

Thelbridge Parish Council

Minutes

14th April 2021

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

I. Apologies

Cllr Clements, Gibson, Gillbard, Hayes

II. Approval of Minutes 3rd March 2021

The minutes were approved and will be signed at a later date.

III. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

IV. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

V. Report from Cllr Squires

Main County Council responsibilities are around children. Due to Covid there are an increasing number of children in care and an increasing number of young people with mental health problems and autism.

The Highways Officer will be asked to look into the issue of the new hedge planted on one corner of the crossroads at Nomansland.

Report from Cllr Wainwright

During purdah in the run up to the County Council and three Mid Devon District Council by-elections, there is not a great deal to report. The budget was signed off last month.

Cllr Wainwright will find out whether the MDDC land in front of Eastwick Barton is on the cutting schedule.

VI. Clerk's Report

The Royal British Legion Industries have sent a price list for various versions of the "unknown Tommy" to commemorate VE Day on 8th May. Prices range from £125 to £405 per item. This was considered too large a proportion of the budget.

The Tiverton neighbourhood Plan has been published for consultation and people living or working in Tiverton can comment, details are on their [website](#).

Devon Highways have run out of the tools and equipment for the Road Warden Scheme. The Council can apply for funds to cover the costs of around £800 from the Community Enhancement Fund; applications made now will not be decided until June. It was **resolved** that an application should be made after confirming with the volunteers what they would make use of from the suggested list of equipment.

VII. Finance

- a) The year-end accounts were approved and the AGAR will be signed by the Chairman at a later date. It was **resolved** to complete the exemption certificate and the period for the exercise of public rights was agreed as 14th June – 23rd July
- b) The following payments were approved: NALC/DALC subscription £77.93, DALC training for the new councillor £72, audit fee £32 and printing and postage £26.30.
- c) The Financial Regulations were considered and it was **resolved** to adopt them.

VIII. Planning

There have been no new planning applications since the last meeting.

IX. Bereavement Plans

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, an electronic condolences book for the Duke of Edinburgh is available on the [Palace website](#). There is a service at Exeter Cathedral at 16:30 on Thursday 15th April which will be live streamed on Facebook; attendance at the cathedral is very restricted.

X. Newsletter

Most copies of the newsletter have been posted to all residents of the parish, with the remainder being sent this week.

XI. Items for Future Agenda

Communications strategy
Expenses policy
Broadband update from Airband

XII. Future Meeting Dates

4th May (annual meeting)
Further dates to be agreed at the annual meeting

The meeting closed at 20:11

Signed W. K. Bunnby (Chairman) Date: 17th May 2021