

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BORDEN GATE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 54 HELD ON 31.01.2024 AT HOCKWORTHY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Attendees: Councillors H Bainbridge, T Bainbridge, A Brown, C Bolt, M Coates, H Corcoran (Chairman),
L Delafield-Cook, J Gabb, I Hall, A Hoskins, P Osman, D Southward, M Williams
P Bainbridge (Clerk) Members of the Public: 0

1. **Apologies Approved:** R Maltby
Apologies also received: DCC Cllr Ray Radford and MDDC Cllr Jane Lock
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Minutes** of the meeting held 29/11/2023 were unanimously approved and were signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman H Corcoran.
4. **Councillor Vacancy Huntsham** – Christopher Bolt having filled out an application of interest was proposed by P Osman and seconded by M Williams and unanimously elected and signed the declaration of acceptance of office at the meeting in the presence of the Clerk.
5. **Matters Outstanding**
 - a. Chimney Down S106 – A proposal which reflected the differing views expressed at the public consultation had been drawn up. The proposal considered the management currently undertaken by Commoners and the need to harmonise with the natural environment. The proposal includes seating boulders, a picnic bench, and a seating bench with native trees to provide shade around the car parking areas. Following a discussion of the proposal it was proposed by M Williams to submit the S106 application for the full amount of allocated funds of £5,768.00, seconded by L Delafield Cook and unanimously approved. Offers of support from volunteers had already been received which will help to keep the overall cost down and close to the funds available. There is additional money allocated in the budget if required. The Clerk will prepare the application and make the submission.
 - b. Parish Paths Partnership (P3) PROW – The damaged directional fingerpost Hockworthy Bridleway 4 near Daggeridge had been replaced but it was reported that it had been removed very shortly after installation. This is the second time this signage installed by Devon County in March 2023 has been damaged/tampered with. Any replacement sign will ideally need to be damage/tamper proof. A suggestion was made that these occurrences be reported to the police if they continue. The collating of walks for the Mid Devon Walking Festival is ongoing.
 - c. Benches for Clayhanger and Huntsham – Huntsham identified a suitable bench from information provided. Huntsham Councillors will report further on the location and installation with a view to making a final decision to purchase at the next meeting. Clayhanger informed that there was currently no suitable location for a bench and therefore did not want one at present.
6. **Planning Applications for comment:**
 - a. **24/00030/FULL** Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 98/01630/FULL (Erection of a single storey barn for use as a theatrical workshop) to allow use for storage, archiving and cleaning/preparation of clothing Waterslade Studios Hockworthy Devon TA21 0NS – Supports*
*After a discussion it was decided to support the variation of planning and for the Clerk to submit a response to this effect.
 - b. **24/00143/FULL** Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/02158/FULL to allow substitute plans - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/00443/FULL to allow substitute plans - Change of use of land for the siting of 2 glamping tents and associated facilities - no comment

Planning Applications Decided: For full conditions please refer to Mid Devon District Council's planning portal

 - c. **23/01705/CLU** Certificate of lawfulness to establish the lawful commencement of development of Change of use of agricultural land for the erection of 2 glamping pods and associated works as approved under Planning Permission 21/00933/FULL Land at NGR 302437 119283 (Daresdown) Hockworthy – GRANT

Planning permissions awaiting decision

- d. **23/01655/FULL** Variation of condition (1) of planning permission 20/00329/FULL (Variation of condition (1) of planning permission 18/01344/FULL to extend temporary planning permission for a further period of 3 years) - to extend the time condition for a further period of 3 years Raeleigh Staple Cross Hockworthy TA21 0NH

7. Finance

a. Income Received

- i. Bank Interest November £6.11 & December £5.92 :£12.03
- ii. Coronation Mug :£10

b. Expenditure already made via direct debit/standing order

- i. Banking Monthly Service Charge – December £5 & January £5
- ii. HugoFox Ltd Website & Hosting December & January each @ £9.99 (+VAT) = £23.98

c. Expenditure for Approval

- i. Clerk's wages for January £200 and February £200 (including payments to HMRC)
- ii. Hockworthy Village Hall Hire £15

M Williams proposed and A Hoskins seconded, and all payments unanimously approved.

- d. Bank reconciliation 31st December 2023 – Total Balance at Bank £11,635.58 was checked against the bank statements by Cllr I Hall and approved.

- e. Mid Devon Mobility – a request for support had been received. H Bainbridge proposed £75 which was seconded by M Williams and unanimously approved.

- f. Internal Auditor for 2023/24 – it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.

8. **Police reports** – email alerts posted on Facebook. The Clerk reported on the lack of reports available for parishes and that the Police.UK website had not been regularly updated to provide up-to-date information and had also been noted by Councillors at District level.

9. **District and County Councillors' Reports** – A written report from DCC Cllr R Radford had been circulated.

10. **Clerk's Report & Correspondence** – Emails from Clayhanger & Huntsham PCCs had been received expressing thanks for the churchyard maintenance grants. A new Devon County Council Highways Steward for the area is now in position. The Devon Association of Local Councils have been allocated 4 tickets to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Parish Councils may nominate a long-standing Councillor/Clerk to attend, and the names will be entered in a draw. It was proposed and agreed that Cllr H Bainbridge be nominated.

11. **Councillors' reports and items for future agendas** - The condition of the roads will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Cllr H Bainbridge informed the meeting of a proposal for a combined Devon County and Torbay authority in which devolved powers could increase funding for the region.

12. **The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Huntsham Village Hall.

Chair Cllr H Corcoran declared the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Chair:

Signed as a true and correct record

Date: