

Exminster Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 19 June 2017 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall Annexe, Main Road, Exminster

Chairman: Josie Walledge

17/298	<p><u>Public open session</u> Comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Residents were asking who would benefit from the funds raised from the Long Table event. The Chairman and Cllr Smith, speaking as Victory Hall Trustees, explained there had been a large initial outlay for the Victory Hall Trust that had been supported by a Big Lottery Fund Grant and that the grant surplus would seed fund next year's event. In future years a Long Table charity would be formed, fundraising for designated charities. Subject to the Charity Commission's satisfaction, unspent grant funds would be transferred to the new Long Table charity. The surplus from this year's table hire fees would be retained by the Victory Hall Trust. Rumours were circulating that the B Bus Service would cease next year. It was agreed to ask Cllr Connett to investigate this with Devon County Council (DCC). 	
17/299	<p><u>Present</u> Cllr Peter Chandler (PC), Cllr John Goodey (JG), Cllr Chris Maynard (CM), Cllr John Ponsford (JP), Cllr Kevin Smith (KS), Cllr Josie Walledge (JW). Deputy Clerk: Mrs Helen Hibbins (HH) Teignbridge District Councillor: John Goodey (JG) Public: 4</p>	
17/300	<p><u>Apologies accepted from</u> Cllr Gordon Evans (GE) – personal reasons Cllr Derek Madge (DM) – personal reasons Cllr Lorne Smyth (LS) – personal reasons Devon County Councillor Alan Connett Teignbridge District Councillor Kevin Lake</p>	
17/301	<p><u>Declaration of interest on Agenda Items</u> None declared.</p>	
17/302	<p><u>Dispensation requests regarding Code of Conduct</u> None received.</p>	
17/303	<p><u>To approve the Draft Minutes of the EPC Meeting held on 5 June 2017</u> Resolved.</p>	
17/304	<p><u>Clerk's Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DCC had responded to residents' requests for a traffic priority system and signage to be installed in the narrow section by the shops in the village centre. The advice stated that priority would need to be given to traffic travelling towards Exeter, to allow waiting room for standing traffic and this may have the unintended consequence of Exeter bound traffic speeding through the narrow section as drivers would perceive that they had right of way. It was agreed that this item should be on a future agenda for full discussion. Teignbridge District Council had responded to the Parish Council's enquiry about the provision of a tarmac footpath across Gissons Playing Field, without taking ownership of the field itself. The email raised concerns, on Health and Safety grounds, about cyclists using the tarmac path and potential conflict with pedestrians and complications with grounds management. The Parish Council were invited to discuss this further with Kerry Tidmarsh in the Economy and Assets Department. It was agreed that Kerry Tidmarsh should be invited to a site meeting in the first instance, with alternative path finishes (e.g. hoggin) considered. Vandalism to the switches controlling the lighting for the MUGA and Skatepark at Deepway Green had been reported to the Police on Friday 16 June. The exact date of the vandalism was unknown, but believed to be earlier in the week. The electrics had been made safe, but the lighting would not function until the electricians had attended to repair the switches. The Parish Crime report had been received from PC Croft. A copy would be posted on the Parish Council notice board and forwarded to Scene Magazine. 	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>

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	<p>5. There had been a delay in the provision of the bus shelter at Milbury Reach following correspondence with the Devington Park Management Company.</p> <p>6. With immediate effect, the Clerk's email address had now changed to clerk@exminsterparishcouncil.gov.uk, although emails to the old address would continue to be received. Scene Magazine had been advised of the change.</p>	
17/305	<p><u>To inform Council on matters discussed at the Devon Communities Resilience Forum on 7 June.</u></p> <p>Cllr Smith reported on the meeting at Whitstone village hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A police inspector had given a short brief on measures to be taken in the event of a terrorist attack, including the "run, hide, tell" strategy. • Representatives from Newton St Cyres and Colyton Parish Councils gave presentations about flood prevention. Newton St Cyres Parish Council had emergency planning kits distributed throughout the village to enable volunteers to easily access equipment in the event of flooding. • Representatives from St Thomas explained how they had carried out a desk based test of their Emergency Plan. <p>Cllr Smith would liaise with Caroline Aird, the Emergency Plan Co-ordinator, to review the Exminster Emergency Plan to ensure that it was robust.</p>	KS
17/306	<p><u>To update Council on the meeting held on 9 June with representatives from Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council to discuss the Matford Development</u></p> <p>Cllr Ponsford reported the progress to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations continued between Bovis Homes and the Landowners. • LocatEd continued to negotiate with Bovis on behalf of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (for the provision of the school), with support from TDC. • There was still uncertainty about the location of key infrastructure. • Options for the management of open spaces (excluding SANGS) would be discussed at a future update meeting. TDC would write an options paper for consideration by the Parish Council. • Highways were in the process of designing the road layout and junctions for the A379. It was hoped that there would be a co-ordinated approach to the works to alleviate traffic congestion due to roadworks • TDC were investigating claims from developers that banks would not provide mortgages for properties on a site with, or in proximity to, Gypsy and Traveller provision. • The order in which the three outstanding planning applications for South West Exeter were likely to be heard by the TDC Planning Committee was outlined. 	
17/307	<p><u>To update Council on the meeting with representatives from Waddeton Park Limited on 9 June</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained the background to the request from Waddeton Park to meet with the Parish Council.</p> <p>The land at Hillcrest had been declared surplus by the NHS, but was not development land according to either the TDC Local Plan or Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>The Parish Council representatives explained that the affordable housing need had been met in Exminster through recent development and it was important to understand the impact of the South West Exeter Development before considering development of that land.</p> <p>Additionally, residents were against further development in the village and the loss of open space. The Waddeton Park representatives suggested that a small-scale development on the land may protect some of the open space for the village.</p> <p>The Parish Council would maintain a dialogue with Waddeton Park over plans for the land in the longer-term future.</p> <p>The service provided by New Leaf was important to the village and it was suggested that a meeting should be arranged with the NHS in order to establish their intentions.</p>	JD
Planning Matters		
17/308	<u>Planning Applications</u>	

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/1	<p>To agree a further response to the following planning application: 16/03251/MAJ, EXMINSTER/SHILLINGFORD ST GEORGE - West Exe Park, Alphington - Outline application for employment development (Use Classes B1, B2 and B8) up to 47,112 square metres (gross floor area) together with associated infrastructure including new vehicular access, an internal road layout, car parking, landscaping, services and all other associated development (approval sought for access)</p> <p>The report produced by the Working Party had been circulated. The report summarised the Parish Council's objections to the application on several grounds; traffic and transport, environment and pollution, effect on agricultural land, concerns regarding drainage, effect on the landscape value and availability of alternative employment land.</p> <p>Additional photographs of Days Pottles Lane and a comprehensive observation on drainage and flood risk were added as appendices to the report.</p> <p>Minor amendments to the report, clarifications and rewording were suggested and accepted. Cllrs Smith and Walledge would edit the report prior to submission by the Deputy Clerk. The Transportation Advisory Note, commissioned from Mr Jon Pearson, would form part of the submission.</p> <p>The Working Party, assisted by Mr Neil Sampson, was thanked for its work on this application.</p>	KS/ JW/ HH
17/309	<p><u>Planning Decisions</u> Noted as listed below.</p>	
/1	<p>17/00960/REM, San Remo, Main Rd - Approval of details for Plot 1 (approval sought for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL</p>	
17/310	<p><u>To discuss the monitoring of Sentrays Farm planning conditions</u></p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mrs Dianne Smyth to report from the public gallery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bovis planning application for 91 homes (13/02783/MAJ & 13/02980/SO) had now officially been withdrawn. This was confirmed by Cllr Goodey. • A path had been cut through the Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS), but it did not currently comply with the original landscaping plans. It was agreed that this should be monitored and acted on in September (through discussion at the Parish Council meeting) if the situation remained the same. <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>	JD
Finance Matters		
17/311	<p><u>RFO's report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegated authority noted in the sum of £75.00 plus VAT for a replacement drop-bolt for the MUGA. 2. Direct Debit payments during May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity for Deepway £98.71 • NEST pension scheme contributions £10.78 • NatWest Bankline £4.00 3. Permission requested to obtain application forms from Unity Trust Bank, following the failed application to Co-operative Bank who were no longer accepting applications for new accounts from Parish Councils. Resolved. 	HH
17/312	<p><u>Draft accounts for May 2017</u></p>	
/1	<p>Budget Comparison Report Approved.</p>	
/2	<p>Balance Sheet Approved.</p>	
17/313	<p><u>To review Exminster Parish Council's Business Continuity Plan</u></p> <p>Cllr Smith wanted to look at the document in further detail and it was agreed that the review would take place at the mid-July Parish Council meeting.</p>	KS/ JD
17/314	<p><u>To review and agree amendments to Exminster Parish Council's Risk Assessment</u></p>	KS/

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17/315	<u>To consider paying the Devon Communities Together annual subscription by direct debit</u> Resolved.	HH
17/316	<u>To consider a Community Grant application from Exminster Summer Playscheme in the sum of £500</u> The Chairman summarised the application, explaining the purpose of the Summer Playscheme. Questions were raised as to why the scheme was not self-financing through parental subs and it was explained that it was the intention that the subscriptions were affordable to all in the community. It was resolved to approve the application in the sum of £500.	HH/ JD
17/317	<u>Accounts for Approval</u> It was resolved to approve payments in the sum of £6815.28	HH
Property & Amenities Matters		
17/318	<u>To approve a quote to carry out priority maintenance / re-surfacing repairs to existing skate equipment at Deepway Green in the sum of £2,451.82+VAT</u> The RFO explained that the panels that required replacing were the existing panels prior to the refurbishment in 2014. Resolved. The work should be timed so that it did not coincide with the school summer holiday.	HH
17/319	<u>Councillors' Reports</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Maynard reported that a fundraising event for the Summer Playscheme was taking place on Deepway Green on Saturday 24 June. 2. Cllr Walledge thanked the organisers of the Long Table event for a successful and enjoyable community day. 3. Cllr Goodey had attended the armed services flag raising on behalf of the Parish Council. 4. Cllr Goodey asked why the B bus was turning on the mini roundabout at the Royal Oak rather than the Swans Nest roundabout. It was agreed to contact Stagecoach to report that this was happening. 5. Cllr Smith noted that the new cycle racks had been installed outside the Victory Hall. Cllr Chander suggested that it might be useful for a painted indication of where mobility scooters could park. It was suggested that the situation should be monitored over the next few months and to approach Highways to request this if required. 6. Cllr Smith noted that Tesco would be closing for refurbishment in September. It was rumoured that there would be a Costa Coffee Machine in the store after the refurbishment which would be in direct competition with Coffee on the Corner and the Ginger Cat Delicatessen. It was agreed to write to Tesco to express disappointment at this rumour. 	HH/ JD HH/ JD
17/320	<u>Public Open Session</u> No comments.	
<p>The meeting closed at 20:45 Date of next meeting: Monday 3 July 2017 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall</p>		

Signed:....John Goodey..... Date:....3 July 2017...