

# TALATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING OF TALATON PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2024 at 7.30pm**. The meeting was held at the **PARISH HALL, TALATON EX5 2RG**

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**PRESENT:** - Cllrs P Lenehan (**Chair**), G Hawkins (**Vice-Chair**) K Walker, S Wood, A Peters, R Bos; and the Clerk (Mrs C McIntyre)

## **PUBLIC FIFTEEN-MINUTE OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present. DCC Cllr Iain Chubb and EDDC Cllr Richard Jefferies had provided reports which had been circulated to members

24/04/01

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Gray; EDDC Cllr Richard Jefferies and DCC Cllr Iain Chubb

24/04/02

## **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE SAME BY THE CHAIR AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved as a true and correct record. They were signed by the Chair *Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

24/04/03

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none`

24/04/04

## **IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were no items to be discussed in Confidential Session

24/04/05

## **FINANCE: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEMS I – III**

i.Approval of accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 including Petty Cash

<b>NAME OF ACCOUNT/PETTY CASH</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
Community (Current)	£761.43
Business Premium (Reserve)	£10670.47
Petty Cash	£13.22

ii. Approval of the March 2024 Payment Schedule

<b>CHEQUE NUMBER/B ACS</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Bacs	HMRC	Income Tax	79.00		79.00
Bacs	Employee	Salary April/May (Net)	316.46		316.46
Bacs	Talaton Parish Hall	Room Hire – Jan – March 2024	100		100
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£495.46</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£495.46</b>

iii. Proposed Transfer of funds (£500) from the Business Premium to the Community Account

iv. Notice of Audit

The Clerk advised that the forms for the Annual Audit had been received and would be completed once the

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internal audit has been carried out by Nigel Ralph

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Items 1 – iii *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Walker*

24/04/06

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### a. Items of correspondence distributed to councillors

The following correspondence was noted:-

i. EDDC - Notice of Election and Election Address for the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.

ii. A parishioner enquired whether the Council had had a site meeting with Escot's land agent (the Clerk had advised the parishioner that Kyle Walker DCC Highways Officer was dealing with the land agent direct)

### b. Items of late correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:-

i. A parishioner had contacted the Clerk about the highway drain outside of 'Sunhaven' which was overflowing and she requested it be cleared by DCC. DCC had initially confirmed that it was responsible for the drain. However subsequently it had apologised as further research had revealed that the gully on the driveway to Sunhaven was not highway maintainable. The Clerk had advised the parishioner of the revised information

ii. A new Police Sector Inspector - Grant Leitch had been appointed

iii. EDDC had requested information re food banks which the Clerk had supplied

iv. Notification from DALC that the membership fees would be £192 for this financial year

24/04/07

## **GRANTS - TO CONSIDER REQUESTING THE REPAYMENT OF GRANTS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO ORGANISATIONS BY THE COUNCIL**

The Parish Hall Ctte had received £125 (awarded Dec 2022 meeting) on behalf of the Village Day organisers for the Village Day 2023 event. However the event had not taken place. The Ctte was now willing to reimburse the Council the grant. The Ctte had also been awarded a grant payment of £200 in 2017 towards the cost of a replacement cooker for the Parish Hall. However it was understood that the cooker had not been replaced. The Council after some discussion **RESOLVED** that the Parish Hall Ctte be requested to repay both grant payments totalling £ 325. *Proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair.* It was also **AGREED** that when grants were awarded annually that the Clerk contact the successful recipients six months after they had received their grants to check whether the monies had been utilised in accordance with their applications, and if not, the approx. date of when this would be effected

24/04/08

## **ALLOTMENTS UPDATE AND ANY ACTIONS TO BE AGREED**

Three water butts had now been delivered by South West Water FOC. The Clerk had let the allotment holders know that the water butts were in situ. The Clerk had been advised by SWW that the on-going works in the adjoining treatment works were in respect of the installation of a storage tank and further works would follow the completion of these works which would affect the wider catchment and would be shared with the wider community by SWW in due course. There was no start date for the further works yet. SWW also apologised for damage to the track which the allotment holders had to travel over to access and egress the allotments. SWW had advised that it would be reinstated. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk write to SWW re the accessway and the need for SWW to be aware of the allotment holders right of way over it and to ensure that none of the vehicles owned by the allotment holders were obstructed by SWW's vehicles/plant when they were accessing and egressing the allotments

24/04/09

## **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **A.24/0414/FUL – M BOWER & H WATTON - MOOR FARMHOUSE, TALATON DEVON EX5 2RF - PROPOSED EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING DWELLING, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF BUILDING CURRENTLY USED TO STORE VEHICLES, AND DEMOLITION OF OUTBUILDING AND REPLACEMENT WITH THREE BAY GARAGE/CAR PORT**

The Council **RESOLVED** to fully support the application. It was of the view that the property was in need of renovation and the application indicated that the proposed renovations would be carried out to a 21<sup>st</sup> century standard and would include eco-friendly green home improvements which would be beneficial to both the property/environment

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**B. 24/0601/FUL - DR RAFIK TAIBJEE - STONEY COURT TALATON EXETER EX5 2RJ -  
INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF AN OUTBUILDING BUILT WITHIN THE  
CURTILAGE OF A LISTED BUILDING ESTATE. (LISTED BUILDING CONSENT WAS GRANTED ON  
22/2561/LBC)**

The Council **RESOLVED** to fully support the application and confirmed that its previous comments re application 22/2561/LBC (*the proposed works would help to maintain the integrity of a valuable listed building and also make the building sustainable*) should apply to this latest application

24/04/10

**GREEN WEDGES – TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL AND RESPONSE FROM EDDC**

The letter from Lymptstone PC and the response from EDDC had been e-mailed to councillors. It was **AGREED** the Clerk would send a reply to Lymptstone PC confirming the support of the Council to the PC`S opposition to any proposed reduction in the Green Wedge

24/04/11

**VILLAGE GREEN (THE MOOR) – UPDATE RE VONEUS BROADBAND AND REPAIRS TO NOTICEBOARD AND ANY OTHER MATTERS AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (AS REQUIRED)**

Voneus has acknowledged the Clerk`s e-mail of complaint and was carrying out an internal investigation. The handles for the noticeboard had disintegrated. It was understood that a company that specialised in replacements had been approached but their charges were prohibitive. It was **AGREED** to try and source a local person to carry out the work either as a volunteer or on a paid basis.

24/04/12

**PARISH MAINTENANCE: ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND UPDATE ON ITEMS REPORTED AND TO AGREE ANY FINANCIAL PROVISION (IF APPLICABLE)**

DCC – Pothole Updates

The following updates were noted

- a.Road from Rockwell Farm to Millers Farm – the pothole had been repaired
- b.Road from Talaton Cross to Bittery Cross – the pothole did not meet the criteria for repair so no action had been taken by DCC. It was requested that the Clerk contact DCC again as it was believed the pothole now met the criteria
- c.Roman Road Talewater – a repair had been undertaken by DCC
- d.Road from Beacon Cross to Roman Road – a repair had been undertaken
- e.Kyle Walker - DCC Highways Officer had advised that the road with numerous potholes (which had previously been repaired) – would be repaired shortly. Kyle had also been in contact with Escot`s land agent (Savills) to get the drains cleared properly by Escot (as only the section outside Talaton Farm Barns had been cleared). Kyle has advised that the pothole repairs were failing due to the amount of rain water on this section of the road due to the blocked drainage. Kyle had also advised that he was in contact with the tenant farmer of the field opposite Talaton Farm Barns who was in the process of clearing the debris run-off from the field and the drains, which had become blocked. Any further run off would be the responsibility of the landowner to clear. Cllr Hawkins reported that a lady cyclist had hit one of the potholes resulting in her coming off her cycle and requiring medical assistance. The incident had been reported to Kyle by the Clerk.
- f. The Clerk to report a serious pothole (outside the community shop and the pub) to DCC
- g. It was understood that the fingerpost at the junction of Newtown was again facing the wrong direction. The Clerk would advise DCC again

24/04/13

**TO REPORT ANY DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

There were none

24/04/14

**TELEPHONE BOX – TO CONSIDER FURTHER I. THE POSSESSORY TITLE REQUIREMENTS RE THE GREEN SPACE ON WHICH THE TELEPHONE BOX WAS SITED**

The Clerk had received legal advice as to how it could claim possessory title to the land. The advice stated that the Council would need to show that it had been in undisputed continuous possession of all the green space land for not less than 12 years without the consent of a third party and with the intention of

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dispossessing the true owner. It would need to show that it was maintaining the whole of the area of land (if maintenance was undertaken by third parties, at its direction and with its consent). The hard standing would also need to be controlled by the Council either by removing it or some other action to show that it controlled it. After much discussion and in order to acquire possessory title, the Council **RESOLVED** to undertake the care, management and control of the land as a public open space in the public interest  
*Proposed by the Cllr Walker and seconded by the Vice-Chair*

**II. RESPONSES FROM THE COMMUNITY RE THE COUNCIL’S REQUEST TO REPAINT THE TELEPHONE BOX**

The Clerk had re-advertised for a volunteer (noticeboards/website/Talaton Talk) to repaint the telephone box but no volunteer had come forward. It was **AGREED** that the Council should try and source a local tradesman to carry out the work

**III. ANY OTHER RELATED MATTERS RE THE TELEPHONE BOX AND TO MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY**

The installation of the shelving was on-going

24/04/15

**UPDATE ON A PROPOSED GOVERNMENT DOMAIN AND THE LATEST GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS RE THE COUNCIL’S WEBSITE**

The Clerk had contacted Vision ICT (and had also sent a reminder regarding this matter) but was still awaiting a response

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**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

Annual Parish Meeting -24<sup>th</sup> April - it was suggested that `nibbles` be provided and the Chair would obtain the wine.

Both Defibs had been checked

the Clerk had reported the abandoned vehicle at Hillside again to EDDC.

The Drop-In would take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at the Parish Hall

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**MATTERS OF URGENCY: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CHAIR’S DISCRETION**

It was understood that the residents of the Moor had received notification of a pending rook cull. However the Council had not received notification of when it was taking place; who was organising it; or the date. To avoid misinformation circulating in the village, (eg that the cull was Council led!) it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would draft a letter to each householder (to be approved by the Chair prior to delivery) confirming that the Council was not responsible for the cull.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

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**CLOSE OF MEETING**

20.51pm

<b>SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR</b>	
<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>	

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