

EAST HARPTREE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2019 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: THE THEATRE, EAST HARPTREE @ 7.30pm	
	<p><i>Present:</i> Cllrs John Vinson, Kate Gillingham, Wendy Gregory and Richard Coombs; also in attendance Cllr David Wood (B&NES) and Alan Butcher (Clerk). In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Vinson was elected to chair the meeting.</p>
1910/1	<p><i>Apologies for absence.</i> Cllrs Andrew Jones and Pam Carver.</p>
1910/2	<p><u>Public Forum</u></p> <p>This part of the meeting is intended to allow public participation on matters on the agenda. Seven members of the public were present.</p> <p>i) Climate Change Emergency – a number of members of the public spoke about proposals for a working group to take forward the matter of climate change. Several felt that there should be co-operation between Parish Councils throughout the Chew Valley and an exchange of information. Cllr Gregory noted that the working group should draw on the experience and expertise within the local community. It was also noted that any working group cannot assume that it will take all of the community along with its proposals. It was agreed that information should be circulated as widely as possible via the Parish Council and Parish magazine. One member of the public offered to act as a community contact. Parish Council to appoint councillors to liaise with this contact and any community group set up under the auspices of the Parish Council.</p> <p>ii) Bristol Airport expansion – one member of the public spoke strongly in opposition to the airport proposals and tabled papers outlining environmental research, possible health issues resulting from more aircraft over-flying local villages, the increase in night flights and the impact on traffic throughout the area. It was also noted that there may be parishioners who are not against the proposals and that there was information on the internet which offered a balanced neutral view of the proposals.</p> <p>iii) Two other items were raised – The revised arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting; the clerk advised this would be on the agenda for November and the planning application for variation of conditions at Kielder, Church Lane. It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.</p> <p>iv) Report from Ward Councillor – Cllr David Wood gave a report on the recent discussion at full council about the climate change emergency and a number of proposals to improve energy efficiency in council buildings. He noted the need to build carbon neutral homes and the proposal to plant 100,000 trees in the B&NES area over the next 4 years.</p>

	<p>He referred to the rejection of the Joint Spatial Plan by inspectors and advised that B&NES would be continuing to bring forward the new Local Plan including references to the climate emergency in 2020. A final timeline was yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>He spoke about a new “Permit to Work” scheme to bring order into road closures within B&NES following a sometime chaotic period when overlapping closures had caused problems in the Chew Valley. The permit system would require 8 week notice of closure and a payment which would be used to fund additional staff to run the system.</p> <p>He had attended meetings at Proud Cross to discuss the apparent narrowing of the road width outside the new development. Council officers were checking documentation to establish the exact line of the carriageway. He noted that B&NES had objected to the Bristol Airport expansion planning application on the grounds of increased traffic congestion throughout the area including smaller roads and lanes leading to the airport.</p> <p>The formal meeting re-convened during which members of the public are not allowed to participate unless requested to do so by the Chairman</p>
1910/3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
1910/4	<p><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u></p> <p>i) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>
1910/5	<p><u>Formal Motions requiring a decision:</u></p> <p>i) Climate Change Emergency: To consider community involvement and agree the formation of a working group to prepare an East Harptree action plan and take the matter forward. Councillors agreed that following the discussions in the public forum there was sufficient interest to form a working group and this was agreed. Cllrs Gillingham and Gregory to liaise with the community to take the matter forward. The wording of a circulation to parishioners to be agreed and a report on progress made to the next meeting.</p>
1910/6	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>i) Planning application 19/04199/NMA – Kielder, Church Lane, East Harptree – variation of conditions (for information; application not for comment). This application had been withdrawn before the meeting.</p> <p>ii) Planning application 19/04255/CLEU – Staddle Stones, Smitham Hill, East Harptree – Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use. Following a review of the application and documents, councillors agreed to leave the determination of the application to the planning officer.</p>

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

	<p>iii) Proposal to join the PC Airport Association – fee £75.00 – it was agreed to defer a decision on this matter until the next meeting.</p> <p>To receive reports on meetings attended by councillors. Cllr Gregory reported on a meeting of the Village Club. There was a general discussion about how the Parish Council could provide assistance to the club.</p>
1910/10	<p><u>Parish Councillors reports and comments on their individual responsibilities:</u></p> <p>i) Cllr Coombs – Highway safety update – Cllr Coombs had received the speed monitoring data and was drafting an email for discussion and subsequent distribution to parishioners.</p> <p>ii) Cllr Carver – update on B&NES Local Plan. Deferred until next meeting.</p>
1910/11	<p><u>Matters of Report.</u></p> <p>i) The clerk advised that he would be including an item connected with the village hall defibrillator on the agendas for the next meeting.</p> <p>ii) The clerk advised that an item in respect of the Newton Project would be included on the agenda for the December meeting.</p> <p>iii) The clerk advised he had received minutes and agenda for the Plumley’s Charity meeting to be held on 25th November 2019. He would circulate the papers to councillors.</p>
1910/12	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>i) The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 19th November 2019, 7.30pm at The Theatre.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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