

BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011 at 7pm

**Present:**

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr R A Bray

Cllr A Allen	Cllr G J Gribble**
Cllr Mrs D E M Black	Cllr M Harper
Cllr Mrs M Y Davey	Cllr Mrs A M Klinkenberg*
Cllr D K Elphick	Cllr Ms C O Richardson
Cllr M J Evans	Cllr Mrs K J Westbury

\*\*County Cllr  
\*District Cllr

**In attendance:**

Rev R Jones (Representing Rev K Hooke - Chaplain to the Council)  
PCSO P Wilson  
One member of the press

Mr T J Westwood - Town Clerk  
Mrs E Gedge - Secretary

**Opening Prayer:**

The Town Mayor welcomed those present, and invited Rev Jones to open the meeting with prayer.

**FC.11/01. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr A C Griesiell (on holiday)  
Cllr F W Holmes\* (attending a meeting as District Cllr)  
Rev K Hooke (unwell)

**\*\*Public Participation Session:**

*Commenced at 7.02pm and finished at 7.10pm (\*Report attached) when Rev Jones left the meeting.*

**FC.11/02. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting of the Town Council held on 15.11.10 (*\*copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Kerswell.

**FC.11/03. Recreation, Parks & Property (RP&P) Committee:**

The Report of the meeting held on 13.12.10 was received and adopted (*\*copy previously circulated*).

**FC.11/04. Finance, Resources & General Purposes (FR&GP) Committee:**

- a) Ref minute no: FR&GP.11/10(b) (**Youth Awards Project**). It was noted that a meeting will take place on 31.1.11 to discuss this matter further.
- b) Ref minute no: FR&GP.11/04 (**Budget & Precept for 2011/2012**).  
Cllr Gribble thanked Councillors and the Town Clerk for their positive in-put to the discussion.

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- c) Ref minute no: FR&GP.11/04 (page 2/ii) (**Reducing the Town Council's expenditure**). It was noted that:

A small sub-committee comprising Cllrs Mrs Kerswell, Gribble, Elphick and Mr Westwood had met to discuss this matter and Cllr Gribble had prepared a brief report.

*Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the report and associated matters, it was agreed to consider these items in the absence of the public and press following the completion of the meeting.*

The Report of the meeting held on 10.1.11, the Financial Statement dated 10.1.11 and the Accounts paid up to 7.1.11 were received and adopted (*\*copies previously circulated*).

**FC.11/05. Planning Committee:**

The Reports of the meetings held on 29.11.10, 13.12.10 & 10.1.11 were received and adopted (*\*copies previously adopted*).

**FC.11/06. The Town Mayor's Interests:**

A list of functions and activities attended by the Town Mayor since the last meeting was received and adopted (*\*Report attached*). Cllr Mrs Kerswell mentioned the bulb planting and the visits to Residential Homes on Christmas Day in particular.

**\*\*A short adjournment took place from 7.18pm to 7.33pm to allow for questions, reports and representations from the County, District and Town Councillors (\*Report attached).**

**FC.11/07. Bovey Tracey 20 Year Masterplan:**

It was noted that:

a) As part of the preparation of the Bovey Tracey 20 Year Masterplan, three Forum meetings have been organised (*\*details previously circulated*) in order to seek residents' views on the future of the Parish.

b) There is a separate event for pupils and parents of Bovey Tracey Primary School which would not require the attendance of Town Councillors.

c) The Event times are as follows:

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Methodist Church Hall, Bovey Tracey - 10am to 12noon  
St Catherine's School, Heathfield - 1.30pm to 4pm

**\*\*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Methodist Church Hall, Bovey Tracey - 4pm to 7pm  
(This event may also incorporate a meeting with local businesses)

**Resolved:**

Town Councillors will notify the Town Clerk which of the three events they are able to attend.

**FC.11/08. Information:**

The following information was noted:

- a) A letter from Lesley Tucker (TDC) had been received inviting comments on the District Council's proposed budget for 2011/12. There is to be a reduction of expenditure which will include the freezing of staff salaries and mileage rates and possible redundancies.

However the collection of refuse and street cleaning will not be affected. The letter is available in the Town Clerk's Office and Councillors were encouraged to comment on the proposals.

- b) The Town Clerk reported the reasons why DCC Highways had been unable to immediately clear the roads and car parks of snow in Bovey Tracey. After negotiation with DCC, he had been able to arrange for a grit bin to be placed on the highway at the top of Mary Street car park.

- c) The Town Mayor's Annual Dinner will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Grey Gables and invitation will be sent in due course.

*With reference to the above agenda item FC.11/04c, PCSO Wilson and one member of the press left the meeting at 7.40pm.*

**FC.11/09. Future of the Town Hall & Related Matters:**

The Town Clerk gave a report regarding the informal meeting for Councillors held in the Council Chamber on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011. After questions and clarification it was

**Resolved:**

To instruct the Town Clerk to progress the matter as discussed.


**FC.11/10 Reduction of Town Council's Expenditure:**

Cllr Gribble gave a report on the suggestions put forward by the small sub-committee which had been appointed to consider reducing the Town Council's expenditure. After discussion and clarification it was

**Resolved:**

To progress with the proposed reduction in the Town Council's expenditure.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.





BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the questions, reports and representations which took place during the adjournments of the Town Council on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Reports and comments from members of the public:

PCSO Wilson circulated a list of recorded crime figures and made the following comments:

- i) 23 crimes had been recorded during December 2010. "Violent" crimes included behaviour related to alcohol and domestic incidents.
- ii) The level of crimes recorded had not been affected by the snow.
- iii) Insp Nott was leaving, and a new Sergeant for the area had been appointed.

In answer to questions:

- iv) PCSO Wilson reported that the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary was to be restructured in an attempt to cut costs, but it would not affect the front line staff dealing with members of the public.
- v) He received congratulations regarding the way the police had patrolled the Town over Christmas and the New Year.
- vi) Parking issues were dealt with by the Enforcement Officers employed by TDC. Therefore he was speaking to drivers who parked illegally outside the doctors' surgery on Le Molay-Littry Way. However, if an obstruction occurred, he would be able to issue a Penalty Notice.
- vii) He noted that disabled and elderly patients attending the surgery needed to be dropped off and picked up from the roadside.

Rev Jones reported that:

- i) Rev Graham Hamilton was taking sabbatical leave at the moment.
- ii) The first joint Church Service of Christians Together in Bovey Tracey this year will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January in the Methodist Church led by Fr George Carrick.
- iii) The next joint service will be at the Baptist Church on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011 led by the young people of the 4 churches.

*Rev Jones left the meeting at 7.10pm after giving his report.*

Mr Westwood reported that the Bovey Tracey Amenities Society had been suspended for the time being.

County, District and Town Councillors' Reports:

County & Town Cllr Gribble reported the following:

- i) Snow clearance, the provision of Grit Bins and the repair of potholes on Devon's 8,000 miles of roads have continued to be a big issue for DCC Highways Division during December.
- ii) Discussions were taking place in an attempt to cut the cost of Devon County Council's annual expenditure.

In answer to questions, County Cllr Gribble stated that:

- iii) Many people were rescued from road traffic accidents by the Fire Service, and the education of young people was paramount in an attempt to reduce these accidents.
- iv) It was planned to turn off the street lights in side roads in Bovey Tracey during the night eventually.

Cllr Gribble provided a list of the meetings and function he had attended as Town Councillor. These included:

~~Meetings with the DNPA, Derek Moss (Highways), BCT, Lesley Smith regarding the future of the Town Hall and the Bovey Tracey Planning Group.~~

**Cllr Allen** reported that he was organising a talk by a Senior Police Officer on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the public would be invited.

**Cllr Harper** had made several visits to the Youth Café, talking to the youngsters who meet there, and announced that the Charity Box in "Spar" had raised £170.00 to date for the Youth Café.

**Cllr Ms Richardson** thanked those responsible for providing a grit bin at the top of Mary Street car park.

**Cllr Mrs Davey** thanked Cllrs Mrs Klinkenberg and Gribble for their help and advice.

**Cllr Mrs Westbury** reported her concerns regarding the lack of community spirit in Heathfield.

**Cllr Elphick** also commented on the apparent apathy in Heathfield and asked that the issue of Town Council representation in Heathfield be discussed at the next appropriate committee meeting. However, the Community Centre was being used well to the advantage of residents.

**The Town Mayor's Engagements:**

- 29.11.10 Meeting with BCT
- 30.11.10 Meeting with Lesley Smith re the Town Hall
- 2.12.10 Rowcroft "Light Up a Life" service at PPT
- 4.12.10 Daffodil planting along Le Molay-Littry Way and the unveiling of the Charter Mosaics
- 6.12.10 Site inspection at Bradley Road
- 10.12.10 Civic Dinner at Forde House
- 20.12.10 Civic Carol Service at PPT
- 25.12.10 Visits to Bovey Tracey Hospital, Tracey Vale Residential Home and Tracey House Residential Home
- 17. 1.11 Meeting in Council Chamber re cost cutting for Town Council.

PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 at 7pm

Present:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr R A Bray

Cllr A Allen	Cllr A C Griesill
Cllr Mrs D E M Black	Cllr Mrs A M Klinkenberg*
Cllr D K Elphick	Cllr Ms C O Richardson
Cllr M J Evans	

\*\*County Cllr / \*District Cllr

In attendance:

Mr T J Westwood - Town Clerk  
Mrs E Gedge - Secretary

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Bray.

**PL.11/05. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr G J Gribble\*\* (attending another meeting)  
Cllr M Harper (attending a meeting at the Youth Café)

\*Cllr Mrs Kerswell declared a prejudicial interest regarding item PL.11/06(e).

**PL.11/06. Consideration of Planning Applications:**

DNPA Applications listed to 5.1.11: None.

TDC Applications listed to 7.1.11: None.

DNPA Applications listed to 12.1.11: None.

TDC Applications listed to 14.1.11:

- a) **11/00068/FUL** Permanent retention of agricultural dwelling at Great Meadow Farm, Coombe Lane for Mr & Mrs White.  
Observations: The Town Council does not support this application for the following reasons:  
i) There is no proven agricultural need for a permanent dwelling on this site.  
ii) The development is in open countryside and therefore does not comply with current planning regulations.  
iii) No information has been provided to prove the retention of this temporary unit for agricultural purposes.

DNPA Applications listed to 19.1.11: None.

TDC Applications listed to 21.1.11:

- b) **10/03923/FUL** Reduction of ground level to provide extension to existing garage forecourt at Bovey Court Garage, East Street for Mr P Mason.  
**\*Cllr Elphick a personal interest.**  
Observations: The Town Council supports this application with the proviso that the surface be constructed using a permeable surface.

DNPA Applications listed to 26.1.11:

- c) **DNPA/0020/11** Retrospective application for a temporary track through field to enable the movement of building materials and machinery to build approved householder extension (ref:0651/02) at land adjacent to Kestor for Mrs K Munro.  
Observations: No objections in that a specific time period is given for the completion of the works to the property.

TDC Applications listed to 28.1.11:

- d) **11/00163** Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 10/02921/FUL to reposition plots 3,4,and 5 and add conservatory to plot 3 at Brimley Grange, Brimley Road for Leander Developments Ltd.  
Observations: The Town Council continues to object to this application but should the development go ahead, the conditions of the original planning permission should be adhered to.
- e) **11/00193/TPO** The crown reduction of one Yew tree at Grey Gables, Coombe Cross for Mr V Boorman.  
Observations: As members are personally known to the applicant it was agreed that the Town Council would support any decision made by the TDC arbiculturist regarding this application.
- f) **11/00226/ADV** 2 fascia signs externally illuminated by overhead trough lights at Glen Lyn Garage, Newton Road for Co-operative Group Ltd.  
Observations: No objections.
- g) **11/00256/TPO** The felling of one Pine tree and the crown reduction of one Yew tree at Carbon Cottage, Old Newton Road, Heathfield for D Merick.  
Observations: The Town Council supports any decision made by the TDC arbiculturist regarding this application.

Application withdrawn: Noted.

- h) **10/03884** Erection of bungalow at 14 Cromwells Way for Mrs I Willcocks.

PL.11/07. Planning Decisions: Noted.

a) Approvals:

TDC

- i) Verandah extension to Hummersknott Cottage, Lowerdown (N/O)  
ii) Crown lifting of Oak tree at 25 The Oaks (N/O)  
iii) 2 portable cabins, Roundhead Road, Heathfield (N/O)  
iv) Crown reduction of Oak tree & Lime Tree at Grey Gables (N/O)  
v) Retention of permission for change of use from manufacturing to motorcycle school/food preparation/retail sales for parts at Unit 1, Anchor Buildings (O)  
vi) Extension for kitchen/utility room at Dartmoor Garage, Station Road (N/O)  
vii) Extension to workshop (extension of time limit) at Dartmoor Garage (N/O)

b) Refusals:

TDC

- i) Felling of Sycamore tree at land NGR 281051 77330 Ashburton Close (O)

c) Appeal Decisions:

- i) Application for an award of costs refused - land to north of Southbrook Lane for Archstone Lifestyle Homes Ltd.  
ii) Appeal dismissed in relation to refusal to award costs of original appeal for application to develop land to north of Southbrook Lane.

*The Town Council's submitted observations (No objections- N/O; Objections- O)*

PL.11/08. General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors:

- a) **Cllr Griesiell** asked for information regarding vehicular activity on land adjacent to the A382.
- b) **Cllr Allen** reported that the Bovey Tracey Masterplan Forum held on 5<sup>th</sup> February had been a stimulating and worthwhile event. It was noted that there had been very little support for the Forum held at Heathfield, so it was assumed that Heathfield residents were satisfied with the status quo.

The meeting closed at 7.26pm.



RECREATION, PARKS & PROPERTY (RP&P) COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 at 7pm

**Present:**

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr R A Bray

Cllr A Allen  
Cllr Mrs D E M Black  
Cllr D K Elphick  
Cllr M J Evans  
Cllr G J Gribble\*\*

Cllr A C Griesiell  
Cllr M Harper  
Cllr Mrs A M Klinkenberg\*  
Cllr Ms C O Richardson

\*\*County Cllr  
\*District Cllr

**In attendance:**

Mr T J Westwood - Town Clerk  
Mrs L M Warren - Secretary

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Griesiell.

**RP&P.11/01 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr M Y Davey (due to family commitments)  
Cllr F W Holmes\*

**RP&P.11/02 Consideration of minutes of previous meeting held on 13.12.10: Noted**

**RP&P.11/03 Accounts:**

The Financial Accounts paid up to 18.2.11 were received and approved after clarification (*\*copies to be circulated at the meeting*).

**RP&P.11/04 Events on Mill Marsh Park 2011:**

Consideration was given to requests from various organisations asking for permission to use Mill Marsh Park in 2011.

**Resolved:**

- a) 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011:- Macmillan Fund Raising Event - Permission granted
- b) 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011:- Historic Car Rally - Permission granted providing there is no charge for public entry either actually or by implication. Mr Westwood agreed to contact the organisers to this effect.
- c) 25<sup>th</sup> July - 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011:- Various events relating to the Carnival & Funlands Fun Fair - Permission granted.

**RP&P.11/05 Buckingham Palace Garden Party:**

Consideration was given to the nomination of the current Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Kerswell for an invitation to the Buckingham Palace Garden party on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**Resolved:**

Cllr Mrs Kerswell was duly nominated.

RP&P.11/06 "Making it Work Locally":

Consideration was given to the nomination of two Councillors and the Town Clerk to attend the Devon Association of Local Councils Conference "Making it Work Locally" on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 (*\*details previously circulated*).

Resolved:

To nominate Cllrs Bray and Gribble and the Town Clerk to attend the Conference at a cost of £10.00+VAT per delegate (*\*power to spend under Local Gvt Act 1972 s141*).

RP&P.11/07 Bovey Tracey Cricket Club (BTCC):

Consideration was given to three requests from BTCC (*\*copy of letter previously circulated*) for the following:

- a) To allow the erection of a 10'x8' wooden shed for storage purposes to be located on the "hard standing" of the old practice nets.
- b) If permission is given for the erection of the wooden shed, to act as the applicant for the required planning application.
- c) To allow the use of the Recreation Ground on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011 for BTCC to host a Festival of Cricket and the Devon Senior Cup Final on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

*\*Cllrs Elphick, Griesiell and Gribble declared a personal interest.*

Resolved:

To allow all three requests.

*\*After further clarification it was agreed to grant permission for BTCC to use the Recreation Ground on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for two Devon County Cricket fixtures.*

RP&P.11/08 Bovey Tracey Business Association:

Consideration was given to:

- a) Details of the recently formed Bovey Tracey Business Association (*\*previously circulated*) and
- b) Whether it would be appropriate for the Town Council to apply for membership at a cost of £20.00 per annum (*\*power to spend under Local Gvt Act 1972 s143*).

Resolved:

To apply for membership.

RP&P.11/09 Allotment No: 15b:

Ref minute no: FR&GP.10/68. Consideration was given to an appropriate reply to Mr & Mrs Honnor's letter in response to the Town Council's letter dated 29.11.10 regarding access to the allotments from 83 Mary Street (*\*copies of both letters previously circulated*).

After discussion it was

Resolved:

To decline the request for access and to insist that the gate is removed.

**RP&P.11/10 Mayoral Chain:**

Ref minute no:FR&GP.11/07: Consideration was given to placing the new Mayoral Chain onto a velvet collar. After discussion it was

**Resolved:**

To wait until the new chain is delivered and then to consider if it is appropriate to have a bespoke collar made locally for use when needed.

**RP&P.11/11 Bovey Tracey Half Marathon 2011:**

Consideration was given to:

- a) Formally agreeing to support the organisation of the Bovey Tracey Half Marathon on 3.7.11 in partnership with Bovey Tracey Football Club (BTFC).
- b) Allocating 50% of any surplus funds available (when all expenses have been deducted) to BTFC as a grant in recognition of its support in the organisation of the event.

**Resolved:**

To agree to both propositions outlined above.

**RP&P.11/12 Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust:**

Consideration was given to agreeing to work with Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust (BTHT) and Bovey Tracey Information Centre (BTIC) in order to progress a new Heritage Trail based on 12 Mosaic Interpretation Signs designed by Michelle Wilcox.

It was noted that:

- a) Funding for the project would be provided from various grants.
- b) It is anticipated that the full cost will be in the region of £4,000.00 and this would include the design and creation of the 12 mosaics, the incorporation of a brass stamp, and the design and production of the leaflets for the trail.

**Resolved:**

To formally agree to work with BTHT and BTIC as outlined in a) and b) above.

**RP&P.11/13 Telephone Assistance:**

Consideration was given to assisting Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust (BTHT) and Bovey Tracey Information Centre (BTIC) by allowing both organisations to transfer their current telephone accounts to CAN, (the Town Council's provider) in order to gain financial savings.

It was noted that each organisation's accounts would be separate and the Town Council would re-charge both parties on a monthly basis for any costs incurred.

**Resolved:**

To agree to the proposition as outlined above.

**RP&P.11/14 Proposed Federation of St Michael's & St Catherine's Schools Governing Bodies:**

Consideration was given to providing the Town Council's views on the proposed Federation of St Michael's & St Catherine's Governing Bodies. (*\*Information on this proposal was previously circulated*).  
**\*Cllr Gribble declared a personal interest.**

**Resolved:**

To support the proposition in principle and ask for further clarification regarding the Church representation on the Governing Bodies.

**RP&P.11/15 Matters brought forward by the Town Clerk & Councillors:**

- a) **Mr Westwood, the Town Clerk** brought forward the following matters:
- i) A Masterplan Event regarding the future of Bovey Tracey will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and TDC invites all Councillors to attend.
  - ii) As the Local Government Elections will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and the outcome will not be known until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed to change the date of the following Annual Council meeting from 9<sup>th</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> May. An Information Evening could be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for all Councillors.
  - ii) Ref minute no:FC.11/09 - The Clerk provided an update.
- b) **Cllr Allen** referred to the problem of illegal parking outside the Doctors' Surgery in Le Molay Littry Way and suggested that appropriate notices could be placed in the surgery and pharmacy. It was noted that enforcement was required.
- c) **Cllr Ms Richardson** noted that a recent TV programme had mistakenly located Bovey Tracey in Newton Abbot!
- d) **Cllr Mrs Kerswell** asked when the Charter Mosaics will be erected and it was noted that it would probably be in May.
- e) **Cllr Evans** expressed his concern regarding dog fouling in the town and it was agreed to place this item on the next FR&GP Committee meeting.
- f) **Cllr Mrs Klinkenberg** enquired whether a spring could be fixed on the kissing gate which gave access from Bullands Field to Monk's Way. It was noted that this was not possible but the gate does close without difficulty.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.54pm

Present:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr R A Bray

Cllr A Allen	Cllr G J Gribble**
Cllr Mrs D E M Black	Cllr A C Griesiell
Cllr D K Elphick	Cllr M Harper
Cllr M J Evans	Cllr Mrs A M Klinkenberg*
	Cllr Ms C O Richardson

\*\*County Cllr  
\*District Cllr

In attendance:

Mr T J Westwood - Town Clerk  
Mrs L M Warren - Secretary

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Bray.

**PL.11/09. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Mrs M Y Davey (due to family commitments)  
Cllr F W Holmes\*

**PL.11/10. Consideration of Planning Applications:**

TDC Applications listed to 4.2.11:

- a) **11/00288/LBC** Repairs to roof and partial re-thatching, replacement of 4 windows to west elevation and formation of opening for ventilation at 3 Brook Cottage for Mr McCoy & Dr Duong.  
**\*Cllr Gribble declared a personal interest.**  
Observations: The Town Council supports this application providing the Conservation Officer at TDC agrees the alterations are in keeping with a listed building.

DNPA Applications listed to 4.2.11: None

TDC Applications listed to 11.2.11:

- b) **11/00391/TPO** The felling of approximately 35 silver birch, willow and elder trees on land to the NE of A382 (Bovey Straight) on verge north of Bovey Straight Garage, Newton Road for Mr P Durkan (TDC).  
Observations: No objections.

**PL.11/11. Planning Decisions:**

- a) Approvals: None  
b) Refusals: None

*The Town Council's submitted observations (No objections- N/O: Objections- O)*

**PL.11/12. Consultation re: Land at Ilford Park:**

**10/03444/MAJ** Outline - Erection of a trunk road service area, a three storey 80 bed budget hotel and a single storey restaurant/pub with associated car parking and proposed new access requiring diversion of the A382 (approval sought for means of access) - (extension of time limit application to replace permission 06/06261/MAJ at land formally known as Ilford Park, Ilstington, Newton Abbot for Arnold White Estates Ltd & Sibelco UK Ltd.

Observations: The Town Council does not support this application for the following reasons:

- i) The development is a departure from the current Local Plan and in conflict with the Local Plan Policies.
- ii) The development is inappropriate.
- iii) There would be a loss of important trees and hedges and other vegetation.
- iv) There would be the loss of an important wildlife habitat.
- v) Properties at Liverton and Heathfield, in close proximity to the proposed development, will be affected by the noise, disturbance, light pollution and smells generated on the site.
- vi) There would be unsociable hours of operation and these would have an adverse effect on the local economy and businesses of Bovey Tracey.
- vii) Within a 15 mile radius of the proposed site there are numerous service areas supplying the same services as proposed, with access from both sides of the carriageway, and access and directional signage from the A38. The Town Council emphasises that there adequate provision of this type of outlet.
- vii) The Town Council has major concerns regarding transport and highway issues (\*please see attached).

**PL.11/13. General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors:**

- a) **Cllr Allen** commented on the possible reduction by DCC of the maintenance of verges within the County and enquired about the impact this may have on Bovey Tracey
- b) **Cllr Ms Richardson** asked whether proposed national closures of libraries would affect the local library and was advised that the one in Bovey Tracey would not be affected.
- c) **Cllr Mrs Black** reported that a vehicle was parked on the grass splay at the junction of Mary Street and Crockers Meadow. County Cllr Gribble will progress the matter when he is provided with the vehicle registration number.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.

With regard to this application, we would express our continued concern and surprise that neither Devon County Council (DCC) nor the Highways Agency (HA) consider it necessary to re-examine the content of the planning application currently before TDC. In this regard, we would comment as follows:

1) The planning application currently before TDC seeks an extension of time of the permission granted under reference 06/0626/MAJ. It is suggested that *"the application is unchanged since the previous approval at appeal"*.

Although the content of the application remains unchanged, the potential impact on local and strategic highway and transport infrastructure could differ from the assessments made by the Applicant in 2006. In the same context, consideration should be given to the completion of other development proposals since 2006 and the full extent of other committed development.

2) It is simply unacceptable to assume that there has been no change to the prevailing road and traffic environment. It is incumbent on the Applicant to clearly establish if conditions have changed and to verify what impact those changes could have on the conclusions reached in 2006 and subsequently by the Inspector who presided at the Public Inquiry in 2007.

3) The original Transport Assessment (TA) considered a future year assessment for 2023. Notwithstanding the Department of Transport's guidance which was issued in March 2007, the Inspector concluded that a 15 year future year horizon was more applicable, given the close proximity of the Application site to the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

4) Given the close proximity of the Application site with the SRN, we consider the approach of the County Council and the HA to be inadequate and fails to reflect the concerns and sentiments expressed by the Inspector at the Public Inquiry in 2007.

At the very least, we would expect the Applicant to be asked to accurately update traffic forecasts and future year assessments that appropriately reflect the development going forward and provide the confidence that is sought by the client and other major stakeholders within the local community.

5) Subsequent to the inquiry, the Applicant submitted a more comprehensive planning application for residential and commercial uses of Ilford Park; this has since been refused on various grounds, including transport and highways. Numerous issues were raised (eg: trip rates, quality and validity of traffic modelling etc) by Mouchel and the County Council prior to determination, many of which have a bearing on how application 10/03444/MAJ should now be considered.

It is therefore our view that in the absence of an updated TA, the County Council and the HA cannot be confident that the potential impact of the proposed development on A38(T) and A382 has been accurately assessed to reflect the prevailing and future road conditions.





FINANCE, RESOURCES & GENERAL PURPOSES (FR&GP) COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 at 7pm

**Present:**

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr R A Bray

Cllr A Allen	Cllr M Harper
Cllr D K Elphick	Cllr F W Holmes*
Cllr M J Evans	Cllr Mrs A M Klinkenberg*
Cllr G J Gribble**	Cllr Ms C O Richardson
Cllr A C Griesiell	

\*\*County Cllr  
\*District Cllr

**In attendance:**

Mr T J Westwood - Town Clerk  
Mrs L M Warren - Secretary

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gribble.

**FR&GP.11/11 Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Mrs D E M Black (for personal reasons)  
Cllr Mrs M Y Davey (work commitments)

**FR&GP.11/12 Consideration of minutes of previous FR&GP committee meeting held on 10.1.11:**

Noted.

**FR&GP.11/13 Accounts & Financial Statement:**

To Financial Statement dated 7.3.11 was received and adopted.  
The Accounts were approved for payment.

**FR&GP.11/14 Town Hall Fees - 2011/12:**

Consideration was given to the following:

- a) Increasing the Town Hall fees for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 by 5% (*\*copy of proposed fees previously circulated*).
- b) Allowing the staff to use their discretion (dependent upon the circumstances) to allow variation to the minimum hire period for the Town Hall.

**Resolved:**

To agree to both proposals (a & b).

**FR&GP.11/15 Meeting Schedule - 2011/12:**

Consideration was given to adopting the proposed meeting schedule for all meetings of the Town Council for the period from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (*\*copy of schedule previously circulated*).

**Resolved:**

To agree to the suggested dates and times as outlined.

**FR&GP.11/16 Recreation Ground - Dog Fouling:**

Ref minute no: RP&P.11/15 - Consideration was given to the continuing problems of dog fouling at the Recreation Ground in particular, in order to determine a possible plan of action to address the problem.

After considerable discussion it was

**Resolved:**

To ask the Clerk to find out further information regarding new signs and the cost of removing the dog bins, and to consider the matter further at the next Full Council meeting.

**FR&GP.11/17 Mid Devon Advertiser:**

Consideration was given to the Mid Devon Advertiser's offer of designing and producing a Town Guide for Bovey Tracey.

It was noted that:

- a) There would be no charge to the Town Council and
- b) The Mid Devon Advertiser would retain all the income generated from businesses advertising in the guide in order to offset the costs of production.
- c) The proposed Town Guide would be available free of charge at the Information Centre and in local shops.

**Resolved:**

To accept the offer and to contact the MDA accordingly.

**FR&GP.11/18 Mill Marsh Park:**

Consideration was given to granting retrospective permission to "Jeffreys" to use the access route to Bovey Tracey's Football Ground, in order for the company to park their delivery vehicles on the Ground.

\*It was noted that:

- a) No permission has been secured for this facility.
- b) The entrance to Mill Marsh Park is being severely damaged by the turning effect of the vehicles' wheels.
- c) The surface now requires extensive repairs.

After considerable discussion it was

**Resolved:**

- a) Firstly, to arrange a meeting between Bovey Tracey Town Council and a representative of the Football Club to discuss the matter.
- b) And then invite Mr Shrubb of Jeffreys to make his contribution to the discussion.
- c) To appoint Cllrs Elphick, Gribble, Griesiell and Mrs Kerswell to represent the Town Council at this meeting.

**FR&GP.11/19 Reduction of Town Council's Expenditure 2011/12:**

Ref minute no: FC.11/10 - After the appointed Sub-Committee has reported back to members, to consider implementing a number of efficiency savings.

The Chairman, following a review of the Town Council's anticipated expenditure for 2011/2012, outlined a number of proposed cost saving measures which are as follows:

1) To restructure the financial contribution to Bovey Tracey Youth Action to be as follows:

- a) £10,000.00 for 2011/2012 and
- b) A final payment of £5,000.00 2112/2013

2) The termination, due to illness, of the Honorarium paid to Mr R Latham of approximate £1,200.00 per year which has already taken effect with Mr Latham's agreement. However, the TC has the discretion to consider that if Mr Latham makes a full recovery he can be re-engaged for the summer period only.

3) The Town Clerk is investigating further cost saving measures with relation to utilities.

4) Having reviewed all departments, a redundancy of one of the Town Council's Grounds' Maintenance Operatives has regretfully been identified as part of the efficiency savings.

Following a Consultation, examining all possible options and undertaking a detailed selection process based on the individual skills, experience, adaptability, capability and flexibility, the Sub-Committee regretfully propose that Mr G M Penn is selected for redundancy, with the Town Council's discretion to provide an enhanced redundancy payment to Mr Penn.

The Town Council will be required to pay an employer's capital cost for early payment of funded benefits as Mr Penn will be entitled to a pension from the Local Government Pension Scheme. This payment will not be required until April 2012.

**Resolved:**

a) After full consideration by members, it was unanimously agreed to implement the cost saving measures outlined in 1), 2) and 3) above.

b) With respect to 4) To take the regrettable action of making Mr Penn redundant in the interest of efficiency, with an enhanced redundancy payment.

**FR&GP.11/20 For Information:** Noted.

i) 20 Year Masterplan Workshop:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - 1pm-5pm - Methodist Church Hall

ii) Annual Town Meeting - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - 7.30pm - Town Hall

**FR&GP.11/21 Matters brought forward by Councillors:**

a) **Mr Westwood** reminded Councillors of the meeting of the newly formed Business Association to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at the Dolphin Hotel. Cllrs Mrs Kerswell and Elphick agreed to represent Bovey Tracey Town Council at that meeting.

b) **Cllr Gribble** reported that Bovey Tracey Hospital was closed temporarily for refurbishment and decoration and will re-open on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

c) **Cllr Allen** reported that the parking outside the Riverside Surgery and neighbouring roads is causing a hazard to other road users.

- d) **Cllr Harper** referred to the recent threat of library closures. It was noted that Bovey Tracey Library was not affected.
- e) **Cllr Mrs Klinkenberg** advised on her availability to attend forthcoming meetings.
- f) **Cllr Griesiell** reported that road-works in Priory will commence on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- g) **Cllr Mrs Kerswell** stated the following:
  - i) Re-surfacing of the private road at Spion Kop was being undertaken.
  - ii) Thanks were due to Cllr Gribble for having undertaken an investigation regarding the temporary closure of the local Cottage Hospital.
  - iii) Enquired if a reply had been received from the family of Mrs A Warren regarding the use of her bequest for the purchase of a new Chain of Office. It was noted that a reply is awaited.
  - iv) Steers' shop in Pottery Road was closing.
  - v) The daffodils on the roundabouts and along Le Molay-Littry Way are doing well and will soon flower.
  - vi) Enquired about the progress regarding the framing of the Bofa Embroidery and a sign for the Charter Trees.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Accounts paid up to 18.2.2011

<u>General Account</u>		£
10.1.11	Firewatch SW Ltd	103.39
"	Pulse8internet Ltd	116.35
"	PVM Supplies Ltd	108.92
"	Robin Ray Ltd	25.00
"	Teignbridge District Council	293.75
"	M I Davey	250.00
17.1.11	K R & H E Harvey	543.43
"	Equiptest Ltd	168.00
"	S W Water Ltd	19.26
"	Post Office Ltd	96.00
"	H & A Waste Services Ltd	273.54
20.1.11	Torbay Display	5334.50
25.1.11	C Coombes	86.90
"	Mole Valley Farmers Ltd	20.16
"	S W Water Ltd	20.52
"	Ecotricity	5.67
"	Castles of Dawlish	117.41
1.2.11	Castles of Dawlish	59.99
"	Sarah Ripley	450.00
"	Bovey Tracey Youth Action	1250.00
"	Pulse8internet Ltd	78.00
8.2.11	Mole Valley Farmers Ltd	89.04
"	S W Water Ltd	26.18
"	EDF Energy 1 Ltd	78.62
"	Teignbridge District Council	2100.00
"	Arnolds	8.20
"	D K Elphick	21.46
15.2.11	Sound & Visual Systems Ltd	402.54
"	Mr P Nabarro	361.00
"	Mrs M Cunningham	50.00
"	PRS for Music	93.52
"	H & A Waste Services Ltd	180.42
		<u>12831.77</u>
	<u>Wages/Salaries</u>	<u>13653.75</u>
	<u>Direct Debits</u>	
5.1.11	UK Fuels Ltd	117.07
25.1.11	BOC Ltd	21.03
31.1.11	Can Networks	18.35
"	Ecotricity	63.97
"	"	208.60
1.2.11	Aviva	413.24
7.2.11	Orange Payt Processing	39.73
9.2.11	UK Fuels Ltd	<u>65.74</u>
		<u>947.73</u>

Accounts paid up to 4.3.11

General Account

£

21.2.11	Expo Publishing	177.60
"	S W Water Ltd	2.71
"	CFR Flat Roofing	1868.25
"	Devon County Council	27.00
"	Michelle Wilcox	700.00
"	EDF Energy Customers plc	12.69
"	Mole Valley Farmers Ltd	108.96
1.3.11	Bovey Tracey Business Assoc.	20.00
"	Southern Electric	<u>911.37</u>
		<u>3828.58</u>

Direct Debits

25.2.11	BOC Ltd	21.48
"	Can Networks	22.03
1.3.11	Aviva	<u>413.24</u>
		<u>456.75</u>

Financial Statement 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Accounts to be paid

£

Bovey Tracey Youth Action	1250.00
Civil Solutions Ltd	17.28
Devon & Cornwall Newspapers Ltd	36.00
Pulse8internet Ltd	39.00
Westdale Press	1093.00
Ian Brackenbury	55.00
Arnolds	18.56
E Bowden & Sons	73.55
S W Water Ltd	0.38
S W Water Ltd	30.69
Teignbridge District Council	<u>6724.00</u>
	<u>9337.46</u>
Current Account	14333.11
Accounts to be paid	<u>9337.46</u>
	4995.65
Business Instant Access Account	<u>83406.28</u>
	<u>88401.93</u>
Fixed Term Deposit (6 months)	70,000.00
Fixed Term Deposit (3 months)	<u>30,000.00</u>
	<u>100,000.00</u>

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**PL.11/14. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Mrs D E M Black (for personal reasons)  
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**PL.11/15. Consideration of Planning Applications:**

TDC Applications listed to 17.2.11:

- a) **11/00482/FUL** New uPVC porch at side of property at 6 Ashgrove Road, New Park for Mr R Walker.  
Observations: No objections.

DNPA Applications listed to 17.2.11:

- b) **DNPA 0067/11** Extensions to first floor and roof space at 11 & 12 Hawkmoor Cottages for Messrs Hawkins and Kemp.  
Observations: No objections.

TDC Applications listed to 25.2.11:

- c) **11/00375/FUL** Erection of storage units (Class B8) and creation of parking at Compound 2, King Charles Business Park, Old Newton Road, Heathfield for Mr N Campbell.  
Observations: No objections.
- d) **11/00582/FUL** Replacement of existing garage with new double garage with store above and addition of a porch to side elevation at Trecharis, Coombe Meadow for Mr & Mrs Ivan Kingdon.  
**\*Cllr Gribble declared a personal interest.**  
Observations: No objections as long as the development is ancillary to the main property and will have no residential use.
- e) **11/00588/TPO** The felling of one pine tree at 6 Redwoods for Mr P Hemmings.  
Observations: No objections providing the TDC arboriculturist supports the application.

DNPA Applications listed to 25.2.11:

- f) **DNPA 0072/11** Installation of photovoltaic solar panels to south facing roof slope at The Old Stables, Lower Brimley for Mr R Smith.  
**\*Cllr Bray declared a personal interest.**  
Observations: No objections.

Under Standing Order 16, the following four planning applications (g-j) were brought forward as Urgent Business:

- g) 11/00093/FUL Pitched roof extension to existing garage with storage space within existing and proposed roof including roof lights to front and rear elevations and two windows to ground floor rear elevation at Tappers Barn, Little Bovey Farm for Mr R Sokolowski  
Observations: The Town Council does not support this application for the following reasons:  
a) The proposed extension would constitute overdevelopment of the site.  
b) The creation of a two storey dwelling is inappropriate.
- h) 11/00311/FUL Shed for Bovey Tracey Cricket Club at the Recreation Ground for Bovey Tracey Town Council.  
**\*Cllrs Elphick, Gribble and Griesiell declared a personal interest.**  
Observations: As the Town Council is the applicant on behalf of the Cricket Club, the application was noted.
- i) 11/00580/FUL Installation of spray booth flue in existing business (B2) premises at Unit 1, King Charles Business Park, Old Newton Road, Heathfield for Mr M Draper.  
Observations: The Town Council supports this application providing there is no environmental impact.
- j) 11/00634/FUL Replacement of existing dwelling with split level dwelling, single storey to front and two storey to rear at Trerice, Bradley Road for Mr S Harmer.  
Observations: The Town Council does not support this application as it considers:  
a) the proposal would over-develop the site.  
b) be of an excessive bulk and scale.  
c) overlook the adjoining properties resulting in loss of privacy and block natural light.

PL.11/16. Planning Decisions: Noted.

a) Approvals:

TDC:

- i) Crown reduction of Yew tree at Grey Gables, Coombe Cross (N/O)  
ii) Felling of one Pine tree and crown reduction of one Yew tree at Carbon Cottage, Old Newton Road, Heathfield (N/O)

DNPA:

- iii) Temporary track through field at Kestor, Slade Cross (N/O)

b) Refusals: None.

*The Town Council's submitted observations (No objections- N/O: Objections- O)*

PL.11/17. General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors & the Town Clerk:

- a) Cllr Elphick enquired about the Old Thatched Inn.  
b) Mr Westwood issued nomination papers for the coming Local Elections to all Councillors present.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.