

**MINUTES OF THE TEDBURN ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
TEDBURN ST MARY ON MONDAY 7th February 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Chair Cllr L Bellshaw & Cllrs P Moody, P. Bromell, M Jones, L Taylor, J Herdman, J Putt. S, T Hatt, S. Rodda, Devon County Cllr J Brook (part) J Clark (Clerk). Four members of the public present (for part of the meeting)

OPEN FORUM – a chance for members of the public to raise issues. No issues raised by the public but Cllr Moody reported the grass verge on the corner of main road and the junction with Church Lane is being churned up by a lorry. She is liaising with residents to see if the lorry can be identified and will report back to the council. **CLLR MOODY TO ACTION**

Open Forum closed at 1935.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence for approval. Cllr J. Moore. Health reasons.

2. Declaration of Interests. NONE

3. Welcome Sandra Rodda onto the council. Cllr Rodda was formally welcomed onto the council by The Chair and fellow councillors.

4. To approve the minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 7th January, 2022. Proposed Cllr Putt and seconded Cllr Moody. Vote 8 for and one abstention due to absence.

5. Reports from County, District, Chair, Parish Councillors and Clerk.

Devon County Council. Devon County Cllr Brook reports. The chipping site in Tedburn St Mary currently being used as a parking site for caravans and cars has been visited by a Highways representative. Cllr Brook reported that whilst the land is owned by Devon County Council, unless there is an immediate need to use the site by the council, then the travelling community using the site are not obliged to move on. The Travellers' Liaison Officer is working with all parties involved. Councillor Brook updated the council on the pressures upon budgets for both adult and children's services and the council is generally under financial pressure and various departments are liaising with Government about this to see if further funds can be made available and this is ongoing. Cllr Brook reported that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee is supporting the climate change issues in Devon but Cllr Brook is concerned that whilst he supports the work, he has concerns that it can have a negative impact on rural transport.

The Chair, Cllr Bellshaw, asked Cllr Brook if the funding for the work on recording A30 noise levels is still available and he confirmed that it is. He advised that the application should go to the Locality Budget. Cllr Jones will inform the A30 Noise Abatement Group about this and organise for the application to be submitted as soon as possible. **CLLR JONES TO ACTION**

Teignbridge District Council. District Cllr S Purser. Covid rules have changed again, with lifting of restrictions although care for your own safety is still advised. Omicron hospitality and leisure grants for businesses are available for up to £6000 per business. Please apply online. There are changes coming from BT, albeit 2026, on when the use of copper wire for analogue phones will change. This may well affect those people who use broadband through a copper wire supply, even if only a short length from a cabinet and also businesses who have a mini exchange run through copper wire. I am researching this further and will keep you updated.

Chair's Report. Cllr Bellshaw reports. The Tree Hub event takes place at the February farmers' market. She also reported that the A30 Noise Abatement Group held a meeting and Cllr Jones attended and reported that the meeting went extremely well. Cllr Bellshaw reminded the council that Devon County Cllr Jerry Brook had offered to fund work on recording noise levels.

Millennium Orchard. Cllr Jones reports. The sub-group continue to share the responsibility to undertake regular checks. The main areas of concern appear to be increasing signs of timber decay to the wooden fencing around the Play Park. Some of this has previously been identified as vandalism however 9 panels are now showing signs of general decay and are splitting. It has been suggested that maybe it is now time for the fencing surrounding the play area be treated to prevent further decay. This will of course depend upon the budget allowing. The general surfaces in the area appear to be showing some signs of moss growing through and perhaps also need treating. The hazard tape around the slide is in place and requests for it to be remain so appear to be working. The checks are undertaken fortnightly.

Footpaths and Bridleways. Cllr Putt reports. I have completed the annual walk of the footpaths and bridleways and there are no issues to report. The P3 grant application has been submitted.

Recreation Association. Cllr Taylor reports. The Recreation clubhouse is being used once a week by a home-schooling group. We are monitoring electricity use as WPD have changed the fuse, but not to the agreed size. This is being followed up. With the current cost of electric, this will need close scrutiny to ensure it remains within the budget.

After some considerable time, banking access has now been changed from Mr Rodda and the treasurer, Chair & Vice Chair now have online access.

Village Hall Committee. Cllr Jones reports. Agenda items discussed at the January Village Hall Committee meeting that require feed-back to the Parish Council are as follows.

New Signage. It was suggested that a sign advertising the village hall and its amenities should be erected. All members were in favour of this proposal in theory. It was pointed out that planning permission might be required, this will be followed up. A committee member has also volunteered to set up a FaceBook page advertising the hall. A request was made to re-site the defibrillator from inside the building to the village hall porch making it more accessible to the wider community, enquiries will be made to obtain a suitable outdoor box. Risk Assessment procedures are continuing to be up-dated and all organisations using the premises should undertake their own, pro-forma will be sent to each for them to complete. February Farmers Market is to host the Devon Wildlife Trust tree hub. This will take place in the car park.

6. Planning decision. 21/02753/LBC. Christie Cottage, Road from Chapel Cottage past Way Farm. Internal opening. Refused by Teignbridge District Council

7. Landfill site at Lower Hare Farm. Guy Fielding representing STAWL (Stop Another Whitestone Landfill) presented an update to the council about the decision to grant permission for the landfill site. Mr Fielding said that since the decision more information had come to light and the decision to go ahead is being questioned by STAWL. He reported that some of the data about the need for the landfill site in this area, (that was given to the Committee at the meeting in December 2020 by the Planning Dept.) was completely misleading. He has written to the Chair of the Committee about this but so far does not have a satisfactory response. A discussion ensued regarding alternative routes, including the Ombudsman. However, all other routes must be pursued prior to contacting that service. Mr Fielding said that the support in continuing this fight by the Parish Councils was important to the group. The Chair thanked Mr Fielding for the update. Cllr Brook joined the meeting at 2015.

8. Update on work at to create plots in the cemetery. Update. Cllr Bellshaw has drawn up a specification for the work at the cemetery. Following a discussion, Cllr Bellshaw will talk to the site advisor to discuss options and then do a site visit with the clerk to verify number of unsold plots that remaining. **CLERK AND CHAIR TO ACTION**

9. Memorial bench for Christopher Gibbs. Request to place in cemetery. This was accepted. Proposed Cllr Herdman and seconded Cllr Putt. UNANIMOUS. **CLERK TO ACTION**

10. Update on grass verges and the Wildlife Warden Committee. (This item was moved forward on the agenda at 2045 before item 8 was discussed at the Chair's discretion). Members of the Wildlife Committee asked the council if they could support the purchase of native wildlife flower seeds. Cllr Putt suggested that the group investigate the possibility of funding from the Heritage Fund. As the seeds fare better sown spring or autumn and following a discussion, the council agreed to fund the group £50 to fund a trial site for wildflower verges in order that the group can begin sowing the seeds while looking at alternative funding options. Proposed Cllr Bellshaw and seconded Cllr Taylor. UNANIMOUS **CLERK TO ACTION**

The Wildlife Group shared a report with the Council which was read by Cllr Bellshaw. There is a plan for Recreation Ground, allowing trees to grown, revamping the bank, taking out trees that are not thriving and replant, and add some birdboxes. The group is going to do a swift survey in July and a bat survey this summer. The group hope to involve the community, for example by involving the school. They also agreed to mow a section between the tennis courts and the wildflower planting so that seeds do not invade the surface of the courts. Cllr Taylor pointed out that there is room for another tree in the Millennium Orchard. The Wildlife Group agreed to identify an appropriate

tree for the conditions there. Devon Wildlife Trust are providing one special Jubilee tree to each village. If we can obtain one then perhaps there could be a planting ceremony at our celebrations?

WILDLIFE GROUP TO ACTION

11. Review Highways monthly site meeting and identify any items for the March meeting. Revisit the gully at the bottom of Church Lane, which is blocked. This has been rodded out but is still blocked at about five feet from the water course. Clerk to report to Highways. Clerk to respond to letter about hedge on Six Mile Hill and report back to council. **CLERK TO ACTION**

12. Update on possible closure of Pathfinder Surgery. Cllr Bellshaw reported that there had been no response to the letter from the parish council objecting to the closure. Cllr Jones to follow up and report back to council. **CLLR JONES TO ACTION**

13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee. (This item was taken at 2105 before item 8, again at the Chair's discretion). Cllr Jones reported that Pathfinder may organise a street party, subject to weather, etc. on the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend. This is still in the planning stages. The council discussed locations and thought that perhaps the Green at Four Oaks Rd and Cleave Close and the Millennium Orchard could be used for a street party and village event Cllr Taylor volunteered to put a notice on the Facebook Community Hub to find out how much support there is in the village for a community event and ask for volunteers. **CLLR TAYLOR TO ACTION**

14. Confirm appointment of internal auditor. The clerk has confirmed that an internal auditor has been appointed and this was noted by the council.

15. Payments for approval. Proposed Cllr Jones and seconded Cllr Taylor. **UNANIMOUS**

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount	VAT	Total	Chq no/s
7.2.22.	RSK Hi-Line	For tree work completed in Jan 2021 but unpaid	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00	813
7.2.22.	Jane Clark	Clerk's salary, home working allowance and phone	£400.00 £264.43	No	£664.43	814 815
7.2.22.	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£82.80	No	£82.80	816
7.2.22.	Devon County Council Pension Fund	Clerk's pension, both employee and employer contributions	£200.11	No	£200.11	817
7.2.22.	Lewyn Denley	Village maintenance	£165.00	No	£165.00	818
7.2.22.	VisionICT	Additional page on new website	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00	819
7.2.22	Graham Dicker	Cemetery and Millennium Orchard mowing and trimming	£960	No	£960.00	820.
7.2.22	Mrs Jane Clark	Stationery expenses (6 months)	£86.72	No	£86.72	821
7.2.22	Glasdon	2 x replacement rubbish bins for play area plus fixings and installation kit	£543.09	108.62	£651.71	(chq 822 voided) 823

The next Tedburn St Mary Parish Council meeting will be held in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall on Monday, 7th March, 2022 at 7.30 pm.