm to 7.50pm and 8.10pm to end of meeting).

Persons absent: Cllrs Russell and Warmington.

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk), PCSO Vicky Henderson, Anthony Trollope-Bellew (District Councillor) and 6 members of the public.

187/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Russell and Warmington.

188/20 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda

Cllr Pattermore declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item 8 'Planning Applications for comment' in respect of planning application numbers 06/20/0058, 61, 62 and 63 and in relation to Greenway Farm.

Cllr Allen declared a personal interest in respect of item 8 'Planning Applications for comment' in respect of planning application number 06/20/0058 and in relation to Greenway Farm.

Chair declared a personal interest in respect of item 8 'Planning Applications for comment' in respect of planning application number 06/20/0058.

189/20 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020

Subject to a small amendment to the spelling in item 173/20, the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 9th December 2020 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

190/20 Matters arising

Cllr Lewin-Harris requested an update in relation to the Post Office – Chair confirmed that an update would be provided in the Chairman's report.

191/20 Clerk's Report

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

192/20 Chairman's report

Chair reported on the following:

Wombat Cricket Club: An application is being made to Hinkley Point for a grant for refurbishing the pavilion. Chair has written a letter of support on behalf of the Parish Council.

Station View Open Space: Not much progress to report, haven't completed acquisition of the land – hope for more progress by February meeting.

Taunton Road Co-Op: Progress has stalled. Landmark Estates are frustrated. Chair has offered to have a word with DWH, Chair waiting to hear from Landmark Estates regarding this offer. Due to progress stalling Chair hasn't talked to Landmark Estates about the Post Office yet. Cllr Rigby confirmed that he had a conversation with the Post Office, the Post Office is committed to bringing back Post Office facilities to the village and are looking for new premises. Cllr Rigby has put the Post Office in contact

with businesses that are interested and in the meantime has requested a temporary Post Office facility is made available for a couple of mornings a week similar to the arrangement in Lydeard St Lawrence. New Co-op is a possibility but it's a way off.

Sandhill Park: Paul Partington has offered the Parish Council some assistance regarding the public right of way on South Drive from Greenway to footpath at Lethbridge Park. Paul is a member of the Open Spaces Society and has expert knowledge in this field. It was agreed that a Zoom meeting would be arranged between the Chair, Clerk and Paul before the February meeting and progress would be reported back at the next meeting.

DWH development: Completed and sold two houses that are now occupied. Two more about to be occupied; Covid is restricting things a little. Pump station work about to complete. Sales are continuing at a pace.

193/20 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda

No comments from members of the public.

194/20 Planning applications for comment

Cllr Pattmore left the meeting at 7.25pm

06/20/0058 Erection of 2 No. dwellings with garages and associated works on land off Station Green, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission. Cllr Rigby abstained from voting.

Cllr Pattemore rejoined at 7.28pm

06/20/0054 Variation of Condition No.02 (approved plans) of application 06/20/0019 at 9 Church Street, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission, subject to the Planning Officer taking note of the objections from neighbours. Cllr Rigby abstained from voting.

06/20/0051 Replacement of detached garage/workshop with the erection of an attached garage/workshop with guest bedroom, family room and study over, with replacement of boundary hedge with timber fence at 31 Mount Street, Bishops Lydeard

It was noted that Permission had been granted in respect of this planning application.

06/20/0060 Erection of a storage building for machinery to replace previously demolished garage building at Wombat Cricket Club, Watts Lane, Bishops Lydeard.

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

Cllr Pattemore left the meeting at 7.34pm

06/20/0061/CQ Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations to barn on land at Dene Road, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council has no comments to make on the proposal

06/20/0062 Replacement of porch with the erection of a two storey extension to the front of Oakdene, Dene Road, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

06/20/0063 Conversion of cottage into 2 No. dwellings with erection of first floor extension over garage and replacement of porch at The Mews, Dene Road, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

Cllr Pattemore rejoined the meeting at 7.39pm

06/20/0064 Variation of Condition No. 03 (to extend the time limit restriction of operational life of the solar farm from 25 years to 40 years) of application 06/10/0044 on land at Sandhill Park, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission subject to something being done about the condition of the footpath.

53/20/0013 Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing use of the land and stables for the purposes of agriculture at Plot 2 Dene Road, Cotford St Luke

The Parish Council has no comments to make regarding this proposal.

Cllr Pattemore left at 7.45pm

06/20/0049/CQ - Greenway Farm, Greenway Road, Bishops Lydeard.

The Parish Council had no further comments to make regarding this proposal.

Cllr Pattemore rejoined the meeting at 7.50pm

The agenda was interrupted to take item 14 'Avon and Somerset Police report'.

195/20 Avon and Somerset Police Report

PCSO Vicky Henderson presented the police report for December.

In January there have been some issues with Lydeard Hill car park, people congregating in large numbers, advice was given and most followed but some arrests made.

Covid-19 regulation breach in Cotford St Luke with youths gathering, two were from Bishops Lydeard.

Underpass issues were discussed.

The agenda was interrupted to take item 13 'Parish Lengthsman Report'

196/20 Parish Lengthsman Report

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

Clerk to request that the lengthsman clears any items in the underpass on a regular basis.

The agenda was interrupted to take item 15 'Finance'

197/20 Finance

To consider Quarter 3 financial statements

It was agreed that a meeting of the CIL Committee should be convened to discuss progress with projects.

Clerk to make enquiries about bank accounts available for the Parish Council to open in advance of further CIL receipts being received in April.

To agree final 2021/22 budget

Final 2021/22 approved.

To agree precept demand

The precept demand was discussed. It was proposed, seconded and approved with all in favour that the precept be set at £56,146 representing a 0% increase.

To consider and approve quote provided by DLO for grass cutting and dog bin emptying in 2021/22

It was proposed, seconded and agreed with all in favour to accept the quote provided by the DLO.

To consider making donations to organisations / charities (£1350.00 available in 2020/21 budget unspent).

Clerk outlined requests received from MIND Somerset, Taunton CAB and Love Musgrove and the money available in the 2020/21 budget for donations.

It was agreed to make a donation to each of the charities; £450.00 each.

The agenda was resumed

198/20 Quantock View Parking Proposal

Chair introduced the item and referred to the email correspondence received from SWT outlining their position.

It was agreed that a small Committee of Councillors would be formed to review the parking proposals.

Cllrs Morency, Martin and Rigby will form a Committee and discuss the proposals via Zoom with a view to developing some revised drawings and will report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

199/20 Update regarding Sandhill Park Mansion

Cllr Rigby confirmed that there was not much to report. Bank have indicated that they are not working to try to complete the mansion house as previously expected. An alternative solution is being worked up by SWT.

Trying to move as quickly as possible due to condition of the building. Cllr Rigby confirmed that he was limited as to what he could report at this meeting.

200/20 Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council matters

Cllr Rigby reported on:

Covid 19: The situation has got worse again; lockdown period may need to be longer than February and restrictions may be tightened. The lockdown is causing problems once more for businesses. SWT are making grants available. SCC and SWT have stood up all support mechanisms. Indication in the last week that the level of infection in SWT is starting to plateau / level off.

Local Government Re-organisation: Conversation is still ongoing. SCC voted to ask government to postpone May County Council elections, elections unlikely to take place this May anyway due to Covid-19.

Phosphates: Continues to affect planning application determination. Working with consultants to identify a mechanism by which developers can assess phosphate impact of development and propose measures to offset.

Climate Change: Climate Change Policy Document – pulls together all existing policy, not a new policy; this will come with Local Plan. Local Plan progress is on hold following Government consultations on proposals to change the planning system. When the outcome of the consultations are clear work can progress.

Review of car parking: Underway – report expected in Spring.

A358 at Combe Florey: Will be closed from 25th Jan to 5th February – to rebuild the road.

Darby Way Wall: Different contractor identified, money in budget but progress delayed due to Covid-19. Cllr Rigby to follow up start date.

Corner of Glanfield Close: Cllr Rigby to request an update on enforcement action.

Speed Cushions on Taunton Road: Sought clarification on specification of speed cushions, further detail awaited.

Cllr Martin reported on:

Railway: Go-op plan to run a new railway service between Bishops Lydeard and Taunton and beyond. Working with WSR to develop an electric service. Interested in generating electricity. There is a possibility that a Community energy operation could be set up, with solar PV on land owned by WSR. An item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

201/20 To consider 20mph speed limit proposals

Cllr Rigby reported that he is due to meet an engineer in Bishops Lydeard to discuss the proposed signage, roundels on the road will be used mostly but some signs needed. Want to limit the number of new posts required and use the existing posts. Once the location of the signs is identified, the final plans will be developed for the TRO. TRO has a 28 day consultation period. Hope is still to start work in March.

Physical measures to be discussed with Traffic Consultant at the virtual meeting on 27th January.

202/20 Finance Part 2

To note income received

Library income	£34.80
Interest	£2.80

To approve payments

Payments to be made by Direct Debit:

BT (Telephone and broadband)	£73.20
Somerset Web Services (Email account)	£5.52
British Gas (Public Conveniences – Electric)	£63.99

Payments to be made by BACS:

Jack Council (Parish Lengthsman Work – November)	£214.50
Clerks expenses (Travel, office 365 and Zoom subscriptions, Community Governance Qualifications resources / books)	£105.34
British Gas (Library Electric)	£91.25
	£83.64
Intelligent Workplace Solutions (Cleaning – toilets and library)	£434.80
SCC (Library 2020 Covid Screen)	£137.60
James Russell (Telephone boxes parts)	£39.00
Chris Mckie (Christmas lights / decorations)	£1500.00
Badgemaster Limited (ID badges)	£41.70
HMRC (Tax and NI contribution)	£505.03
Viking Stationary (Stationery and postage)	£98.08
	£47.14
Mr C. Back (Library Lease)	£800.00

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

203/20 To note planning permissions granted

06/20/0046 Installation of electrical supply from underground cable with installation of 15 No. caravan/camping hook up boxes and 1 No. electric vehicle charging point at Bishops Lydeard Caravan and Camping Site, Greenway House, Greenway Road, Bishops Lydeard – Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 3rd December 2020.

06/20/0045 Erection of a conservatory to the rear of 8 South Drive Sandhill Park, Bishops Lydeard – Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 14th December 2020.

06/20/0018 - Change of use of land to residential curtilage with the erection of fencing and garden shed to the rear and fencing to the front at 21 Wheatstones, Bishops Lydeard (retention of works already undertaken) – Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 7th December 2020.

204/20 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

No notifications received.

205/20 Any Other Business - for report only

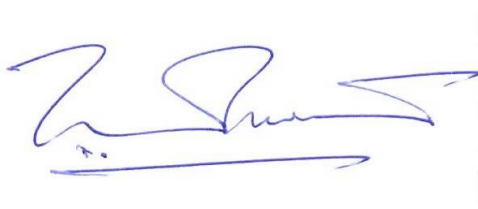
Cllr Morency requested an update on the ID badges – Clerk confirmed that the ID badges had been received and will be sent to Councillors shortly.

Cllr Morency requested that an item is added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss Hanging Baskets.

206/20 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th February 2021, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm



Signed

Date: 10th February 2021