

**MINUTES OF THE TEDBURN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,  
TEDBURN ST MARY ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chair Cllr L Bellshaw & Cllrs P Moody, M Jones, T Hatt, J Herdman, J Putt, J Moore, County Cllr J Brook (part) District Cllr T Tume (part), J Clark (Clerk). No members of the public present.

**OPEN FORUM – a chance for members of the public and councillors to raise issues.**

Cllr Jones reported that there is an action group at Pathfinder Village to reinstate the surgery following its closure due to Covid. The permanent closure of the surgery is being considered. District Cllr Tume is supporting the group and has written to the surgery explaining that public transport from the village does not support easy use of an Exeter based surgery option. The Chair asked for this to be an agenda item for the January meeting. Clerk to draft a letter to the St Thomas Surgery saying the parish council have not been informed of the closure and will be responding once it has considered its position. **CLERK TO ACTION.**

There was a discussion about what to do with the grass cuttings during the mowing season. Chair and clerk to discuss options and report back. **CLERK AND CHAIR TO ACTION**

Open Forum closed at 2000

**1. Apologies and reasons for absence for approval.** Cllrs Bromell and Taylor. No reasons supplied.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** NONE

**3. Reports from County, District, Chair, Parish Councillors and Clerk. DCC**

**Devon County Council (DCC) - Cllr Brook reports.** For the seven county council farms available, 52 applications have been received. **Electric Vehicle charging points** – DCC is locating 400 sites but not financing the project. **DCC full council meeting** – the meeting discussed climate change, children and young peoples' services and how these will influence the financial input. Divestment of Fossil Fuel investments for the DCC pension fund was discussed but no action taken at the moment but is likely to be considered in the future. A motion came forward on TB for all culling of badgers to stop on land owned by the DCC. Cllr Brooks by that the issue is a commercial decision to be made by the tenant and not the landlord. He pointed out that there is no culling on public land owned by DCC. The council is open to a vaccination programme but that is a long-term project. As he has previously pointed out, there is still a labour shortage but this is not down to a single issue but a variety of reasons such as, less Europeans working and frontline Highways workers, social workers, apprentices are reduced and this is cause for concern. 18,000 children on free school meals that are to be provided in the county. Vouchers will be available and the County Council recognises the problems some families are facing.

**Teignbridge District Council (TDC) – Cllr Tume reports.-** Still a shortage of lorry drivers and this is affecting services in the district. Wages have been increased to attract applicants. Some of this funding is coming from central government. The TSM Noise Abatement Group is seeking some action about the increased noise from traffic since the trees on the verges were felled. Cllr Brook offered to look into this where similar noise increases occurred and report back to the Chair. Cllr Brook asked The Chair to look into the possibility of doing an assessment of the noise levels. He encouraged the group to pursue this and convey to the group that financial assistance may be available. **CHAIR AND CLLR BROOK TO ACTION.**

**Teignbridge District Council – Cllr Purser reports. Household Support Fund** for those struggling to pay bills is now open, see TDC website to apply. **Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy** out for consultation over next four weeks, see TDC website. **Refuse** - Some delays to refuse collection but weekend working aims to clear backlog. **Covid** new regulations now in place do have jabs and booster to mitigate Omicon variant. **Teign Estuary Trail** now approved. 5km extension from Passage House Inn to Teignmouth. **Award** - The Perridge Estate woodland has won the All England Resilience Award 2021.

**Chair's report.** In addition to what is on the agenda I need to report on the A30 group, now known as NAAG, Noise Abatement Action Group. Cllr Jones and I have been facilitating this group. Following quite a bit of publicity the two meetings in November have been well attended with up to 30 persons at any one time. There is now an energetic feeling to the group and members are taking away jobs to do. There has been a request for a copy of the risk assessment done prior to the removal of the trees and we are beginning to get some patchy information back on this. We are

also waiting on a response from our MP as to whether he will get involved. Our next meeting is later in January and this will be Chaired by James Gibbs

**Cemetery Report - Cllr Bellshaw reports.** that a site visit has been made to the Cemetery by the Working Group with Mr Pring, Gravedigger in attendance, as agreed at our November meeting. As a result, written recommendations will be brought to our January meeting. We are pleased to report that considerable extra space can be created without purchasing land and probably at a very reasonable price. **CHAIR TO ACTION AND CLERK TO PLACE ON AGENDA.**

**Recreation Association report – Cllr Taylor reports.** We continue to get banking access sorted. Paul Maxwell is doing a grand job as stand in treasurer. The clubhouse is being used regularly by a schooling group. The wildlife group are going to look at the site and produce a plan with regards to helping wildlife in the area.

**Village Hall – Cllr Jones reports.** The following is an overview of the matters discussed at the village hall meeting on the 15th November 2021. A general up-date was given on the programme of repairs and included the replacement of the of the missing tiles on the boiler house roof. The quote for the repair of the outside wall has been agreed, the time scale for this work has yet to be decided. The former doctors' surgery is undergoing refurbishment; it is already looking very welcoming and has the potential to increase our premises hire income.

We are continuing to welcome back more community events and have had two very successful Farmers' Markets in October and November and are looking forward to a busy Christmas event on the 18th December. The Thursday morning Social Club will re-open on the 6th December. A request was made by the Vice-Chair that all groups undertake their Fire Drill to comply with our risk assessment procedure. The Treasurer reported an increase in our monthly income as a result of groups returning and other fund-raising efforts. We are in a healthy financial position. The date of our next meeting is Monday 20th December. 7-30pm.

**Clerk's report - .** The clerk informed the council that the volunteer to manage the village website has already started work and is being extremely helpful. The clerk is meeting with her to develop a process for placing information on the website, for both the public and the council, and will report back. The new parish council website, that has been developed in order to meet legal requirements for public body websites, is almost complete and the clerk is awaiting training.

**3. To approve the minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 1st November 2021.** Proposed Cllr Putt and seconded Cllr Moody. Vote 6 for and one abstention due to absence.

**4. Correspondence.** The clerk has received a copy of the TDC Sustainability Report asking for the council's response as part of the consultation period. The deadline is 24th January 2022. The public may also comment and those wishing to do so can find the report on the TDC website. Clerk. Clerk to deliver hard copy to Cllr Moody and other councillors to read on line. The Chair asked for this to be an agenda item for the January meeting. **CLERK TO ACTION**

**5. Planning 21/02667/AGR Melhuish Barton, Tedburn St Mary,** attached agricultural storage building (observations only). Cllr Herdman said she thought the plan was good and advised the council that no observations were required. Proposed Cllr Herman and seconded Cllr UNANIMOUS.

**Planning Decision. (TDC) 21/02227/LBC Christie Cottage, Tedburn St Mary.** Insertion of two conversation roof lights, new external door, replacing window and opening of wall adjacent to stairs within hallway. GRANTED.

**6. Half year financial accounting statements and budget.** Following a discussion, the accounting statement formed the basis for the precept request for 2022-2023 to increase the precept by 21% which is the second part of a 42% increase spread over two years. Proposed Cllr Bellshaw and seconded Cllr Moody. UNANIMOUS

**7. Request for financial support for Devon Mobility.** Following a discussion, the council agreed to support the request as many people in the village benefit from the service. Proposed Cllr Jones and seconded Cllr Moore. UNANIMOUS. The council asked the clerk to request a copy of Devon Mobility's accounts for information and distribute to council. **CLERK TO ACTION.**

**8. Community Tree Hub event.** The Chair reported that bare rooted trees are available free of charge as part of this initiative. The council discussed the possibility of offering a stall for this in the village. Further information is needed. **CHAIR TO REPORT BACK**

**9. Working Groups.** Revised terms and conditions of the working groups had previously been distributed and following a discussion these were agreed. Proposed Cllr Moore and seconded Cllr Herdman. UNANIMOUS.

**10. Affordable Housing.** The council discussed its recent survey regarding the need for affordable housing in the village. Following a discussion, the council agreed it will wait for the outcome of the TDC housing plans and then reconsider its position. The council emphasised that this is an important issue and that it will pursue an active policy of making sure such housing is provided if possible; either by seeking to ensure the correct allocation of social housing is upheld in the Teignbridge plan or by pursuing this goal independently. The council agreed to review its position in September 2022 when there should be more information available. Proposed Cllr Herdman and seconded Cllr Bellshaw. UNANIMOUS.

**12. Highways Monthly Site Visit. Hedge on Six Mile Hill.** Following a discussion, the council agreed to ask the householder on Six Mile Hill (following previous discussions) to trim the hedges back to their boundary. A letter will be sent and Highways informed. Proposed Cllr Putt and seconded Cllr Hatt. Six in favour and one abstention. **CLERK TO ACTION**

**13. Millennium Orchard Play Area.** Cllr Moore reported the quotes for the replacement bins have been received and she recommended the purchase of the Topsy Bin. Cllr Hatt offered to install the bins. An article for Tedburn Times written by Cllr Moore was approved. Clerk to forward to Tedburn Times. Proposed Cllr Moore and seconded Cllr Jones. UNANIMOUS. **CLERK TO ACTION.**

**14. Payments for approval.** Proposed Cllr Moody and Cllr Jones seconded Six for and 1 abstention.

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total	Chq no/s
6.12.21	Jane Clark	Clerk's salary, home working allowance and phone	£400.00 £264.43	No	£664.43	800 801
6.12.21.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£82.80	No	£82.80	802
1.11.21.	Devon County Council Pension Fund	Clerk's pension, both employee and employer contributions	£200.11	No	£200.11	803
6.12.21.	Fry's Agricultural	Fuel May 20 – July 21 for maintenance equipment	£47.02	£9.41	£56.43	804
6.12.21	Lewyn Denley	Village maintenance, van use and equipment service	£290.00	No	£290.00	805
6.12.21.	JC&HE Putt	Remedial works to footpath 7. Provision of excavator, materials and labour.	£380.00	£76	£456.00	806
6.12.21	WeDo Invoice Finance Ltd	Millennium Orchard playground deposit	£321.52	£64.30	£385.82	807

Next meeting date is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The agenda will be published on the village website [www.tedburnstmary.com](http://www.tedburnstmary.com) at least three working days before the meeting is scheduled.