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**BERRY POMEROY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the VIRTUAL Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 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. Rose. (video), Parish Clerk/RFO Susie Watt (video).

There was one member of the public present via video.

The Chairman read out the procedure for the virtual meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** County Cllr. Jacqui Hodgson

1. **(01.10.20)Declaration of Interest:** Cllr. Mills(item 5 ) & Cllr. Misselbrook (item 3).
2. **(02.10.20) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:** There was full approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2020
3. **(03.10.20) Additional Donation request:**  Donation to Bridgetown Alive to assist with further refurbishments. The Clerk read out a letter received from the Chairman of Bridgetown Alive requesting a further donation to assist with additional items required to complete the refurbishment of the Community Hall. Totnes Town Council were again stating that they would donate if Berry Pomeroy donated. The Clerk stated that by donating a further £1000 to Bridgetown Alive the total donations to that Charity in the current year amounted to £3000 which was just under a quarter of the Berry Pomeroy’s Precept. The Clerk stated that this may well be questioned by the Auditor and indeed, others in the Community. The Clerk advised against a further donation using Public Funds which appeared excessive against the Precept.

It was therefore, proposed by Cllr. Hooper and seconded by Cllr. Luker to make a further donation of £1000 to Bridgetown Alive. Cllr. Misselbrook did not take part in this discussion or vote – declared interest. Cllr. Mills objected. Cllrs. Hopper, Luker and Boughton voted for. It was therefore, RESOLVED to make the donation of £1000 to Bridgetown Alive.

1. **(04.10.20) Clerk’s Report:**

The Monthly Finance Schedule/Payments record was also requested to be approved. The Chairman called for a show of hands and the Financial Records were duly unanimously approved.

**BERRY POMEROY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PAYMENTS AUGUST 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 2020 – retrospective ratification on 1ST October 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 24th August 2020:**

Santander Main Account £7,288.57

Santander Reserve Account £4,270.29

Berry Pomeroy Parish Council total balance as at 24th August 2020: **£11,558.86\*\***

**EXPENDITURE: August to September 2020**

27/07/20 S/O Standing Order – Clerk’s Salary/Allowances only £388.70

27/08/20 S/O Standing Order – Clerk’s Salary/Allowances only £388.70

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**SEPTEMBER PAYMENTS – Cheque Run**

30/09/20 Chq.No. 681 Stephen Holley (Lengthsman) £362.81

30/09/20 Chq. No. 682 VisionICT – Website compliance (new legislation) £54.00

**\*\***Please note this balance will have increased substantially as the 2nd Precept payment was received during September (statements not issued for another week) – the Precept payment was £6,211.00

The Clerk informed the Council that the Internal Audit had been completed and was satisfactory.

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

The Clerk informed the Councillors that an invoice had been received for the purchase of a strimmer and other expenses incurred by the Church. None of these expenses had been previously discussed nor the purchase authorised, as such, the Clerk/RFO had been unable to assist with payment. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting within the Clerk’s Report.

1. **(05.10.20) District Report:** Cllr. Birch provided an update for the NDP that the Barns at Great Court Farm had been the subject of an HE and BAT survey submission and as such the demolition had been refused until a BAT survey had been carried out.

Cllr. Birch stated that a new river turning bay running alongside Longmarsh was in the early stages and that further consultation was being sought with the Rowing Club. There were further reports from Cllrs. Hawkins and Cllr. Rose. The latter referring to new recycling dates and times changes which are available on SHDC website.

The new Planning Reforms were going to significantly impact on rural area. Full report to be sourced and given to Cllr. Mills. Cllr. Birch encouraged the Councillors to write to the MP Anthony Mangall direct regarding this disastrous consequences of the new Planning Reforms.

Cllr. Luker asked Cllr. Birch where the £400,000 which had been allocated by the Executive for Climate Change, this question was also endorsed by Cllr. Misselbrook. Cllr. Birch stated that the £400,000 was still in place and that SHDC had now employed a Climate Change Officer and that SHDC were totally committed to tackling Climate Change

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1. **(06.10.20) Police Report:** The Clerk reported that Sgt. Perrin was hoping to arrange a virtual ‘all parish council’ meeting once a month to discuss issues as it was impossible to attend each individual meeting. Hopefully there will be an update for the next meeting.
2. **(07.10.20) Date of Next Meeting:** The next Virtual Meeting will be on

THURSDAY 26thNOVEMBER 2020 @ 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20:38hrs

Signed:...............................................................Date: 26th November 2020

Chairman – Cllr. Mills