

Exminster Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday 2 November 2020 at 19:00 – Remote meeting via internet

Chairman: Kevin Smith

Action

20/325 Present

Cllr Brian Aird (BA), Cllr Sheila Churchward (SC), Cllr Derek Madge (DM), Cllr Charles Nuttall (CN), Cllr Kevin Smith (KS),

Clerk: Mrs Jill Daw (JD)

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Helen Hibbins (HH)

Devon County Councillor: Alan Connett (AC)

Teignbridge District Councillor: Charles Nuttall (CN)

Public: 2

20/326 Apologies accepted from

Cllr John Ponsford (JP)

Cllr Lorne Smyth (LS) – personal reasons

Cllr Renata Szewczyk (RS) – personal reasons

Cllr Rebecca Watts (RW) – personal reasons

Teignbridge District Councillor Andy Swain

20/327 Declaration of interest on Agenda Items

None declared.

20/328 Dispensation requests regarding Code of Conduct

None received.

20/329 Public open session

No comments.

20/330 To approve the Draft Minutes of the EPC Meeting held on 19 October 2020

Resolved.

20/331 County Councillors Report on items other than those on the agenda

Devon County Councillor Alan Connett reported:

1. Repairs to the Gissons play park had not yet taken place. This would be pursued.
2. The No Access signs for Deepway Lane had disappeared. This had been reported to Devon County Council (DCC) and replacements requested.
3. Teignbridge District Council (TDC) would be keeping its green spaces and playparks open during lockdown. Further guidance would be sought on skateparks and outdoor gyms.

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20/332 District Councillors Reports on items other than those on the agenda

Teignbridge District Councillor Charles Nuttall reported:

1. TDC's response to the Government White Paper, 'Planning for the Future', had been circulated. Cllr Nuttall would update the Parish Council on any further responses.
2. Cllr Nuttall had been approached by an applicant regarding the resubmission of a planning application that related to the change of use of holiday units to residential dwellings, in Days Pottles Lane, Cllr Nuttall would investigate this and report back to Council.

20/333 Chairman's Report

No update.

20/334 Clerk's Report

1. Pinbrook Recycling Centre is participating in a trial to boost the reuse of electrical items. Residents would be able to buy safety tested items.
2. TDC had asked if the Parish Council would like a Christmas tree collection point in Dryfield (on either the first or second weekend in January). It was agreed that the weekend of 9/10 January was preferred. JD
3. Contractors working on behalf of British Gas had sited a container on Parish Council land opposite Jubilee Close; mistakenly thinking it belonged to DCC. It had now been removed and it was requested that the area was made good.
4. It appeared that a utility company had removed some brick pavements from the edge of the area around the Victory Hall flower beds. Investigations were underway to trace the company.
5. An approach had been made by Kenn Football Club to hire the MUGA one evening per week. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council did not hire the facility out as there was a fair usage policy in place.
6. A 'Letter to the Editor' in Scene from Mr William Price, had alleged that amongst other things, the Parish Council were 'chasing' him for £300 to clean the tennis court. It was agreed to write a concise statement of correction in a letter to the Editor for the December issue of Scene. JD
7. Delegated Authority had been used for the Green Spaces Working Party to purchase 5 cherry trees in the sum of £269.95 and bulbs in the sum of £32.83.
8. It was assumed that Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day commemorations in the Victory Hall were cancelled due to the lockdown. The Chairman would liaise with Vanessa Pestrige about alternative arrangements. KS

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9. A resident had reported children using bicycles, roller-skates and scooters on the tennis court, despite signs prohibiting it. Additional signage would be sought.	JD/ HH
20/335 <u>To confirm the date and arrangements for the next Parish Council meeting</u>	
Monday 16 November 2020 at 19:00 - Remote meeting.	
This would be removed as a standing agenda item with the default position that there would be two Parish Council meetings per month.	JD
20/336 <u>To consider the feasibility of funding a village skip service</u>	
DALC had advised that the only power that could be used to support the service was s137 LGA 1972. Additionally, DALC outlined risks with providing the service based on experiences in other Parishes.	
TDC had advised that the total cost for the skip last February was £2,230.	
It was agreed that it was unfeasible for the Parish Council to provide this service.	
PROPERTY & AMENITIES MATTERS	
20/337 <u>To update Council on a meeting held with the Deepway Centre Trust and Exminster Preschool on the 20th October</u>	
The Chairman and Cllr Madge had attended the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.	
The Chairman reported that the minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the Deepway Centre Trust (DCT) and the Pre-school for review prior to distributing to Councillors.	
The Chairman had explained the position of the Parish Council including the financial implications and the legal implications regarding ownership.	
The DCT explained its position as managers of the facility and that user groups should propose any improvements required to meet their needs.	
It was apparent that the Pre-school were not keen to operate from a shared building.	
20/338 <u>To consider a request from Exminster Preschool to erect a shed behind the Deepway Centre for storage of equipment</u>	
The Pre-school had a large amount of equipment that needed to be moved into and out of the hall every day. Currently the equipment was stacked in a cupboard in the Deepway Centre; making it difficult and dangerous to manoeuvre.	
The intention was that a storage shed would connect, via a walkway, with the existing decked area.	
The following points were made during discussion:	

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- Were the dimensions of the shed adequate?
- Any structure would need to be robust and vandal proof.
- Lighting and electrics would be needed in the shed; solar powered lighting may be a possibility.
- What was Pre-school's intention in the long-term regarding accommodation?
- Had neighbours and the DCT been approached (as a courtesy)?
- Could the Parish Council be sent a photograph and details of the proposed structure?

The Pre-school would be contacted to request answers to the questions above.

The matter would be on a future agenda.

JD

FINANCE MATTERS

20/339 Accounts for Approval

It was resolved to approve payments in the sum of £569.95

HH

20/340 To consider a small grant application from Exminster Film Club in the sum of £500

The grant was sought because of a decrease in income due to restricted numbers at screenings.

The accounts supplied indicated that the club had sufficient funds to continue operating for at least ten months.

It was acknowledged that the club was a valuable community offering, but it was considered that the application was premature as the ongoing impact of the Covid restrictions were unknown.

It was agreed to defer the application at this time, but to consider a future submission.

JD

PLANNING MATTERS

20/341 Planning Applications

/1 **17/02041/MAJ, Matford Barton, Dawlish Road - Outline - Residential Development of up to 38 Dwellings (Approval Sought For Access – Re revised and additional plans, along with a change in description from 14 dwellings to up to 38 dwellings)**

It was agreed to defer this application to the next meeting. It was noted that the response in 2017 would form the basis of the response.

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	<p>It was agreed to write to the Chief Planning Officer at TDC to explain ongoing issues accessing the planning portal as Councillors were unable to look at all the documents related to applications easily.</p>	JD
/2	<p>20/01858/DEM, Matford Belvedere, Deepway Lane - Demolition of dwelling</p> <p>The existing dwelling would be demolished and a new dwelling erected on the same site.</p> <p>At this stage, only the demolition of the building was under consideration. Any application for the new residence would be received in due course.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about potential disruption due to the working hours and how the debris would be removed from the site.</p> <p>It was resolved to support the application and comment as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adequate arrangements should be made to ensure that removal of debris from the site would not impact on the village (in terms of HGV's travelling through the village and causing disturbance/disruption).• The Parish Council is guided by the Teignbridge Arboricultural Officer. However, TDC are asked to note Exminster Parish Council's concern that healthy trees may be felled before their natural time because planning permission allowed homes to be built too close to them. All forms of flora and fauna contribute to the health and wellbeing within Exminster Parish and the Council seeks reassurance that future planning applications prioritise biodiversity and other long-term environmental issues.• The conditions required by the Teignbridge Biodiversity Officer be applied as they will meet Exminster Parish's biodiversity and environmental expectations.	HH
/3	<p>20/01801/HOU, 2B Walnut Close - New boundary fence</p> <p>The applicant wishes to demolish a garden wall and extend the amenity of the property to its boundary with the pathway between Walnut Close and Pridhams Way. The applicant wishes to build a 6' high boundary fence to give privacy from the footpath. No hedges or trees would be removed in the process.</p> <p>It was resolved to support the application and to comment that a 5' fence would be less overbearing; considering the footpath.</p>	HH
20/342	<p><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>None to report.</p> <p>OTHER PLANNING MATTERS</p>	
20/343	<p><u>To consider further street names for the Matford development</u></p>	

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It was agreed that the Parish Council had exhausted all ideas and were happy for other nearby Parish Councils' to submit names from war memorials and that these should be sought directly from those Parishes.

HH

20/344 To note any planning matters regarding the Matford development

No matters to report.

20/345 Councillors' Reports

1. Cllr Churchward reported that the Environment Working Party would meet on 11 November.
2. Cllr Churchward had been approached by residents asking for more information on South West Exeter. It was noted that there were links on the Parish Council website to DCC's pages that were regularly updated.
3. Cllr Aird was concerned about mud on the westbound A379 near Trood Lane due to earthworks relating to the South West Exeter development. It was agreed to raise this with Cllr Connett to ensure that Highways were aware that the situation needed constant monitoring and action taken appropriately.

JD

20/346 Public Open Session

Comments:

1. The letter in Scene regarding Pickleball needed a response.
2. Pre-school were being proactive in considering additional storage and this should be welcomed.
3. The TDC planning portal had been slow for a long time.
4. The Community Grant Scheme should be advertised to encourage more village organisations to submit applications.

The meeting closed at 20:35

Date of next meeting: Monday 16 November 2020 – Remote – Annual Council Meeting

Signed:.....Kevin Smith..... Date:.....16 November 2020.....