

BRIDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Bridford Parish Council held at Bridford Village Hall on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs J Padgham (Chair), A Lord, K Tucker, E Gallagher, P Marriott, J Topley, Mrs J P Banks (Clerk). No members of the public were in attendance.

- 1 APOLOGIES – Cllr S Purser, Cnty Cllr J Brook
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none
- 3 PUBLIC DISCUSSION – there were no items for discussion

MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting

- 4 MINUTES – the Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2022, as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Lord.
- 5 PLAY PARK - Cllr Topley has contacted Mark Payne at Teignbridge to ascertain who is responsible for the trees and boundaries at the Play Park. If it is Teignbridge then they would send out their own tree specialist. Still awaiting further information, Cllr Topley to chase up. A new combination padlock to be purchased for the vehicle access gate. Combination number to be supplied to selected residents in Butts Close and to Parish Councillors, to enable road ambulance access in the event of the use of the Play Park by the Air Ambulance helicopter. Combination number to be advised to the grass contractor.
- 6 ALLOTMENTS – the lower gate has now been re-hung on new posts and broken fencing replaced. A lot of positive feedback received from allotment tenants. The Chairman thanked Jim and Emma Gallagher for undertaking this work. The allotment tenants agreed that the Best Allotment award should not be given to the same person two years in a row.
- 6a VILLAGE GARDEN – Alan and Kathy Fitzjohn have kindly agreed to paint the Village Garden railings. They will purchase the necessary materials and submit the invoice to the Parish Council. Earmarked funds for the Village Garden will cover this. Cllrs Padgham and Topley confirmed that they will host a coffee morning to pay for a plaque to be attached to the Normandy Boy statue in the Village Garden.
- 7 ROAD WARDEN – no further information. Dunsford PC trying to arrange shared Chapter 8 training.
- 8 BUS SHELTER – the table and bookcase have been removed, along with the CD's & DVD's. The Parish Council approved the designs for decorating the interior of the bus shelter submitted by Cllr Marriott who will now proceed with the decoration inside and out. Cllr Topley to assist. It was suggested that, if funds permit, a small notice board could be put on the wall. The Clerk to confirm how much funding is still available from the TDC grant.
- 9 20'S PLENTY FOR DEVON – the new signs will be installed at various locations on private land in the village in the very near future. Arrangements in hand to obtain the appropriate wooden posts.
- 10 BRIDFORD WILDLIFE WARDENS – latest report, see appendix (a). The Wardens have picked up the grass and now sowed rattle seed. Small signs to be put on the verge explaining about the wildflower meadow and asking people to pick up dog mess. The Chairman thanked the Wildlife Wardens for their prompt response to the removal of the grass. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for liaising with the Wildlife Wardens and the grass contractor.
- 11 DEFIBRILLATOR – the second defibrillator is now installed and ready for use at Venn Park Garage on the Teign Valley Road. Information to be published in Unity

and on the Bridford website. Website details to include photos of both machines. Thanks to Cnty Cllr Brook for providing funding to assist the purchase, James Scott, proprietor of Venn Park Garage for providing the location and electricity, Joe Elworthy for kindly installing the machine and David Wood, Teign Valley First Responder, for maintaining all of the machines in the Valley. The contact details on the machine outside the Village Hall have become detached. The Clerk will replace the First Responder's contact details and also put a copy inside of the cabinets of both machines.

12 MEETINGS ATTENDED / ONLINE - none

13 PARISH PLAN REVIEW DATE – Cllrs Padgham and Purser to circulate to the Parish Council, suggested dates for a meeting between now and February

14 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Clearly the refuse collection service is currently and for some time has been experiencing considerable difficulties. These arise in no specific order to staff shortages of drivers and loaders, sickness, abuse aimed at operatives and occasional vehicle breakdowns. As we see every day on the news there is a significant shortage of people prepared to do a range of jobs even though the pay has been increased and will be again. A radio recruitment campaign launched on Monday. Please be patient and do not take it out on the operatives.

Devon carbon plan was launched yesterday and more information on website.

Teignbridge lottery virtual launch today Wednesday 28th.

Let's talk teenagers sessions now online see website for more information.

If you want covid and flu vaccine now available see NHS for details or GP surgery or pharmacy for flu jabs.

Stoptober launched to help smokers quit, search online for help and advice.

Any questions please contact me.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – no report this month Cnty Cllr Brook on holiday.

16 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE – the Clerk has now obtained an example of an Dignity at Work policy which will be circulated and on the agenda together with the Civility and Respect pledge, for the November Parish Council meeting.

DNPA PLANNING FOR DISCUSSION - none

DNPA PLANNING FOR INFORMATION

17 BUTTS COTTAGE, BRIDFORD – Grant of Conditional Planning Permission re proposed rear extension, solar panels, external landscaping, new shed and relocation of oil tank. (DNPA ref. 0271/22)

18 PRE-NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION for Cellnex at Woodlands Farm, Dunsford NGR: E: 281107, N: 088064. The Parish Council has no objections to the pre-notification of this proposed planning application

19 ANY PLANNING DECISION NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA - none

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

20 ACCOUNT BALANCES 1st September 2022

Current account

4,659.12

Investment account

3,771.57

8,430.69

21 INCOME

Teignbridge District Council 2nd half of precept

5,750.00

5,750.00

22	EXPENDITURE	
	Mrs J P Banks reimbursement of payment for 20's Plenty road signs	223.85
	Mrs J P Banks re September Salary	304.18
	Mrs J P Banks re Admin reimbursement 1 July – 30 September	59.31
	re Use of home as office 1 July – 30 September	78.00
	HMRC re Clerk's PAYE Quarter ended 5 October 2022	228.20
	Bridford Village Hall re room hire for Parish Council meetings 1 April – 30 September 2022	48.00
	re Post Office room hire 1 April – 30 September 2022	92.00
		<u>140.00</u>
		1,033.54
23	ACCOUNT BALANCES 1 October 2022	
	Current account	9,375.58
	Investment account	<u>3,771.57</u>
		13,147.15

Balances include earmarked funds (584.76): £150 refundable allotment deposits / £126 Village Garden / £308.76 Clothing Bank

The Chairman checked and agreed the bank reconciliation and the invoices to the agenda. The Parish Council agreed the accounts and authorised the expenditure. Proposed by Cllr Marriott, seconded by Cllr Lord

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 24 SNOW WARDEN / GRITTER – Mike Harding kindly agreed to carry out the annual pre-winter check on the gritter but it is currently at the back of the barn and cannot be accessed. Cllr Tucker to arrange for it to be moved and accessible. Parish Councillors to undertake the annual check of grit bins. A list of allocated bins will be circulated to Parish Councillors.
- 25 PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING – the Parish Council approved Cllr Topley's request to attend an online Parish Councillor training course on 11th October. Proposed by Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Tucker.
- 26 WARM SPACES TO SUPPORT LOCAL RESIDENTS – various options to be explored with regards to the possibility of Bridford becoming involved in this scheme to provide a regular warm meeting place for local residents.
- 27 PRE-WINTER CHECK OF GRIT BOXES – the Clerk will circulate a list to Parish Councillors allocating each a grit box to check for location, accessibility and content.
- 28 BRIDFORD PARISH CHURCH – request from Bridford PCC for an annual contribution to the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard and for the provision of a light at the top of the church steps. The Parish Council agreed that it is not in a position to be able to provide annual funding for the maintenance of the grass, but may be able to assist with the light. Bridford PCC to be asked for further details before a decision can be made. Will be discussed again at the November Parish Council meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 29 HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 8th – 15th October 2022. South Devon Diverse Communities Team consists of 1 x Police Sergeant and 2 x Police Constables who are dedicated to raising awareness of hate crimes and hate incidents to increase understanding and encourage reporting.
- 30 THE ELECTRIC REVOLUTION – notification that by 2030, all new vehicles will be electric.
- 31 CHANGES TO DEVON BUS SERVICES from 30 October 2022, There are no changes to the 360 and 361 which service Bridford.
- 32 PUBLIC DISCUSSION – (Details received since publication of the agenda)

Earth Photo Exhibition launch at Haldon Park Forest from now until 4th January 2023. Located a short distance from the car park on a wheelchair and pushchair accessible trail.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 7 November 2022 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall.

Original minutes signed by the Chairman

7th November 2022