

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

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm

**Persons present:** Cllrs Davenport (Chair), Martin (Vice-Chair), Allen, Pattermore, Lewin-Harris, Morency, Warmington and Russell.

**Persons absent:** Cllrs Watson, Armstrong and Rigby

**In attendance:** Mrs Amy Shepherd (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

**94/20 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Watson, Armstrong and Rigby.

**95/20 Declarations of interest relating to matters on the agenda**

Cllr Lewin-Harris declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item 9 'Planning Applications for comment' in respect of planning application number 06/20/0039/T

Cllrs Pattermore and Warmington declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item 9 'Planning Applications for comment' in respect of planning application number 06/20/0034.

**96/20 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**97/20 Matters arising**

No matters arising.

**98/20 Clerk's Report**

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

Clerk to follow up progress with the school regarding the trees

Clerk to add an item to the agenda for the next meeting to consider a bid for the Climate Change Emergency Fund.

**99/20 Chairman's report**

Chair reported on the following:

Taunton Road Development – the traffic lights are back on Hither Mead / Taunton Road to enable BT Openreach to finish off the work started in March that was abandoned. Work has now been completed and contractors have been booked to start work on 21st September to finish the work on the corners of Hither Mead and Taunton Road and to finish the pavements. The delay was due to SCC safety requirements. There are 45 new drawings on planning website relating to the development, Chair reported that he had been in touch with the Case Officer who said she would contact David Wilson Homes to request an explanation to accompany the drawings. Chair confirmed that a reply was received from the Case Officer shortly before the meeting but that he hadn't had opportunity to read the reply. Chair will circulate the information received over the next couple of days.

Station View – Chair has been in contact with the developers, Summerfield for an update on progress with transferring the open space to the Parish Council. Summerfield confirmed that their solicitors will be in contact shortly. Chair reported that the contribution towards the children’s play equipment was lost from this development. A £20k contribution was indicated in the Case Officers recommendations but wasn’t included in the decision notice and S106 agreement. Chair advised that he would ask Cllr Rigby to look into the issue.

**100/20 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.

**101/20 To receive an update on local Coronavirus Initiatives**

Cllr Russell reported the Community Support Team is still available should support be required. Chair reported that only approximately £150 of the grant that the Parish Council made to the Support Group has been spent. Group advised to keep the unspent money for the time being in case it was needed in the future.

**102/20 Planning applications for comment**

*Cllr Lewin-Harris left the meeting at 19.23pm*

06/20/0039/T - Application to fell one Alder tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Bishops Lydeard No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1996 at 5 Homefield, Bishops Lydeard (TD671)

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission subject to the views of the Tree Officer

*Cllr Lewin-Harris re-joined the meeting at 19.24pm*

*Cllr Pattermore and Warmington left the meeting at 19:25pm*

06/20/0034 - Erection of an agricultural building for housing of livestock at East Lydeard Farm, Pound Lane, Bishops Lydeard

The Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

*Cllr Pattermore and Warmington re-joined the meeting at 19:27pm*

**103/20 Update regarding the relocation of the Co-op to Taunton Road**

Chair confirmed that Landmark Estates had reported that they were happy with responses from the recent consultation exercise. The responses received were broadly supportive. Landmark Estates anticipate submitting a planning application in respect of the proposal shortly.

**104/20 Quantock View Parking Proposal**

Chair reported that the Quantock View South Side Residents Group with the support of Cllr Trollope-Bellew have enabled SWT to clear the rubbish and mud from the drain to rectify the flooding problem. To avoid similar problems in the future Chair suggested that the Parish Council should support any move that the District Council may wish to take to avoid mud going back into the drain as a result of vehicles parking on the grass. Chair suggested that this would be sensible until such time as the parking issue resolved.

Cllr Morency confirmed that Neil Corfield, Highways Inspector from SWT was in attendance when the drain was cleared and that he has indicated his willingness to have a conversation about highways issues relating to the parking proposal.

Chair confirmed that Arboricare had been commissioned to carry out a Tree Report about the trees on the green. Arboricare are extremely busy at the moment as a result of the high winds and gales during August. Chair confirmed that he would chase the report. No further action can be taken on the parking proposal until the report is received.

#### **105/20 Update regarding Sandhill Park Mansion**

Chair reported that no work has started on the mansion. Joanne O'Hara, Heritage at Risk Officer at SWT has been on holiday but is now back in the office. A meeting was arranged with the bank two weeks ago, but it was cancelled, Joanne is now chasing the bank and will provide an update shortly. Chair will send any update received by email.

The Planning Application for Glamping Units has not been resolved. Chair reported that he had sent an email to Rebecca Miller at SWT requesting an update. Chair reported that the application may be refused on the basis that SWT are taking the view that the land either side of the Drive also forms part of the parkland.

#### **106/20 Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council matters**

In Cllr Rigby's absence, this item was deferred.

#### **107/20 To consider 20mph speed limit proposals**

In Cllr Rigby's absence, this item was deferred.

#### **108/20 Parish Lengthsman Report**

Clerk confirmed that the Parish Lengthsman Report would be circulated after the meeting.

#### **109/20 Avon & Somerset Police report**

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

#### **110/20 Community Library Partnership update**

Vice Chair reported that the library reopened on 2nd September. The library is currently only open for the staffed SCC hours. The limited space and requirements for social distancing means that two volunteers at the library is too many. The library is currently operating via click and collect. Vice Chair reported that a lot of people have been in mainly with books to return. Due to the new restrictions that will be in place from Monday it was unlikely that the opening hours will be extended very soon.

#### **111/20 To discuss the telephone boxes and agree a way forward**

Cllr Russell reported that he had collected a good number of ideas of how to use the telephone boxes but that there were no volunteers from the village to help with the restoration of the telephone boxes. A small group of friends and family are able to help instead to restore the boxes, but the pandemic has prevented any progress. Cllr Russell suggested a patch up and tidy up of the boxes before winter to include new panes of glass and shelving with the intention to restore the boxes in the spring to improve their appearance. It was agreed that Cllr Russell should proceed and to send the Clerk a list of any required parts.

#### **112/20 To discuss the Stronger Somerset Vision for two councils in Somerset and agree a response**

A discussion took place about the Stronger Somerset Vision. Chair noted that the Parish Council agreed at its July meeting that it wouldn't support the creation of two unitary authorities in Somerset. It was agreed not to provide any feedback to Somerset West and Taunton Council on the Stronger Somerset vision.

#### **113/20 Update regarding proposed new Hither Mead Bus Shelter**

Clerk reported that a response had been received from SWT to confirm that the land where the proposed new bus shelter would be erected is not in the ownership of SWT but that it belongs to SCC. Clerk confirmed that an email has been sent to SCC requesting permission to erect a bus shelter at the location. A response is awaited.

#### **114/20 To discuss and agree a date to re-open the public conveniences**

A discussion about when to re-open the public conveniences took place. Clerk reported that the cleaning company can carry out a deep clean prior to reopening. It was agreed that the Clerk should instruct the cleaning company to do a deep clean, develop a risk assessment and the required signage. It was agreed that once these arrangements were in place the public conveniences could be re-opened.

#### **115/20 Finance**

##### **To note National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services agreed salary increase for Clerks**

The salary increase was noted.

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

SWT Grant	£10000.00
Library (Fees and charges)	£37.40
Halse Parish Council (Library contribution)	£250.00

##### **To approve payments**

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

BT (Telephone and broadband)	£73.20
Somerset Web Services (Email account)	£5.52

###### **Payments to be made by BACS:**

Jack Council (Parish Lengthsman Work – August)	£1004.00
Clerks expenses (Zoom and Office 365 subscriptions, Library pedal bins, Travel)	£117.60
Viking Stationary (Library print cartridge)	£81.59
SWT (Dog Bin Emptying 2019/20)	£1310.40
SCC (Perspex screen at the Library)	£248.45
Water 2 Business (Public conveniences)	£489.94
Viking	£55.16

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

#### **116/20 To note planning permissions granted**

06/20/0030/CQ Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to 3 No. dwellings (Class C3) and associated building operations at Eastcombe Farm, East Combe Lane, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Prior Approval Approved (Conditional) was made on 17/08/2020.

06/20/0025 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 06/19/0021 for amendments to the location and design of field gates and to set back the fencing further from driveway on land either side of the driveway at Sandhill Park, South Drive, Bishops Lydeard - Decision of Approval was made on 25/08/2020

**117/20 To note planning applications refused/withdrawn**

06/20/0022 Erection of timber post and mesh fence with 3 No. galvanised gates at South Drive, Sandhill Park, Bishops Lydeard (retention of works already undertaken) - Decision of Refusal was made on 17/08/2020

**118/20 Any Other Business - for report only**

Cllr Morency reported potholes in the small car park on the left before Ash Priors Common. Clerk to report to SWT.

Cllr Morency reported the increased traffic on the road from Cothelstone into the village near the football ground. Cllr Morency suggested that the 30mph speed limit should be extended. Clerk confirmed that SCC are in the process of taking some speed readings near Darby Way to inform the extent of the 20mph speed limit area. It was agreed that some traffic calming measures in this location could also be considered and taken forward in the traffic management proposals for the village.

Cllr Allen reported that the Village Hall documents and risk assessment have all been completed for re-opening and a one-way system is in place.

Cllr Pattemore reported that drainage work has taken place on the footpath from Sandhill Park Drive. The effectiveness of the work should be demonstrated during the winter / wetter months.

Cllr Russell reported a streetlight not working in the alley way next to Daisy Cottage – Clerk to report.

**119/20 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 7pm.

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

Signed



Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020