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**BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the VIRTUAL Meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2021 @ 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).

County Cllr. Hodgson. (video), Cllr. Rose (lost internet connection) Cllr.Sweett (had to leave) Parish Clerk/RFO Susie Watt (video).

The Chairman read out the procedure for the virtual meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Hawkins. Cllr. Birch

1. **(01.02.21) Declaration of Interest:** None
2. **(02.02.21) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** There was full approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021 and were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. **(03.02.21) Climate Emergency:**  Cllr. Misselbrook gave a brief of the proposal as did Cllr. Luker. All Councillors had received the Report and suggested leaflets etc., for the future. It was **RESOLVED** by 4 votes to 1 that the proposal put forward by Cllr. Misselbrook and 2nd by Cllr. Luker that Berry Pomeroy Parish Council recognises there is a climate emergency.

It was further agreed and proposed that Cllrs. Misselbrook and Luker would lead on this and working with the Clerk, would create a working part with Terms of Reference to be agreed, to take the actions and support of Berry Pomeroy Parish Council forward. Reports should be produced for each Parish Council and delegated authority for certain actions to be confirmed and agreed at the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Mills and 2nd by Cllr. Boughton. All agreed.

Further discussion agreed that the residents of Berry Pomeroy would need to be made aware of how they too can contribute.

1. **(04.02.21) True Street Bus Shelter:** Cllr. Luker reported the Bus Shelter situation on True Street corner was in a bad state of repair. It was confirmed that this bus shelter was no longer in use by bus users, but provided a shelter and resting place for walkers and cyclist. Cllr. Hooper stated there was a resident wren and next. It was agreed that Cllr. Hooper would replace a couple of wooden planks and the Clerk was requested to ask the Lengthsman to give the shelter a good clean up without disturbing the Hen’s nest.
2. **(05.02.21) Clerk’s Report:**  Monthly Finance Report was agreed and authorised.

**BERRY POMEROY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PAYMENTS 22nd January 2021 to 25th February 2021**

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 24th January 2021:**

Santander Main Account £9,013,13

Santander Reserve Account £4,270.29

Berry Pomeroy Parish Council total balance as at 25th January 2021: **£13,283.42**

**January/February 2021 PAYMENTS – Cheque Run**

Chq No. 690 Mrs S J Watt (\*Payment of upgraded Zoom access via S/O

from Clerk’s personal account Feb/Mar ‘21) £28.58**\***

\*Note: This will be a monthly payment until such time as face to face meetings are permitted.

The Clerk reported that the Precept had actually come out as a 0.9% a 0.29p decrease on the previous year.

The Clerk reported that she had received the Invoice/receipt for the Church Strimmer, which the Parish Council would buy and own. The total was £459.00. It was agreed that the Clerk raise a cheque for this amount to be paid to the Berry pomeroy Parish Church PCC.

The Clerk explained that at the last Zoom Meeting the meeting had run out of time, this was because we were on a basic zoom plan, she had now upgraded to give unlimited hours and the cost was £14.39 which the clerk was paying by Standing Order from her personal Bank Account, hence, the repayment for the February and March meetings. This would continue until such time as face to face meetings were permitted.

The Clerk reported that there had been no further movement regarding the Play Park and had emailed Rob Sekula and our Solicitors but had no response. Cllr. Hawkins was informed as he is the lead on Play Grounds and Community space.

The Clerk reported that she had received a further request from TTC for Berry Pomeroy Parish Council to agree a joint letter be sent to SHDC regarding the anti-social behaviour on Longmarsh which crossed over both boundaries. This was agreed by all Councillors.

An email had been received from Bridgetown Alive regarding the Planting of an Oak tree on the Totnes Border with Berry Pomeroy, this had been covered by Cllr. Misselbrook on item 2. Further information was required and would be reported on at the next meeting by the Climate Emergency Working Party.

There were no public representations or questions.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**0160/21/HHO –** Garage… Still Water, Loventor. **SUPPORTED**

**0245/21/HHO –** Placement of LPG tank, Parliament House, Longcombe – SUPPORTED with COMMENTS regarding the siting and safety of residents.

**0246/21/LBC -** Listed Building Consent – Parliament House, Longcombe – SUPPORTED with COMMENTS regarding every consideration is taken into account and scrutinised by SHDC.

There were no public representations or questions.

1. **(06.02.21) District/County Reports:**  Only Cllr. Hodgson was present. Cllr. Birch/Hawkins/Sweett – reports had been circulated to Cllrs.

**Cllr. Hodgson:** Will forward her report to Cllrs. and the Clerk after the meeting. DCC budget had been decided.

**HAATOC Meeting:** Cllr. Hodgson was still pushing for the 20mph limit even though the nothing could be decided until the Newton Abbot trial had concluded.

**Berry Pomeroy to Bridgetown Footpath:** Cllr. Hodgson had spoken and received emails from Highways and SHDC – there was possibly a problem with an overflow from the septic tanks of the properties at True St. causing the problem, and although the path was now clear the gulley was deep and a potential danger to walkers and pram users. Furthermore, the water was now flooding a tenant farmers field. Cllr. Hodgson would work with the tenant to try and resolve the problem.

**Climate Change:** Cllr. Hodgson applauded BPPC in declaring a climate emergency and was in full support of the boundary tree planting. Her full report indicates the common land which could be used and the hopes of the project for the future.

Cllr. Hooper stated that he found it strange that the District Council was promoting the planting of trees, yet had authorised the removal of 4 trees in Borough Park to make way for a Skate Park! Cllr. Hodgson stated that there was a security reason behind their removal.

1. **(07.02.21) POLICE REPORT:** None
2. **(08.02.21) Business at the Discretion of the Chairman:** None
3. **(09.02.21) Date of Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next Virtual Meeting will be on

Thursday 25th March 2021 @ 7.00pm this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the full Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20:41hrs (approx)

Signed:...............................................................Date: 25th March 2021

Chairman – Cllr. Mills