

**ADOPTED**  
**BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm

**Persons present:** Cllrs Davenport (Chair), Martin (Vice-Chair), Morency, Allen, Pattermore, Armstrong, Watson, Warmington, Lewin-Harris (from 7.15pm) and Rigby (from 7.20pm).

**Persons absent:** Cllr Russell

**In attendance:** Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

**231/20 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**232/20 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda**

No declarations of interest were made.

**233/20 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**234/20 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**235/20 Clerk's Report**

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

Clerk to chase an update in respect of the trees by the school.

Clerk to include the Unitary proposals consultation on the agenda for the April meeting.

**236/20 Chairman's report**

Chair reported on the following:

Go-op initiative – Letter written and sent to Rebecca Pow MP as agreed at the last meeting.

Internal Auditor – Letter written and sent to Roger Sleaf to thank him for his service as the Internal Auditor for the Parish Council.

Taunton Road Development – Not much to report. Hedge around Taunton Road has been removed and will be replaced with fencing to match what is already there.

The Paddock – Groundwork has commenced. There is mud on the road already, contact will be made regarding this issue.

Station View Open Space – response awaited from SWT, there should be further to report at the next meeting.

Co-op Move – Email received from the Managing Director at Landmark Estates today, Chair has offered to contact DWH directly but Landmark Estates have indicated that some delicate negotiations are taking place.

Village Hall – letter received requesting a letter of support for the VHMC application for funding from the Paddock S106 agreement monies that SWT hold. It was agreed that a letter of support should be written.

#### **237/20 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda**

No comments from members of the public.

#### **238/20 Planning applications for comment**

06/21/0007 - Erection of single storey side and front extension at 4 Tithill Cottages, Bishops Lydeard  
The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

#### **239/20 Update regarding Sandhill Park Mansion**

Cllr Rigby reported that discussions with administrators and the bank are continuing, because of the confidential nature of the discussions Cllr Rigby confirmed he was unable to report on progress at the moment other than that work is ongoing.

The enforcement case that was taken about the fencing now appears to be resolved. Permitted fencing is being installed. A post and wire fence remains inside the permitted fencing but it is understood that this will be taken down.

#### **240/20 Road and Traffic Issues**

##### **Update regarding the Quantock View Parking proposal**

Vice Chair confirmed that SWT have installed a fence around the perimeter of the green. The fence looks smart and will prevent people from parking on the green.

Vice Chair confirmed that the next stage is to have a site meeting with the Traffic Consultant, this will be arranged when Cllr Rigby's availability is confirmed. The site visit will be one extensive visit hopefully dealing with all the proposals in the village.

##### **Update regarding 20mph speed limit.**

Cllr Rigby confirmed that the TRO has been drafted and prepared to be published on 25th March, there will be a 28-day period within which people can comment. Details of the TRO will be included in the Gazette and on the SCC website.

Cllr Rigby confirmed that he has been advised by SCC that as soon as the TRO is in place work to implement the 20mph speed limit can move forward quickly.

#### **241/20 To discuss Cycle Path from Bishops Lydeard to Taunton**

Cllr Rigby provided an update on the project. A Project Officer has been appointed by SWT. The Project Officer has held a series of meetings to try to get up to speed with the project and draw together the strands of what has been achieved so far to identify what needs to be done to take the project forward.

Cllr Rigby explained that with the Unitary consultation progressing there is a prospect of a Shadow Authority being in place as soon as July. When the Shadow Authority is in place some decisions that SWT would like to take may be prevented. SWT are therefore trying to get as much work done now on this project to get it as far as possible before the Shadow Authority is in place.

Cllr Rigby outlined the proposed route of the cycle path but confirmed that it was subject to detailed design, land ownership and planning permission being obtained. Cllr Rigby to enquire about a method of making the proposed route publicly available.

Cllr Rigby outlined the funding opportunities that are available for the project. It is hoped that the Cycle Path delivery will be through a combined approach between SCC and SWT.

Cllr Rigby confirmed that a further update on the project will be available at the next meeting.

### **242/20 Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council matters**

Cllr Rigby reported on the following:

COVID-19– rates of infection are moving in the right direction but there is still a lot to do to support local businesses. Rate of infection in the District has dropped by 50% in the last week, SWT has gone from being one of the areas with the highest infection rate in the South West of England to one of the lowest. Unitary Proposals – The debate goes on, the bids were submitted to Government, consultation by Government on both the One Somerset and Stronger Somerset bids is now underway. Government expected to announce the preferred bid in July and may then appoint a Shadow Authority or that may follow later.

Phosphates – Progress is being made; the Phosphate Calculator has been published. Calculator can be used by developers or people making applications to calculate phosphate mitigation required. Sewerage treatment works need to be updated but that could take up to 5 years. The hold up in determining planning applications will now be lifted provided the applicant includes the phosphate mitigation required in the proposals.

Local Plan Review – Picking up pace again. Slowed because of Covid-19, Unitary proposals and Government planning consultations, there is now more certainty and progress can recommence. Would like to move towards adoption of the new Local Plan as soon as possible. New local authority should pick it up from where it gets to. Call for sites has taken place, needs to be reviewed and best options will then be consulted upon.

Delta Rise wall – Geo-technical assessment to take place later this month which will require a road closure. Once the assessment has been done a revised scheme of works will be developed.

### **243/20 Update regarding 2021 Hanging Baskets**

Clerk provided an update on the 2021 Hanging Baskets. Letters have been sent to all businesses in the Parish requesting a contribution. The deadline for contributions is 31<sup>st</sup> March.

50 baskets have been ordered. Permission to hang some baskets from the light columns on Taunton Road has been applied for.

The quote for watering the baskets was outlined.

The quote was approved.

### **244/20 Avon and Somerset Police Report**

The contents of the Police Report for February which was circulated in advance of the meeting was noted.

### **245/20 Parish Lengthsman Report**

The Parish Lengthsman Report for February was not received in advance of the meeting, Clerk to circulate the report when it is received.

*The agenda was interrupted to take item 17 'Finance'.*

### **246/20 Finance**

#### **To note income received**

Interest	£0.19
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#### **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 (Electric – Public Conveniences)	£74.69

Payments to be made by BACS:

Clerks expenses (Travel, office 365 and Zoom subscriptions)	£40.18
British Gas (Library Electric)	£43.86
Water to Business (Water public conveniences)	£307.73
Water to Business (Water library)	£379.37
Intelligent Workplace Solutions (Cleaning – toilets)	£276.72

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

*The agenda was interrupted to take item 18 ‘To note planning permissions granted’*

**247/20 To note planning permissions granted**

06/20/0056/CQ Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 2 No. dwelling houses (Class C3) and associated building operations at Eastcombe Farm, East Combe Lane, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Prior Approval Approved (Conditional) was made on 11/02/2021.

06/20/0060 Erection of a storage building for machinery to replace previously demolished garage building at Wombat Cricket Club, Watts Lane, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 09/02/2021.

06/20/0008 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 06/17/0033 on land at Taunton Road, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Conditional Approval was made on 02/03/2021.

To note:

06/20/0017 – Park End Lodge, West Bagborough Road, West Bagborough, Taunton, TA4 3DU - Proposal: Change of use of residential garden store into Class A5 take away outlet at Park End Lodge, West Bagborough Road, West Bagborough - An appeal has been lodged with The First Secretary of State against the decision of SWT Council to refuse permission for the above application.

*The agenda was interrupted to take item 19 ‘To note planning applications refused / withdrawn’*

**248/20 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn**

None received.

*The agenda was resumed.*

**Confidential Session**

**249/20 To discuss Ash Priors Common**

Ash Priors Common was discussed.

**250/20 Any Other Business - for report only**

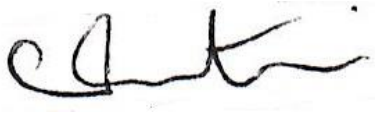
Chair confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April prior to the Parish Council meeting commencing.

**251/20 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021