

Exminster Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 3 July 2017 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall Annexe, Main Road, Exminster

	2. A resident reported that an area of the strip of land adjacent to Hospital Drive and owned by the Parish Council was being used by builders to store spoil from the excavation of footings for an extension. The property owner had been contacted and assured that the spoil would be removed shortly and had overlooked seeking permission from the Parish Council.	
17/331	<u>To consider whether to pursue priority traffic signage through the restricted section of Main Road with Devon County Council (DCC).</u> It was resolved that the current configuration was self-policing and that the provision of traffic signage should not be pursued.	
Planning Matters		
17/332	<u>Planning Applications</u>	
/1	17/01167/FUL, Maytrees, Church Stile - Dwelling in garden Cllr Evans explained that this was the eighth renewal of the planning application since April 1986. The Parish Council last commented on the application in March 2014, noting that a single parking space may be insufficient for a three-bedroom dwelling. To date, there were no objections lodged on the TDC planning portal. It was resolved that the Parish Council had no comment to make on the application.	HH
/2	17/01252/FUL, 39 Glebelands - Dormer to west elevation Cllr Evans explained that the application would extend the loft at first floor level to enhance the third bedroom. The property was extended in 2012 to provide a third bedroom and the additional dormer would add to the skyline, although in keeping with neighbouring properties. There were no objections lodged on the TDC planning portal to date. It was resolved that the Parish Council had no comment to make on the application.	HH
/3	17/01427/FUL, Pitthayes, Main Road - Demolition of two existing garages and erection of double garage and single storey side extension and decking The proposed garage would be constructed from brick and slate tiles to match the existing property. The extension would have a flat glazed roof, with windows in keeping with the main house. It was noted that this would improve vehicular access to the property, but that the pitched roof of the garage was imposing. It was resolved to object to the application as the double garage appeared to be overbearing and an alternative design to the roof structure to more closely match the existing property would be in accordance with the Exminster Neighbourhood Development Plan Quality of Design Policy.	HH
/4	17/01390/FUL, 35 Oak Close - Alterations to existing conservatory including new pitched roof Cllr Smith explained that the existing conservatory roof would be changed from glass to tiles, with roof lights. There were no objections on the TDC planning portal to date. It was resolved that the Parish Council had no comment to make on the application.	HH
17/333	<u>Planning Decisions</u> None to report.	
17/334	<u>Other Planning Matters</u> The Parish Council response to the Peamore application had been submitted and was on the TDC planning portal. It was agreed that residents would be reminded via Facebook and Scene that comments on the application could still be lodged.	HH/JD
Finance Matters		
17/335	<u>To increase the Parish Council's fidelity guarantee to £600,000 with immediate effect at a cost of £37.55 Including Insurance Premium Tax</u> The Deputy Clerk explained that the increase was necessary as the funds held by the Parish Council exceeded the current £500,000 limit due to the receipt of CIL. Resolved.	HH

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17/336	Accounts for Approval It was resolved to approve payments in the sum of £1625.35.	HH
Property & Amenities Matters		
17/337	<p><u>To discuss the project to connect the Deepway Centre to the mains sewer and the provision of a Public Toilet for users of Deepway Green</u></p> <p>The Deepway Trust had formally written to the Parish Council requesting connection of the Deepway Centre to mains drainage and agreeing to the provision of a public toilet. It was agreed to approach South West Water in the first instance to ascertain how to undertake the project. Cllr Chandler and Mrs Dianne Smyth, community member of the Exminster Neighbourhood Development Plan Implementation Group (ENDPIG), would assist the Clerk. It was agreed to email Clare Hobbs to invite up to three members of the Deepway Trust (representing the user groups) to the ENDPIG meeting on Wednesday 12 July with the intention of forming a Working Party Consisting of ENDPIG members, Councillors and Deepway Trust representatives.</p> <p>To be discussed further at future meetings.</p>	JD/PC/ DS HH JD
17/338	<p><u>To consider the siting of a Public Notice board in the bus stop in Reddaway Drive in the sum of £33+VAT</u></p> <p>The Clerk explained that the notice board would be installed on a trial basis to monitor usage and inform a decision on a longer-term solution that may be implemented at other bus stops in the village, if successful.</p> <p>It was reiterated that the notice board was for promotion of local events and not local businesses and a notice to that effect would be displayed.</p> <p>It was resolved to purchase and site the notice board.</p>	JD/HH
17/339	<p><u>To consider the grass cutting contract in Reddaway Drive</u></p> <p>The Clerk explained the history of the grass cutting contract.</p> <p>It was moved that the areas not cut by the DCC contractors could be added to Mr Fowlers contract. Resolved.</p> <p>Cllr Chandler commented that the Green Spaces Group would liaise with Mr Fowler regarding the protection of the wildflowers at the entrance to the village.</p>	JD PC
17/340	<p><u>To consider the feasibility of siting a Teen Shelter at Deepway Green</u></p> <p>The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had considered the provision of a Teen Shelter and had been fortunate enough to secure a grant from Rural Aid in the sum of £2,000. The total cost of the shelter would be between £6,000 and £8,000.</p> <p>Since the grant award, the local PC had advised against the provision of a shelter as it may encourage anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Questions were raised about whether the grant could be used for a shelter elsewhere, but it was noted that the timescale in which the grant should be spent was too short to consider it for longer term projects.</p> <p>It was resolved not to pursue the teen shelter project and inform the TDC Rural Aid Committee.</p>	JD
17/341	<p><u>Councillors' Reports – for information only</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllrs Smith and Walledge had met with the Rural Aid Committee regarding a grant towards the replacement of Fire Doors in the Victory Hall. 2. Cllr Goodey reminded Councillors that a date had been set a for a public open event to see if there was community interest in refreshing the Community Plan. The event would take place on Saturday 9 September from 10:30 to 13:00 in the Victory Hall. 	
17/342	<p><u>Public Open Session</u></p> <p>No comments.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 20:56 Date of next meeting: Monday 17 July 2017 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall</p>		

Signed:....Derek Madge..... Date:....17 July 2017.....