

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

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm at Bishops Lydeard Village Hall.

**Persons present:** Cllrs Martin (Chair), Morency (Vice Chair) Allen, Armstrong, Warmington, Watson and Hunt.

**Persons absent:** Cllrs Pattemore, Lewin-Harris, Russell and Rigby.

**In attendance:** Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk), Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew (District Councillor), 2 members of the public and representatives from Go-Op and Brendon Energy.

**102/21 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Pattemore, Lewin-Harris, Russell and Rigby.

**103/21 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda**

Cllr Warmington declared a prejudicial interest in respect of planning application number 13/21/0003.

**104/21 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**105/21 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**106/21 To receive a presentation from Brendon Energy and Go-op regarding the proposal for renewable energy to provide powered community transport in Bishops Lydeard**

Representatives of Go-op and Brendon Energy attended the meeting and provided an overview of the proposal.

A feasibility study is currently taking place, the outcome will be available in a couple of months, and this will identify the proposed renewable energy infrastructure which will power the community transport in Bishops Lydeard. It was noted that the location of any solar panels would have to go through the planning process.

A Network Rail Track Access application has been submitted. The proposal is subject to the outcome of the application.

All Councillors encouraged to complete the online consultation survey by 12<sup>th</sup> September.

It was noted that Councillors were generally in support of the proposals. Chair to respond on behalf of the Council accordingly.

**107/21 Clerk's Report**

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

Clerk to respond to SALC to confirm that the Council would prefer the elections to take place one year earlier to coincide with the Unitary Council elections.

Clerk to ask the Parish Lengthsman to add the ongoing maintenance of Lydeard Mead to his schedule and ask whether he can carry out the required works to the tree in Webbers.

Clerk to write to owners of properties on Mount Street about their hedges that are overgrowing the pavement.

Clerk to add Woodland Walk to the Clerks Report as an ongoing issue.

Clerk to request that Cllr Rigby follow up the request for a new bus shelter on Hither Mead.

### **108/21 Chairman's Report**

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

- Station View Public Open Space- progress is being made. Transfer of ownership is close. Once the space is owned, the Parish Council needs to think about what to do with the space. Cllr Armstrong to gather views from local people and Clerk to add an item to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss.
- Quantock View Parking Proposal – continuing to liaise with Sally Parry at SWT.
- Article written for Fiveways
- Liaised with Daisy Cottage regarding the community fund application.

### **109/21 Comments from members of the public on matters not listed on the agenda**

No comments were made by the members of the public present at the meeting.

### **110/21 Planning applications for comment**

06/21/0034 Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 1 South Drive, Sandhill Park, Bishops Lydeard.

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

06/21/0033/CLA Notification for prior approval for the installation of a H3G Phase 8 20m high street pole c/w wrap around cabinet and 3 No. equipment cabinets at Minehead Road Streetworks, Minehead Road, Bishops Lydeard.

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

13/21/0003 Removal of Condition No. 12 (in respect of details of prospective occupiers and their occupation/range of goods of the Great Barn) of application 13/05/0007 at Manor Farm, Cothelstone  
Cllr Warmington provided an overview of the application before leaving the meeting.

*Cllr Warmington left the meeting at 7.42pm.*

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

*Cllr Warmington re-joined the meeting at 7.45pm.*

### **111/21 Lydeard Illuminated update**

Cllr Hunt provided an update on the plans for the Christmas Street Fayre. The road closure application is ready submit; Cllr Rigby has agreed to have a word with Jo Sharp at SCC to ask her not to reject the application if any information is missing. Until the road closure is approved formal advertisement of the fayre will not take place.

Eleven stalls have signed up to take part so far. The Lydeard Illuminated Committee are trying to involve the local community in the event as much as possible. It is hoped that if the event is successful, it can be an annual event.

It was noted that road signs are needed for the closure. Clerk to make enquiries with other Parish Councils to see if they have any available.

### **112/21 Update regarding Sandhill Park Mansion**

In Cllr Rigby's absence this item was deferred until the next meeting.

### **113/21 Road and Traffic Issues**

Chair provided an update on the road improvement proposals. The intention is to consult with parishioners on all the road proposals together, unfortunately the Quantock View parking issue is delaying progress. SWT are consulting with their tenants in Quantock View to inform a SWT view. It is not possible to develop proposals upon which to consult for Quantock View until it is clear what SWT will find acceptable.

A meeting has taken place between the Traffic Consultant and SCC Highways, the notes from the meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting. The meeting was positive, the one thing SCC is not happy with is the proposed virtual pavements, SCC are open to further discussion on all the other items.

Due to the delay in relation to progress with the Quantock View parking proposal, the consultation event will take place later than expected. A date will be agreed at the October Parish Council meeting, hopefully in November depending on progress between now and the next meeting.

### **114/21 MUGA repairs / replacement**

Chair reported that he had spoken with Jim Bletcher, the specification for the work to the MUGA, upon which quotes will be based, is being put together. Jim Bletcher is in discussion with one of the companies about the replacement of the kickboards with a wire based alternative which would last longer. Jim Bletcher will contact the Parish Council as soon as the outcome of the discussions is clear.

### **115/21 To discuss and agree Parish and Town Councils Opening Up Safely and Reconnecting Communities Fund application**

A list of possible projects to include in the Community Fund Application was tabled at the meeting and discussed. It was agreed to submit an application including projects supporting Greenway Hall, Bishops Lydeard Friendly Club, Flower Show, Lydeard Illuminated and Daisy Cottage totalling £1448.00.

### **116/21 Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council matters**

Chair confirmed that Cllr Rigby provided a report in advance of the meeting in relation to: 20mph speed limit – negotiations have continued with SCC, but 2 roundels are still proposed which SCC are insisting upon. It was agreed that the best compromise position had been reached and that SCC should proceed with what is proposed. It was noted that work is expected to commence in November.

Unitary Authority – despite the One Somerset Business Case being accepted by Government within which 110 Unitary Councillors were proposed initially, Government was now insisting that there are fewer Councillors for the election next year (70-75 Councillors). Proposals are being developed and need to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> September. It is currently unclear how Lydeard will be represented by Unitary Councillors.

### **117/21 Avon and Somerset Police Report**

Report circulated at the meeting and its contents noted.

### **118/21 Parish Lengthsman Report**

Report circulated at the meeting and its contents noted. Remarks of the quality of work the Lengthsman is carrying out.

## 119/21 Finance

### To note income received

Interest	£0.18
Library income	£69.70

### To approve payments

#### Payments to be made by Direct Debit:

BT (Telephone and broadband)	£76.75
Somerset Web Services (Email account)	£5.52
Information Commissioners Office (Data Protection Fee)	£35.00

#### Payments to be made by BACS:

Jack Council (Parish Lengthsman Work – August)	£2168.65
Clerk's expenses (Travel, office 365, training books)	£55.10
Intelligent Workplace Solutions (Cleaning Toilets and Library)	£429.00
SCC (Library Staffing charges Q1)	£2337.65
James Russell (Reimbursement for telephone box paint pack)	£164.40
PKF Littlejohn (External Audit)	£720.00
Water 2 Business (Water rates public conveniences)	£187.47
SCC – Road closure – Christmas Street Fayre	£1250.00

#### Payments to report; authorised and made by BACS:

Events Insurance - Public liability insurance	£232.00
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It was proposed, seconded, and voted unanimously that these payments be approved.

## 120/21 To note planning permissions granted

06/21/0030/T Notification to one Ash tree and one Robinia within Bishops Lydeard Conservation Area at 43 Mount Street, Bishops Lydeard – Decision of Conditional Approval on 10th August 2021.

06/21/0029 Construction of pitched roof above garage with conversion to ancillary accommodation at 1 Bull Meadow, Bishops Lydeard – Decision of Conditional Approval on 10th August 2021

06/21/0028/T Application to re-pollard one Willow tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Lydeard No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 25 Lethbridge Park, Bishops Lydeard (TD705) – Decision of Conditional Approval on 10th August 2021.

06/21/0027 Erection of extension to private stables at Luxborough Farm, Frenchies Farm Lane, Aisholt – Decision of Conditional Approval on 13th August 2021.

06/21/0023 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 06/16/0003 for the reconfiguration of access road within the land to the East of Dene Farm, Bishops Lydeard – Decision of Conditional Approval on 26th August 2021.

## 121/21 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn

06/21/0024 Change of use of vacant shop premises to residential accommodation with alterations to former shop front at 1 Taunton Road, Bishops Lydeard – Decision of Refusal on 13th August 2021.

## 122/21 Any Other Business - for report only

Chair reported that correspondence had been received from Landmark Estates confirming that agreement has now been reached with David Wilson Homes and Landmark Estates can now proceed

with making a planning application for the Co-op Store on Taunton Road. Councillors requested that feedback be made to Landmark Estates requesting that a post office counter is included in the new Co-Op. Chair to respond. It was noted that the existing Co-op was conducting a survey on the need for the post office. Clerk to request the results of the survey.

Chair reported that performances of Café Theatre by Bishops Lydeard Players will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall.

Cllr Armstrong asked when the green waste collections were due to start again. Cllr Trollope-Bellow confirmed that the collections will start again in October.

**123/21 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7pm at Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Trollope-Bellow', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021