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BISHOPS LYDEARD & COTHELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.26pm at Bishops Lydeard Village Hall.

Persons present: Cllrs Martin (Chair), Allen, Ball, Bainbridge, Pattemore, Hunt, Warmington, Russell and Lewin-Harris.

Persons absent: Cllrs Morency and Rigby.

In attendance: Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

10/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Morency.

11/22 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda

Cllr Warmington declared a prejudicial interest in respect of planning application number 13/22/0005. Cllrs Lewin-Harris and Pattemore declared personal interests in respect of item 12 'MUGA repairs / replacement update'.

12/22 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2022

Subject to two identified amendments, the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 13th April 2022 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

13/22 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

14/22 Clerk's Report

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

Actions required:

- Clerk to take no further action in relation to the Taunton Road junction with the A358, following the Clerk suggesting to the member of the public that they report their visibility concerns to SCC Highways.
- Clerk to reply to the member of the public in relation to planning application 06/22/0012 to confirm that the Parish Council based the comments it made on the information that was available to them at the time of the meeting and to suggest that the member of the public respond to SWT to make their representations.
- Clerk to make enquiries regarding the ownership of the land at the entrance to Glanfield Close and add an item to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the outcome.
- Clerk to circulate details of the available SALC Training Courses to Councillors.
- Clerk to circulate the invitation from the WSR Heritage Trust.

15/22 Chairman's Report

Chair reported that he had carried out the following activities since the last Parish Council meeting:

- Attended a meeting at the MUGA with Chris Winn about the works required

- Written an article for Fiveways.
- Attended a meeting of the Quantock View Stakeholders Group
- Attended a meeting of the Almshouse Trustees
- Liaised with the consultant on the road / traffic proposals

16/22 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda

A member of the public thanked Cllr Hunt for becoming a member of the Events Committee. Around 11 people have agreed to be part of the Committee. The next step is to meet and discuss and agree how to set the Committee up.

17/22 Avon and Somerset Police Report

The April Police Report was tabled at the meeting and its contents noted.

18/22 Planning applications for comment

Cllr Warmington left the meeting at 7.39pm

13/22/0005/LEW Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use as a wedding venue and bed and breakfast at Cothelstone Manor, Cothelstone Road, Bishops Lydeard
The Parish Council agreed to make no comment in respect of the application.

Cllr Warmington rejoined the meeting at 7.40pm

13/22/0004 Replacement of dwelling with associated works at Fennington Farm, Fennington Lane, Kingston St Mary (amended scheme to 31/21/0001)
The Parish Council agreed to make no comment in respect of the application

06/22/0014 Erection of a single storey extension to the front of 1 Hamber Lea, Bishops Lydeard
The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

19/22 Road and Traffic Issues

Chair provided an update on the main pieces of work relating to road and traffic issues:

Quantock View:

The South Side Residents Group have made an application to designate the green space in Quantock View as a Village Green. If the application is successful, it may not be possible to add any additional parking spaces. Chair requested authorisation to liaise with the officer dealing with the application about the PCs proposals. The Parish Council authorised the Chair to make representations as required on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Warmington reported that Village Green designation applications take a long time to determine and are not normally looked upon favourably if the application is being made in an attempt to block a proposal.

Consultation has taken place with the residents in numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7 Quantock View about the proposed zig zag markings at the rear entrance of the school that will also extend outside their properties. All but one resident is in favour of the markings although the view of the one against and the views of the traffic consultant are noted. No further consultation will take place in respect of the proposed zig zag markings.

Cothelstone Road:

The Traffic Consultant is working on developing detailed drawings for the proposed crossing point near Delta Rise. A meeting will be arranged with County Highways about this proposal and the Village Gateway at the Football Ground with a view to taking these proposals forward. The speed limit at the

Football Group Village Gateway will also be discussed with County Highways to see if it can be extended.

Cllr Bainbridge suggested other areas where interventions could be added to slow the traffic including outside the Bird in Hand on Mount Street.

20/22 To discuss the stream footpath and bridge proposal and agree next steps

Bridge proposal

At the April meeting it was agreed that Councillors would take a look at the stream footpath and consider the possible siting of a footbridge around Woodridge Mead. A discussion took place about locating the bridge at the location. Councillors were not generally in support of locating a bridge at the location because it was only a short distance from the Hither Mead Road bridge. It was suggested that making the existing Hither Mead Bridge more pedestrian friendly may be a better option, particularly as there is concern that Hither Mead may become a short cut and traffic speeds may become more problematic once the DWH development is completed.

It was agreed to not take any further action for now.

Clerk confirmed that a response had been received from DWH about the footpath connection from the development to the stream footpath. A plan has been provided which confirms that the DWH path will be sloped to connect to the existing pathway at the right height/ level.

21/22 MUGA repairs / replacement update

Clerk reported that Chris Winn from Foothills Landscape Design and Planning had provided an estimate for the required fencing work at the MUGA following a conversation with a contractor. The work is estimated to cost in the region of £38-45K.

Clerk shared the quote provided by Chris Winn to develop the specifications for the work, oversee the tendering exercise and project manage to completion. The Parish Council accepted the quote.

A discussion took place about the fencing on the Village Hall end and suggested that the fencing could be bent back towards the MUGA to avoid balls going over onto the Village Hall roof.

22/22 To discuss the David Wilson Homes development Public Open Space

Clerk confirmed that there was no progress to report.

23/22 Station View Public Open Space update

Clerk confirmed that there was no progress to report.

24/22 Update regarding Climate Change

Cllr Russell confirmed that there was no progress to report.

25/22 Public Electric Vehicle charging points

Cllr Russell reported that he had been making enquiries about the installation of a public electric vehicle charging point in the Village Hall Car Park following a suggestion being received from a member of the public. Cllr Russell confirmed that he had met with a company who have expressed an interest in renting 2 spaces for a period of 15-25 years from the Village Hall. The company would then put in its own power supply to the spaces at no cost to the Village Hall. Users of the charging points would then pay for charging their vehicles through an app.

The company who is interested has been used to install charging points by SWT. The company need authorisation from the Village Hall to contact the grid to establish if there is a sufficient power supply available. Cllrs Allen and Ball confirmed that the proposal would need to go through the Village Hall

Management Committee but didn't see any reason why the company couldn't be authorised to make enquiries with the grid.

Cllr Russell to pass the details to Cllrs Allen and Ball.

26/22 To receive an update on the Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch

Cllr Allen reported that the committee established to organise the Platinum Jubilee event are continuing to implement the plans for the event.

The picnic lunch will take place on 4th June from 12-6pm. Three bands have been organised to perform including Brass Band, a Local Group and a Trio of Women singing 50s music. There will be games including fancy dress, stilt walkers, tug of war and prizes. There will also be a bar.

Various sources of income to help to cover the cost of the event have been identified including the Fiveways Trust, Miles Estate Agents, the Co-Op and Quantock Funeral Directors. The Village Hall Management Committee are requesting that the Parish Council make a contribution towards the remaining costs of the event up to £1500.00. It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a contribution up to £1500.00 from the Community Projects Support budget line.

The work of the yarn bombers through the village was noted and complemented by the Parish Council.

27/22 Parish Lengthsman Report

The Parish Lengthsman Report for April was tabled at the meeting and its contents noted.

Clerk to report damaged signs identified in the report.

Cllr Russell to contact the volunteers about refurbishing the telephone box in Darby Way.

Clerk to contact Clare Lain, the Parish Path Volunteer about the cutting of the footpaths. If the volunteer isn't trained to strim the paths, Clerk to instruct the Lengthsman to do the May cut.

28/22 Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council matters

In Cllr Rigby's absence this item was deferred.

29/22 Finance

To approval the Annual Governance Statement

Clerk summarised the statements in the Annual Governance Statement which forms part of the AGAR for External Audit. The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

To note income received

Library income	£80.03
Interest	£0.95
SWT (Precept -First payment)	£30839.00
China Cottage (Hanging Basket Sponsorship)	£100.00
Church House Dental Clinic (Hanging Basket Sponsorship)	£200.00
HMRC (VAT reclaim (2021/22 Q3 and Q4)	£4018.08
SWT (CIL)	£2760.39

To approve payments

Payments to be made by Direct Debit:

BT (Telephone and broadband)	£80.03
Somerset Web Services (Email account)	£5.52
British Gas (Public conveniences Electric)	£65.21
	£71.29
EDF Energy (Library Electric)	£58.50

	£58.63
Payments to be made by BACS:	
Jack Council (Parish Lengthsman Work – April)	£1426.70
Clerks Expenses (Travel, Office 365, Wages underpayment)	£82.27
Bishops Lydeard Village Hall (Venue Hire)	£48.00
Southwest Hygiene (Sanitary bin at Library)	£96.00
TPA (Cothelstone Hill – full detailed drawings)	£2640.00
Intelligent Workplace Solutions (Adjusted final invoice for toilet / library cleaning)	£342.83
ALS Cleaning (March and April Library and Toilets)	£1487.70

It was proposed by Cllr Russell, seconded by Cllr Lewin-Harris, and voted unanimously that these payments be approved.

30/22 To note planning permissions granted

No planning applications granted

31/22 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

13/21/0004 Application for removal of Condition No.12 (regarding details of prospective occupiers and their occupation/range of goods) of application 13/05/0007 at Manor Farm, Cothelstone – Withdrawn

11/22/0002 Erection of 1 No. dwelling with detached garage, garden and associated works on land at Knapp Lane, East Combe, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Refusal was made on 14/04/2022.

32/22 Any Other Business - for report only

Cllr Pattemore requested that a further request be made for a Parking Enforcement Officer to visit the village, particularly Gore Square in the evening. Other areas of dangerous parking were reported by Councillors. Clerk to also report dangerous parking to the PCSO.

33/22 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2022, 7pm at Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed



Date: 8th June 2022