

Exminster Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday 1 February 2021 7pm – Remote meeting via internet

Chairman: Kevin Smith

Action

21/49 Present

Cllr Brian Aird (BA), Cllr Sheila Churchward (SC), Cllr Derek Madge (DM), Cllr Charles Nuttall (CN), Cllr John Ponsford (JP), Cllr Kevin Smith (KS), Cllr Lorne Smyth (LS)

Clerk: Mrs Jill Daw (JD)

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Helen Hibbins (HH)

Devon County Councillor: Alan Connett (AC)

Teignbridge District Councillor: Charles Nuttall (CN)

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21/50 Apologies accepted from

Cllr Rebecca Watts (RW)

21/51 Declaration of interest on Agenda Items+

Cllr Aird declared an interest in 21/66 as the spouse of the Chair of the Deepway Trust.

Cllr Smith declared an interest in 21/66 as the Parish Council representative on the Deepway Trust.

21/52 Dispensation requests regarding Code of Conduct

None received.

21/53 Public open session (maximum 10 minutes)

None present.

21/54 To confirm the Draft Minutes of the EPC Meeting held on the 18 January 2021 are an accurate record

Resolved.

21/55 County Councillors Report on items other than those on the agenda

Devon County Councillor Alan Connett reported:

1. Devon County Council's (DCC) budget would be approved later in February. A £300,000 cut in the Highways budget was proposed. Additional funds were proposed for Corporate Services and Adult and Children's Services.
2. Highways had contacted the resident whose hedge clippings were obstructing the small gully in Milbury Lane. The situation was being monitored.

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3. A public consultation was underway for the location of the electrical substation for South West Exeter. Three options were proposed. This would be discussed at the Parish Council meeting.
4. A section of the Exe Estuary Trail between Station Road car park and Lime Kilns car park would be closed to cyclists for resurfacing for 3 days from 11 February.

21/56 District Councillors Reports on items other than those on the agenda

Nothing to report.

21/57 Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

21/58 Clerk's Report

1. A complaint had been received about the use of the disabled parking bay at Deepway Green. A letter had been sent to the Pre-school and School asking them to remind parents not to park in the bay.
2. A letter had been received complaining about the service received from Airband and enquiring whether the Parish Council had any involvement with the company. The Clerk explained that it was nothing to do with the Parish Council. The resident would be reporting their experience to Ofcom.
3. The current legislation allowing Councils to meet remotely would cease on 6 May. Currently, Government did not have plans to extend the regulations.
4. Teignbridge District Council (TDC) had been contacted regarding the Gissons play park. There was no signage advising safe use of equipment within Covid guidelines, "no dogs allowed" signs were not in place, and the grass had not been cut recently. It was agreed that Mr Fowler would be asked to trim the grass as a one-off.

JD

21/59 To consider the Parish Councils position on declaring a climate emergency

Cllr Churchward had circulated a paper explaining the background.

Two options were identified in the report:

- The Parish Council could declare a Climate Emergency itself
- The Parish Council could acknowledge that it was bound by the Teignbridge District declaration and would adopt TDC's measures and initiatives to move to a low carbon society that can be achieved within the Parish.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- If the Parish Council declared an emergency, parishioners would be required to prioritise decarbonisation in the Parish. This may be onerous.

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- It was confirmed that TDC had declared an emergency itself and signed up to the Devon Climate Declaration.
- The Parish Council had an Environment Working Party and an Environment Policy that was being implemented. This demonstrated that action was being taken.
- It would be more practical for the Parish Council to publicise the environmental actions that were being taken than declaring an emergency.

It was suggested that a third option was possible – for the Parish Council to confirm its support for the Devon Climate Declaration.

SC/
KS/

A proposal based on that suggestion would be on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 15 February.

JD

PROPERTY & AMENITIES MATTERS

21/60 To consider the Annual Property and Asset Inspection

The Clerk and Mr Fowler had inspected all the assets in the village to determine those that needed attention over and above standard maintenance. The report had been circulated.

Of particular note:

- The wooden train in the Under 8's play area needed replacing. It was suggested that a poll could be put on Facebook asking whether it was still a relevant item of play equipment.
- The rear door to the Victory Hall needed replacing. The Clerk was investigating costs.

HH

JD

The Chairman asked about the condition of the notice boards in the bus shelters, it was noted that there was currently little demand for advertising events, so were not being used so frequently.

It was noted that signage at Deepway was often overwritten by graffiti. It was hoped that the Deepway Skatepark Graffiti project (to be organised by Cllr Smyth) could get underway later this year and that this may help to address the issue.

LS

21/61 To authorise up to £525.00 to clear a third of the dykes in Crockwells Meadow

Resolved.

JD

FINANCE MATTERS

21/62 Accounts for Approval

It was resolved to approve payments in the sum of £1335.79.

HH

21/63 To review the Councils Annual Investment Strategy 2021-22

The proposed amendments were date changes.

It was resolved to approve the amended Investment Strategy.

JD

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21/64	<u>To note the Councils Reserves Policy has been reviewed and no amendments are recommended</u> Noted.	JD
21/65	<u>To accept the revised bank mandate and signing instructions for the Unity Trust Bank Account</u> Cllrs Aird and Smith had seen the revised mandate (involving the removal of a signatory from the account) and proposed its acceptance. Resolved.	HH
21/66	<u>To consider a Community Grant application from the Deepway Centre Trust in the sum of £500 in respect of improvements to the washrooms</u> Resolved. Cllrs Aird and Smith did not take part in the vote as they had declared interests.	JD/ HH
PLANNING MATTERS		
21/67	<u>Planning Applications</u>	
/1	21/00023/FUL, Compound Cryoserve, Peamore Truck Centre - Installation of an ambient vaporiser unit, silencer skid, concrete plinth and ancillary infrastructure The application proposed a new safety feature. It was resolved to support the application as per the recommendation	HH
21/68	<u>Planning Decisions</u> Noted as listed beneath.	
/1	20/01745/FUL, Matford Home Farm, Matford Mews, - Retention Of Use Of Existing Yard For Refurbishment, Storage And Sale Of Static Homes – REFUSED	
/2	APP/P1133/D/20/3258830 – re 20/00103/FUL, 92 Sentrays Orchard, to change frosted glass in ends of bay windows to clear glass – APPEAL ALLOWED	
OTHER PLANNING MATTERS		
21/69	<u>To note any planning matters regarding the Matford development</u> Two meetings had a taken place with notes circulated to all Councillors. Cllrs Smith, Ponsford and the Deputy Clerk attended a meeting with representatives from DCC and TDC. Of note:	

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- DCC had received the Parish Council's needs analysis report, but there were many unanswered questions, particularly with respect to the NHS facility.
- The Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) was £3.9M. The estimated build cost of the Community Building was £4.4M and the NHS were proposing a facility costing up to £6M. Clearly, there would be significant shortfall.

Clr Smith and the Deputy Clerk attended a South West Exeter briefing with Sarah Ratnage (DCC).

Of note:

- The consultation for the location of the electrical substation for South West Exeter was underway. A Parish Council response would be considered at the meeting on 15 February.
- Opening of the Ridge Top Park had been postponed until parking facilities were in place.

21/70 Councillors' Reports – for information only

1. Clr Churchward reported that at the next Parish Council meeting, the Chair of the Environment Working Party would attend to present more items from the Environment Action Plan.

JD

21/71 Public Open Session – (Maximum 10 minutes)

No public present.

21/72 It is proposed that in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from items 21/73 (part II) having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Resolved.

Part II

21/73 Personnel – Staff reviews and recommendations

The meeting closed at: 20:45

Date of next meeting: Monday 15 February 2021 at 19:00 to be held remotely

Signed:...Kevin Smith..... Date:...15 February 2021.....