

Exminster Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 2 December 2019 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall, Main Road, Exminster

Chairman: Brian Aird

19/559	<p>Present Cllr Brian Aird (BA), Cllr Peter Chandler (PC), Cllr Sheila Churchward (SC), Cllr Derek Madge (DM), Cllr Charles Nuttall (CN), Cllr John Ponsford (JP), Cllr Kevin Smith (KS), Cllr Lorne Smyth (LS), Cllr Renata Szewczyk (RS). Clerk: Mrs Jill Daw (JD) Deputy Clerk: Mrs Helen Hibbins (HH) Devon County Councillor: Alan Connett (AC) Teignbridge District Councillors: Charles Nuttall (CN), Andrew Swain (AS) Public: 3</p>	
19/560	<p>Apologies accepted from Cllr Josie Walledge (JW) – work commitment Cllr Rebecca Watts (RW) – personal reasons Teignbridge District Councillor Alison Foden (AF)</p>	
19/561	<p>Declaration of interest on Agenda Items Cllr Aird declared an interest in item 19/575 as a payee.</p>	
19/562	<p>Dispensation requests regarding Code of Conduct None received.</p>	
19/563	<p>Public open session Comments: 1. Analysis of the Community Plan survey had been received. Responses regarding speeding traffic were outlined. Over 60% of respondents thought that Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) would discourage speeding and 40% responded in favour of speed restrictions in the village. Full survey results would be shared in due course. 2. It was suggested that the Parish Council should congratulate Ex-Act on the success of this year's Pantomime.</p>	
19/564	<p>To approve the Draft Minutes of the EPC Meeting held on 18 November 2019 Resolved.</p>	
19/565	<p>County Councillors Report on items other than those on the agenda Devon County Councillor Alan Connett reported: 1. The Road Traffic Order proposing double yellow lines on the Milbury Reach development had been approved. 2. At the Devon County Council (DCC) planning committee meeting, Cllr Connett had proposed an amendment to the planning application for the all through school at Matford. The amendment would ensure that the Parish Council was consulted on the proposed school facilities use, prior to approval. It was suggested that the Parish Council kept in contact with the planning officer at DCC regarding the application and also approached Sport England as they had also objected to the application.</p>	HH
19/566	<p>District Councillors Reports on items other than those on the agenda No update.</p>	
19/567	<p>Chairman's Report 1. A sweet chestnut tree had been planted on Reddaway Drive on national tree planting day; Saturday 30 November. Thanks were extended to Cllr Churchward for her research and suggesting an appropriate species. It was suggested that a plaque could be installed explaining the purpose of the tree. Cllr Chandler would approach the wood-carvers to ask if it was possible for them to manufacture this. 2. It was agreed that the Parish Council should formally congratulate Ex-Act on this year's pantomime.</p>	PC JD
19/568	<p>Clerk's Report 1. Councillors were reminded to bring their Register of Interests up to date if necessary.</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Parochial Church Council had written to thank the Parish Council for its grant support to repair the chiming mechanism of the Church clock. 3. BBC Spotlight had expressed interest in researching community access to the Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) at the all through school at Matford as the Parish Council and Sport England had objected to the planning application. The Chairman had spoken to the journalist. 4. Following Devon County Council's successful bid to the Housing Infrastructure Fund to support development at South West Exeter, a 'Gateway Review' of the project was undertaken. The Parish Council were invited to participate as a key stakeholder. As Councillors on the Matford Working Party were unable to attend, the Deputy Clerk attended on the Parish Council's behalf last Wednesday. 5. The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would take place on Monday 9 March 2020. 6. The Clerk had met the Postmaster to ascertain whether there was anything that the Parish Council could do to help the Post Office remain open. 7. Cllrs Madge, Chandler and Nuttall were thanked for their assistance in erecting the Christmas Tree. 	
19/569	<p><u>To consider the response from Devon County Council (DCC) regarding 20mph speed limits in the village</u></p> <p>The response had been circulated. It outlined the criteria for considering a 20mph speed limit and noted that they were not met in the village. A trial of a default 20mph residential speed limit was underway in Newton Abbot and the outcome of that may influence the review of the current policy criteria.</p> <p>Cllr Nuttall proposed drafting a letter in response to DCC's response. Statistics from the Community Plan questionnaire would be included in the letter as would environmental concerns. It was resolved that Cllr Nuttall would draft the response in consultation with the Chairman.</p>	CN/ BA
19/570	<p><u>To agree the siting of Vehicle Activated Signs, in the village, up to the sum of £10,000</u></p> <p>DCC would need to be consulted on the siting of the signs; both in the current 30mph zone and the current 20mph zone.</p> <p>There were several different types of signs that could be installed. Consideration needed to be given to the most appropriate for the village.</p> <p>It was resolved to engage DCC in the siting of the signs with a view to spending up to £10,000 on the purchase and installation of the signs.</p>	JD/ CN
Planning Matters		
19/571	<u>Planning Applications</u>	
/1	<p>18/02234/OUT, 16 Dawlish Road - Outline - Dwelling (all matters reserved for future consideration)</p> <p>The proposed development sat outside the village settlement boundary. There was limited information on the dwelling and the drawings supplied were confusing. The insufficiency of information had been queried with Teignbridge District Council (TDC).</p> <p>It was resolved to object to the application due to inadequate information in the planning application, the proposed dwelling's location being outside the settlement boundary and non-compliance with Neighbourhood Development Plan policy EXM02 (Open Countryside) and TDC Local Plan S22 (Countryside).</p>	HH
/2	<p>19/02333/CONSLT, Various Sites in Teignbridge - Consultation from British Telecom (BT) on the removal of 9 phone boxes</p> <p>The phone box in Exminster (near the Victory Hall) had been earmarked for removal by BT. The Parish Council was invited to comment on the consultation.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Parish Council would not comment on the consultation. The link to the consultation would be published on Facebook so that residents could comment directly to BT if desired.</p>	HH/ BA

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/3	<p>19/02238/VAR, Westhaven, Milbury Farm - Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 19/01225/FUL (Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and construction of four dwellings, garages and associated parking and infrastructure) to enlarge garage block</p> <p>The variation on the application would extend the width of the garage block by approximately a metre; losing a metre of garden.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.</p>	HH
/4	<p>19/02308/FUL, 106 Old Quarry Drive Exminster - Conversion of integral garage to study</p> <p>The proposed conversion would reduce parking within the property boundary to one space. The weatherboard cladding specified was not in keeping with the existing property nor those nearby.</p> <p>It was resolved to object to the application due to the loss of parking amenity and non-compliance with Neighbourhood Development Plan policy EXM03 (Quality of Design).</p>	HH
19/572	<u>Planning Decisions</u>	
/1	<p>19/01385/MAJ - Land at Matford Home Park South of A379, Matford - Approval of details for 13 dwellings and associated infrastructure and public open space (approval sought for appearance, landscaping, layout, scale, and access) – RESERVED MATTERS APPROVED</p>	
/3	<p>19/01237/MAJ - Land at Matford Home Park, South of A379 - Approval sought for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 220 residential units and associated infrastructure and public open space (area A), and approval of layout only for 12 self-build units – RESERVED MATTERS APPROVED</p>	
/2	<p>19/02035/TPO - Land at Matford Home Park south of A379 - Prune five oaks and remove approximately twenty juvenile elms in Area A2 as specified in submitted tree report</p> <p>Pruning of trees T2 and T4 – REFUSED</p> <p>Removal of juvenile elm trees - APPROVED</p>	
Other Planning Matters		
19/573	<p><u>To note any planning matters regarding the Matford development</u></p> <p>No update.</p>	
Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)		
19/574	<p><u>To consider publication of an NDP update leaflet to be delivered to households in the Parish</u></p> <p>As there was little confirmed information available, it was agreed to defer a decision on publication until February; ahead of the APM in March. It was suggested that a joint publication with the Community Plan could be considered.</p> <p>Discussion about communication with parishioners followed.</p> <p>It was suggested that a one-page update on the status of South West Exeter planning applications should be posted on the Parish Council notice board.</p>	JD HH
Finance Matters		
19/575	<p><u>Accounts for Approval</u></p> <p>It was resolved to approve payments in the sum of £5,692.57</p>	HH
19/576	<p><u>Budget Working Party update</u></p> <p>A draft budget, as discussed at the Working Party meeting on 22 November, was circulated. Each expenditure line was considered taking into account the forecast to the year end and up and coming projects/commitments.</p> <p>Cllr Walledge had been elected as Chair of the Budget Working Party.</p> <p>The reserves policy would be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>A recommendation for next year's budget and the associated precept request would be made at the mid-January meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Budget Working Party would take place on 13 December.</p>	HH JD
19/577	<p><u>To agree the following</u></p> <p>1. To pay staff wages for the month of December on receipt of details from the payroll bureau.</p> <p>Resolved</p>	

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	<p>Councillors were concerned that this had not been formally communicated to the Parish Council by the Trust and Cllr Smith agreed to report the concerns back to the Victory Hall Trust.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Cllr Smith reported that he had attended a very useful meeting of the Devon Community Resilience forum.9. Cllr Smyth explained the recycling theme for the Parish Council's entry in the recent Christmas Tree Festival.10. Cllr Chandler reported that the Green Spaces Group would be working on the Devon bank in Crockwells Meadow on Saturday 7 December. Two of the Oak saplings donated to the Parish Council would be planted in Crockwells Meadow.	
19/582	<p><u>Public Open Session</u> No comments.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 21:04 Date of next meeting: Monday 6 January 2020 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall</p>		

Signed: ...Brian Aird..... Date: ...6 January 2020.....