

23/141 Present

Cllr Brian Aird (BA), Cllr Sarah Ladyman (SL), Cllr Derek Madge (DM), Cllr Charles Nuttall (CN), Cllr Kevin Smith (KS), Cllr Lorne Smyth (LS).

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Helen Hibbins (HH)

Teignbridge District Councillor: Charles Nuttall (CN)

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23/142 Apologies accepted from

Cllr Sheila Churchward (SC) – personal reasons

Cllr Lisa May (LM) – personal reasons

23/143 Declaration of interest on Agenda Items

None declared

23/144 Dispensation requests regarding Code of Conduct

None received.

23/145 Public open session (maximum 10 minutes)

Comments:

1. A parking space had been coned off on Dryfield Car Park due to a hole. It was hoped that Teignbridge District Council (TDC) would undertake remedial work soon.

23/146 To confirm the Draft Minutes of the EPC Meeting held on 20 March 2023 are an accurate record

Resolved.

23/147 County Councillors Report on items other than those on the agenda

Devon County Councillor Alan Connett was not present.

23/148 District Councillors Reports on items other than those on the agenda

Teignbridge District Councillor Charles Nuttall had no matters to report.

23/149 Chairman's Report

Action

1. The Chairman reminded Councillors that nomination forms for the new Council needed to be completed and at Forde House (TDC) by 4pm on Tuesday 4 April.

23/150 Clerk's Report

1. Devon County Council (DCC) had made an order for a 6-month temporary closure of Footpath 60 (between Chudleigh Road and Dawlish Road) due to work on the South West Exeter development.
2. A resident had asked about a unit located on a tall column in Reddaway Drive. It was confirmed by that it was a Telensa base station that was used for smart streetlight monitoring.
3. The safety inspection reports for the play equipment at Deepway Green had been received. There were no urgent matters to attend to.

23/151 To update Council on a meeting held with Police Constable David Hawkins, the Chairman and Cllr Aird to discuss Highways issues

PC Hawkins and colleagues had monitored speeds through the village on several occasions and had not witnessed a significant problem.

This was not the experience of the Community Speedwatch group. PC Hawkins offered to meet with the group, potentially attending Speedwatch session in a location where speeding had been recorded in the past.

PC Hawkins offered to source some mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) that could be installed temporarily. This would allow the Parish Council to evaluate their effectiveness before committing to buy some. VAS had been installed in Chudleigh, but they were largely ignored.

A meeting with DCC was being arranged to discuss road safety issues.

HH/JD

23/152 To approve a payment of £230.30 plus VAT to purchase a tree plaque to commemorate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

The wording for the plaque was circulated: "Commemorating the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, 6 May 2023, Exminster Parish Council."

Resolved.

HH

PROPERTY & AMENITIES MATTERS

23/153 To consider a request from a Resident asking permission to metal detect on Parish Council land

Research had been undertaken and the vast majority of Town and Parish Councils did not allow metal detecting. TDC had advised that it was not allowed at the Ridgetop Park citing potential risk to biodiversity.

Action

Of those that did allow it, photographic permit schemes were in place (involving enforcement) and detectorists were required to be members of national bodies and hold public liability insurance.

There were also examples where detecting could be carried out at the discretion of the council. This was usually in cases where personal valuables had been lost and no digging was required.

It was agreed to defer a decision on the matter until June.

JD

FINANCE MATTERS

23/154 Accounts for Approval

It was resolved to approve payments in the sum of £3510.94.

HH

PLANNING MATTERS

23/155 Planning Decisions

1. 22/01998/VAR, Westhaven, Milbury Farm - Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 20/01299/FUL (Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and construction of four dwellings, garages, associated parking and infrastructure) to amend design of dwellings and site layout – **GRANTED**
2. 22/01977/HOU, Trelyn, Deepway Gardens – Two storey rear extension, front porch, replacement garage and extensions to roof including dormer windows - **GRANTED**

23/156 To note any planning matters regarding the Matford development

1. Planning

No matters to report.

2. Community Centre

Consult QRD had been instructed to do the financial report.

It was intended that a proposal on ownership of the Community Centre would be on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 2 May.

JD

23/157 Councillors' Reports – for information only

1. Cllr Ladyman reported that the Green Spaces Group had suggested that a rose bed was installed on Dryfield to commemorate the coronation. Volunteers would be invited as part of "the big help out". This would need to be on the agenda for decision at the meeting on 17 April. Jeremy Pyne would be asked to attend the meeting to explain further.

HH

Action

2. Cllr Madge continued to progress the Crockwells Meadow footpath quotation.
3. Cllr Madge reported that there had been discussion on Facebook about a van parked near the Victory Hall. It was believed that there was a parking time restriction on the space but DCC asserted that it had been rescinded. It was agreed to contact Cllr Connett about this.

HH/JD

23/158 Public Open Session – (Maximum 10 minutes)

1. Clarification on the location of the potential commemorative rose bed was sought.

The meeting closed at 20:02

Date of next meeting: Monday 17 April 2023 at 19:30 in the Victory Hall

Signed:.....Jill Daw..... Date:....17 April 2023.....