

Bridestowe Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting

Online Zoom: Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 7.30 pm

Public were invited to ask questions/comment:

(a) Two members of public have very kindly offered to commence the footpath inspection of the parish. Clerk will liaise and collate feedback to the footpath inspector. It is hoped that as on previous occasions, this inspection will be supplemented by more volunteers walking and checking other footpaths for broken stiles and missing waymarkers etc. (Action: Clerk)

Present: (Councillors:); A. Young (chair); B. Thirtle (vice-chair); R. Bickle; J. Pritchard; G. Leando; P. J. Daniels (clerk); Four members of public present including Cllr C. Mott and Cllr. Southcott. (both WD borough councillor).

1. **Apologies:** J. Leonard and Terry Pritchard. **Two declarations of interest:** From AY as member of the Village Hall Management committee and also a family member could be involved in the wildlife friendly project that is being proposed for the village. (See item 8 in these minutes).

2. **Approval of minutes from the last meeting (25/11/20) and matters arising:** Proposed: BT. Seconded: JP Unanimous.

a. **Footpath bridge repairs in sporting green:** John Baker, DCC, Footpath Inspector, has repaired hole in bank at edge of bridge over river. John has been thanked for a lovely job.

b. **Vandalism:** Insurance has covered cost of vandalism of swing, mast electrics and new cabinets.

c. **Main church footpath:** This to be treated because it is slippery with moss and weeds particularly on edges. Clerk to arrange. (Action: Clerk)

d. **Sandbags:** Two new bags of sand are available in the White Hart carpark for when flooding threatens. Many thanks to the pub landlord for kindly offering this facility. Sandbags (empty bags) are being stored by BT and when the worst of the weather is over will be put in cemetery shed.

3. Accounts for Payment:	£
(946) Martin Ashley. (Grass cut)	249.60
(947) A. Young (Defib. cabinet)	504.00
(948) WDBC (Bin emptying)	62.40
(949) A. Young (Defib. batteries)	49.96
(950) Matt Electrics (Repairs to Defib. and mast)	711.12
(951) Tinhay (Two dumpy bags of sand)	106.92
(952) Cartridge People (ink)	35.74
(953) P. Daniels (clerk's ann. salary + expenses)	3433.73 (Ann. sal. = 3030.30. Ann. exp. = 403.43)

Current account balance as of 08/01/21: £19,206.84

Proposed these be paid: JP. Seconded: RB. Unanimous.

4. **Correspondence:** Most items have been circulated to parish councillors:

a. DCC/WDBC/NALC/DALC/ Devon Communities Together/Healthwatch Devon: Regular updates on coronavirus matters/safety precautions etc.

b. WDBC Services: Re-bin emptying and replacement of bin outside village shop.

c. WDBC: Park free for Christmas.

d. SHBC: Climate change newsletter.

e. WDBC and C. Mott: Mobile Covid test facility in Okehampton.

f. C. Mott: Parish update: Future of transport rural strategy (DCC); New model for shared ownership of housing; Ward councillors have given £200 grant to mobile library services; Covid compliance officers have been appointed.

g. WDBC: Avian Influenza housing Order.

h. WDBC/DCC: Interim Devon Carbon Plan. Consultation recirculated. Clerk to collate councillor comments and complete questionnaire. (Action: Clerk)

i. BPC councillors: Support for Christmas trees in village and church. Thanks to GL for decorating tree in church.

j. Liza Oxford: Has been appointed as the 2021 census engagement officer.

k. Terry Warrington: Confirming completion of nest swing repair in sporting green.

l. Devon & Cornwall Police: Annual Report.

m. WDBC: Affordable housing strategy.

n. C. Mott: Green Homes Grant.

o. John Baker (Footpath Inspector DCC): John has rehung both entrance gates to Sporting Green. Another lovely job and thanks have been given to him.

p. Angela Endean, (WDBC) Precept for 2021/22 confirmed. No increase from 2020/2021. (£7511)

q. Play Safety: Notification of RoSPA play equipment inspection in March 2021.

r. Lifton PC: Copy of West Devon Drive verge cutting invoice.

s. SHDC: Consultation on public protection order. This has been recirculated to councillors who will inform clerk of any comments who will in turn inform SHDC. (Action: Clerk)

5. Tree work in Sporting Green: Three quotations received for removal of trees affected by ash die back. £1500, £1650, £1750. The quotation of £1500 was accepted. Proposed: AY. Seconded: BT. Unanimous. Ask contractor for stumps to be treated to prevent regrowth. Unanimous. JP to ask school if some of timber is required for making outdoor furniture such as seats etc. Timber to be cut to manageable lengths and made freely available to parishioners (for wood burners). (Action: Clerk and JP)

6. Planning:

Conditional approval from WDBC:

Application No: 4136/19/FUL: Four dwellings opposite Springfields.

Application No; 3597/20/FUL: Construction of dwelling at Ingleside Launceston Rd.

7. Bridestowe website: Both the village hall and the PC are the major users of the website. The monthly fee of £12.50 charged by the web host company Heart IT is paid by the Village Hall Management Committee. BVHMC has asked if the cost could be shared. Further exploration of this matter required. Agenda item. (Action: AY)

8. Wildlife friendly project for Bridestowe: AY outlined aims of project which could include replanting of trees native to Devon, more bat boxes, leaving border strips of grass uncut perhaps for encouragement of wildlife, etc. BT emphasised need for community ownership of the project. Consultation /collaboration with parishioners on what they would like to see via March BaSE newsletter. Possibly a councillor volunteer to lead with this. Agenda item.

9. New wastebin for Launceston Road: Broxap bin to replace damaged bin is available for £49 + VAT and postage. Proposed by RB to purchase. Seconded: BT. Unanimous. (Action: Clerk)

10. Delegate and other reports:

a. Northern links. No meeting

b. Village Hall. Unable to be hired due to lockdown.

c. West Devon Councillor news: No further news.

11. Parishioner comments on matters arising from meeting: The question was asked why dog/litterbins are overflowing. CM reported on the staff shortages (due to illness) of those who empty litter/dog bins etc.

Date of next virtual PC Meeting is Wednesday 24th March 2021.