

THE BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

September 9th, 2020

Venue: Video Conference

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Wainwright (MDDC)

- I. Apologies for absence
Cllrs Clements, Cowell
- II. Minutes from last meeting on 27th May 2020 were approved and will be signed at a later date.
- III. Public forum
There was one member of the public in attendance.
- IV. Declarations of interest
There were none
- V. Reports from:
Cllr Squires (Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council)
The road from Henceford Cross to Puddington is scheduled for resurfacing.
Cllr Wainwright (Mid Devon District Council)
MDDC have re-arranged the Cabinet and there is an ongoing debate about governance. Further to a briefing on the changes to planning, some bullet points of the key changes will be provided by Cllr Wainwright. The Climate Action Plan has now gone to Cabinet for approval.
- VI. Clerk's report

Website Accessibility

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 requires public sector bodies, which includes local councils, to ensure reasonable adjustments are made to websites so they are accessible to people with various disabilities. These include:

- Impaired vision
- Motor difficulties
- Cognitive impairments or learning disabilities
- Deafness or impaired hearing

From 23 September 2020 all local council websites will have to comply with these regulations. The statutory information pages on the website have been checked and where necessary altered to meet the guidelines and an accessibility statement has been published on the website.

Road Condition

An email was received from a resident complaining about the state of the road between Thelbridge Cross and the church and between Thelbridge Barton and Stockham Farm. A recent visual inspection showed that, whilst the condition is very poor, the potholes do not meet the criteria for repair at present. Cllr Squires requested that the email be forwarded to her so she can raise it with the Highways officer.

With appropriate training this is the sort of problem that could be resolved by a road warden. On 11th December 2019 it was resolved to call for volunteers in the next newsletter, however publication has been deferred due to the pandemic.

VII. Finance

- a) Payments were approved for the SLCC virtual national conference £30, HMRC £31.80, printing & postage Q2 £15.05, Zoom (3 months) £43.17
- b) Statement of accounts and budget monitoring were noted.

VIII. Wind Turbine – the report was considered and it was **resolved** that the land owners of potential sites be identified and contacted to determine whether, in principle, they would be willing to have a wind turbine on their land. It was noted that there may be some funding available from the Heart of Devon Climate Action Group and that, if it appears that there is a potential site or sites, then a representative from a community owned energy company be invited to a public meeting. The difficulty of holding a public meeting whilst the Covid restrictions apply was noted.

IX. Planning

There have been no new planning applications. The application for 5 new poultry units and a biomass boiler unit etc. at Edgeworthy has been granted, subject to conditions.

X. Future meeting dates

To be confirmed

The meeting closed at 20:30

W. K. Boundy