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**BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the VIRTUAL Meeting held on Thursday 17th December 2020 @ 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Mills (via mobile link), Cllr. David Hooper (video), Cllr. Colin Luker (video), Cllr. Sue Misselbrook (video), Cllr. Nichola Boughton (video).

Cllr. Birch. Cllr. Hodgson. Cllr. Sweett – lost connections, Cllr. Rose, County Councillor Hawkins. (video), Parish Clerk/RFO Susie Watt (video).

There was one guest speaker Mr Peter Rowse, who was invited to inform the Parish Council regarding the proposals for The Turning Circle Project. The general consensus was that not enough public consultation had been sought nor had there been any consultation with the Rowing Club. It was also stated that some of the proposals would disrupt commercial activities within the area and also that the structure of a three storey building which would rise and fall with the tide was not appropriate. It was unanimously agreed that much more investigation was needed before any further consideration would be taken by the Parish Council, at which point Mr Rowse left the meeting.

The Chairman read out the procedure for the virtual meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** None

1. **(01.12.20) Declaration of Interest:** None
2. **(02.12.20) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** There was full approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. **(03.12.20) Clerk’s Report:**  Monthly Finance Report was agreed and authorised.

***BERRY POMEROY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PAYMENTS 26th NOVEMBER 2020 TO 17TH DECEMBER 2020***

*Note: Clerk’s salary is paid via standing order operational from 27th April 2020 in the sum of \*£388.70. Sundries including stationery/printing etc., are paid by cheque in the following month on the production of receipts. \*(which includes 6 hrs per month agreed overtime + Office Allowance of £12 and phone Allowance of £5 per month)*

***Bank Account Balances as at 30th November 2020:***

*Santander Main Account £10,683.42*

*Santander Reserve Account £4,270.29*

*Berry Pomeroy Parish Council total balance as at 30th November 2020:* ***£14,953.71***

***DECEMBER PAYMENTS – Cheque Run***

*17/12/20 Chq.No. 685 Lengthsman (A. Marlton) £244.20*

*17/12/20 Chq. No. 686 VisionICT £150.00*

*Annual website management.*

The Budget was discussed in brief, Cllr. Luker stated that he wanted to wait to discuss further, Cllr. Mills stated that it was time to discuss so that the budget could be approved and Precept set at the January Meeting. The Clerk stated that if the budget was not going to be agreed tonight, then she would need any amendments, additions etc, by 10 January 2021 so the additions could be included and that the budget must be ratified at the meeting on 21st January 2021 as the Precept had to be submitted a few days later. It was agreed to defer the budget to the January meeting.

Cllr. Mills requested that Devon Air Ambulance be given a donation and suggested £500 – this was deferred to the next meeting.

The Clerk stated that the donations to Totnes Caring and The Citizens advice Bureau needed to be authorised and paid out of the current year’s budget. It was proposed to action payments of £150 to each charity, by Cllr. Mills and 2nd by Cllr. Hooper. Vote: unanimous.

The Clerk stated that there was a need to resolve the issue regarding the purchase of Strimmer and it was proposed by Cllr. Hooper and 2nd by Cllr. Mills to buy the Strimmer for the price stated of £452. The Clerk stated it would go onto the asset register and she would need the receipt for that purchase to enable a cheque to be raised.

The Clerk Reported that she had requested 3 contractors to go and look at the drainage problem on the Permissive Path after Cllr. Hooper had stated that drainage was the problem, however, it was reported by Cllr. Hooper that the permissive path had been dealt with but this had not been reported to the Clerk. The Clerk stated that it was embarrassing to have to go back to those contractors who had spent time assessing the situation but had yet to submit quotes. It was requested that the Clerk send a letter to the residents of True Street to request that they sort out a more permanent solution to the problem than the planks they had put in place.

Correspondence: Email had been received from the new Headteacher at Berry Pomeroy Primary School requesting the Christian ethos supported and requested assistance from the Church. Cllr. Boughton stated that this had already been dealt with.

There had been no requests or questions received from members of the public.

1. **(04.12.20) County Reports/District Reports** : Cllr. Pennington was not present.

Cllr. Hawkins – Nothing to report

Cllr. Hodgson – Circulated her report earlier to all Cllrs. which covered amongst other items: COVID-19 – Team Devon remains in place. FREE SCHOOL MEALS. Government Annual Spending review. Domestic Violence: Speed Restrictions & Vehicle Activated signs (VAS); A381 Road surface repairs:

Blackpost Lane and Weston Lane: I have received further recent complaints regarding potholes and damage to both these roads and earlier this week I took a trip there to see for myself. There are a number of areas where the road is in a poor and in places dangerous state of disrepair. I have made complaints to DCC, however I understand that DCC 3 signed off with Baker Estates a month ago on the developer’s responsibility to these repairs during and postconstruction works. I think the condition of these roads is unsatisfactory and I am concerned and have written to DCC as I consider that final sign off with Baker may have been premature. Annual Waiting Restriction review & Resident’s Parking schemes – Cllr. Mills expressed concerns regarding parking in Jubilee Road.

Cllr. Birch – Reported that the HE decision would be released prior to Christmas. SHDC final decision would be released on 14 January 2021.

Cllr. Sweett – Internet connection lost.

Cllr. Rose – At the SHDC Full Council meeting on the 17th of December 2020 the Climate and Biodiversity Strategy was adopted by unanimous vote. It will be reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny every 6 months and a selected community forum of 20 people will give input at intermittent-regular meetings (dates to be arranged). The Strategy is a living document and will be updated to reflect the council’s evolving understanding and response to climate and biodiversity breakdown.

At the same meeting the Community Consultation & Engagement Strategy was also adopted. As chair of the Task & Finish group who wrote the plan I am very pleased with the outcome and I hope that the plan will assist in strengthening the relationship between the council, partners and residents.

Also at the same meeting, the COVID Recovery and Renewal Plan was adopted. The plan has clearly been greatly influenced by ‘Team Devon’, a network of representatives of Councils, Partners and communities). The plan aims to consult and support businesses, diversify businesses, support the skilling up of residents, it looks at tourism, energy efficiency schemes, shared space and high streets, localised procurement etc.

The Recovery and Renewal plan is very much in alignment with the growing movement, across Devon (and indeed the Country), of Regenerative Economics, especially the Preston Model and the Doughnut Economics Model.

1. **(06.12.20) POLICE REPORT:** The Clerk reported that there was now a new Sgt. as Sgt. Tim Perrin had moved to a new post in Torbay. The new Sgt is Rob Wilson.
2. **(07.12.20) Date of Next Meeting:** The next Virtual Meeting will be on

THURSDAY 21ST January 2021 @ 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs (approx)

Signed:...............................................................Date: 21st January 2021

Chairman – Cllr. Mills