

BODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON
WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7pm**

**Councillors M Harrison MH: R Hewlett RH: G Robins GR: G Coveney GC
D Lang DL**

C. Cllr Awford PA

B. Councillor Williams MW

No Public

Clerk in Attendance - P Clarke

Michelle Hind New Clerk

795/ Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

796/ Apologies

None

**797/ Requests for Dispensations and other Declarations of Members
Interests**

PLANNING

GR: 20/01066/FUL Chestnut Barn

798/ To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 September 2020

Agreed, to be signed at future meeting. Proposed RH, seconded GC

799/ Matters Arising (not covered under Agenda Items)

Noted Internal Audit completed

800/ County Councillor Report

PA suggested we could use s106 to make donation to church

Will be meeting with Craig Freeman for update on Highways issues is planned

801/ Borough Councillor Report

Will comment when necessary

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802/ Joint Core Strategy

No update

803/ Proposed alterations to M5 Junction 10

GR: Has completed online survey, his preferred option is no longer a possibility

Of the three remaining options - his concern is on the impact of traffic and a potential grid lock going into Cheltenham

He expressed concern on the proposed cycleway that will have to get over the motorway somehow and asked the Council to respond

GC agreed the 3 options are similar and cycleway does not go far enough

MH agreed all 3 routes are similar, the purple route has least disruption to Withybridge Road, who have had their life blighted for years, he added we are not going to stop it but can put our thoughts forward

Clerk to make representation whilst we don't have a particular preference, we would like improvements to cycling and walking facilities within the area

Other members to make their own representations

804/ Dog fouling on grass verges and the siting of Waste Bins and Dog Bins

Clerk to order bin from TBC as the issue is becoming worse

Action Clerk

805/ Signage for Boddington Lane

No update from Craig Freeman CF

Ongoing for 3 years, MH will ask local resident if he is still willing to contribute to signage if we get it

MH to chase CF

Action MH

806/ Website Accessibility Compatibility

GC has completed review; statement is now up and running and, on the website,

Noted current site is limited to 4 pages, but members considered this to be sufficient

MH noted not many people know we have a website

807/ Planning

20/01066/FUL - Chestnut Barn Barrow

GR declared an interest

No objections

20/00657/FUL Tump court

To record this Council and the owner of the property were able to overturn the recommendation of the Inspector and achieve the right outcome, by overturning the decision
MW congratulated MH for this speech at TBC planning committee

Planning Decision - 20/00723/FUL -

Barn Close - permitted

808/ Speed management in the parish

Already discussed

809/ Boddington Lane drainage soakaways

No update while we have the Highway diversion

GC felt soakaways are not effective, but we will have to wait till they are connected to the drains. One Pothole has been repaired the other one should have been done at the same time

MH to chase CF but will go to Chris Riley if necessary, as nothing is happening

Action: MH

810/ Public footpaths within Boddington Parish Council boundaries

DL had no presentation update, however explained the delays in the clearance of footpath AB025 were actively being discussed with GCCC PROW. There are issues gaining access for the clearing equipment.

Paths are soggy but accessible and clear. DL clarified extent of the boundary at the Western side beside the river Chelt towards Norton.

He was aware that there was no signage towards the public highway (A38) towards Norton once you cross the bridge into the neighbouring parish and would raise with the GCC PROW team. He will also raise the issue of inadequate signage in the neighbouring parish of Down Hatherley.

GR will provide map to DL for information

Action: DL

PA joined the meeting but has no update from CF but will chase

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and let MH know

811/ Clerk Vacancy - To welcome Shelley Hinde as new Clerk

Members thanked Pauline Clarke for her service over the previous 7 years and welcomed Shelley Hinde as the new Clerk
Clerk will carry out handover; MH noted the appointment was made possible by membership of the Forum

812/ St Mary Magdalene's Church, Boddington - proposal for the Parish Council to offer financial support for the building's upkeep

Sarah Freckleton at TBC has confirmed it is legal to donate for the upkeep of the church
GR expressed concern on the state of the building and noted £50,000 has been spent on the tower
Any donation to be used for the building only and there is a separate account set aside for maintenance but is joint with Staverton church
Our donation must only support Boddington

Church will decide which churches will be kept open by 2024, and members would not want it to fall into disrepair

PC has interest as if church is closed the graveyard is passed to the PC including maintenance of gravestones

MH was not happy to put PC funds to a church building, not many churches are thriving, and it is churches responsibility

RH also could not support it unless all residents agree to it

DL felt it is the one public building in the parish and there is £11,000 in the accounts, it is a historical focal point and the right thing to do

GC agreed with DL and GC – it is a beautiful building, but a caveat is funding goes to Boddington church only and the community to make more use of it, it is not for the upkeep of the clergy

Following a vote, the motion to donate £500 on an annual basis for the foreseeable future was carried and paid as from 30 November

813/ Resignation of Councillor Gill Coveney

Clerk will inform TBC on 18th November and await the notices, MH noted there is a resident who may be interested

MH thanked GC for her service to the Council

814/ Hedge cutting and drainage ditch clearance within the Parish

Estate done a good job, landowner should be responsible and is much appreciated, a resident has also now cut the hedge that had received complaints

815/ Budget and agreement of precept

Clerk had circulated budget, member agreed to increase provision for website

Precept at £3250 was proposed MH seconded RH and agreed

816/ Renewal of Insurance

Agreed

817 CPRE donation

Members approved a one-off donation of £50

818/ Finance Report

Bank Reconciliation was circulated to members and agreed

819/ Accounts for payment

Payments by BACS was agreed to the value of £771.09

GC will continue to make payments for website in the short term

820/ Parishioners Questions

None

821/ Correspondence

Clerk will circulate after lockdown

822/ Any other business for information or future discussion

To follow up asking for s106 for donation

823/ Clerk Report and items for Inclusion in the Newsletter

MH will discuss points with Clerk

Action: MH

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824/ Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting 20th January 2021 at 7pm will be held
remotely

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.40pm

Signed:

Date:

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