



10/22-23

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs Ros Wyke, Guy Timson, Sue Isherwood (Chair), Adam Euripidou, Buffy Fletcher and Ellie Mains

**In attendance:** Kate Egan – Parish Clerk

Items were taken out of order from the agenda

Due to the prior meeting over running the start time was 8.15pm, fifteen minutes late

**1 Welcome by the Chairman**

**2 Apologies for Absence**

All Councillors were present

**3 Absent**

All Councillors were present

**4 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations**

**(a) To receive declaration of interests from Councillors on items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.

**(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**

No written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests were received

**(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

No requests for dispensations as appropriate were received

**5 Public Session**

There were two members of the public in attendance. County Councillor Heather Shearer introduced herself as the new County Councillor alongside Ros Wyke.

A resident spoke about the letter recently sent to the Parish Council in regard to the amount of increased traffic along the A371 especially HGV's.

**13 Clerk's Report**

**(a)** A letter has been received from a resident concerned about the amount of traffic on the A371 so making it dangerous. They originally contacted Somerset County Council but were informed that any complaint about the road needs to go to the Parish Council. The resident has requested the Parish Council support and pursue road improvements along the A371.

**Update** This was discussed as there is currently pressure to redirect heavy traffic away from the A371. Several points were discussed and District Councillor Ros Wyke said that she would try and take it up with the County Council. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **6 County and District Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Heather Shearer was in attendance and gave a short verbal report on the new Unitary Council although plans are still being discussed on how the Council will run. District Councillor Ros Wyke was in attendance and gave a verbal report about working with the people of Somerset, there is still much to do, it will be a very challenging five years. Rebates for the Council Tax are currently being issued.

## **7 Report from Mark Smith the Webmaster Administrator**

Mark Smith was not in attendance but had sent his report prior to the meeting. The Councillors thanked him for his clear report.

## **8 To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 6<sup>th</sup> April be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

## **9 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**

(a) There may be several Ukrainian families coming into the village with more arriving in the local area.

## **10 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**

(a) **2022/0848/FUL** – Erection of a steel portal frame building to provide a roof over existing manure store. Hollybrook Farm, Hollybrook Lane, Westbury Sub Mendip  
**Update** the Parish Council recommended approval as the building is not controversial but discussions were mentioned on the possible future use of the building.

## **11 Planning Applications currently being monitored**

(a) **ENF/2019/0035** Land at Lynchcombe Lane – The site remains in Breach of Notice and an update from the Legal Team has been requested.

(b) **ENF2022/0065** Shamrock Stables, Lynch Lane, an enforcement case has been opened by the enforcement Team at Mendip District Council

## **12 To Be Resolved/Discussed**

(a) **Proposal to bring the Roughmoor Lane Steering Group under the umbrella of the Neighbourhood Plan so that research can be carried out on behalf of the Parish Council.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to bring the Roughmoor Lane Steering Group under the umbrella of the Neighbourhood Plan to enable formal status for negotiations with the Church Commissioners. New terms of reference will be written and brought back to the next meeting.

(b) **Proposal to accept the terms and conditions from Aster Housing regarding the new location for the noticeboard**

Councillors felt that Aster was asking a lot for little work. Cllr Ros Wyke will contact Aster regarding the cost for the administration and licence fee.

(c) **Proposal to accept the quotes for the new noticeboard**

The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a new notice board for Stoneleigh from Signscape and Signconex for a cost of £1261.08 + VAT

(d) **Appointment of Councillors or other villagers to help write the Parish Council Newsletter.**

Martin West has stepped down as editor of the Parish Council Newsletter so the search is on for new writers and editors, if anyone is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk. An honorarium could be available.

- (e) Proposal for the Parish Council to purchase a book of condolence to be used by the village during any time of public mourning. These can be purchased from Amazon for about £25.00**

The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a book of condolence; this will be kept in the church to be used during the time of public mourning.

- (f) Proposal to renew the annual subscription for The Countryside Charity £36.00**

The Council **RESOLVED** to renew the annual subscription for The Countryside Charity (CPRE) for £36.00

- (g) Discussion and possible proposal of installing dog bins within the parish**

The Council discussed this in detail. Potential locations were also discussed. The first step will be to contact Mendip Environmental Services as to whether they can be included on their routes. It was agreed initially to explore four sites across the village.

### 13 Clerk's Report

- (b)** More Police Surgery Dates are taking place in square on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July.

- (c)** A report has been received concerning walkers along a footpath on Lynchcombe Lane, they are not keeping to the footpaths but instead climbing walls to reach other fields so knocking down walls and fences. There have also been instances of sheep worrying. Signs will be installed by the landowner and any instances will be reported to the police.

- (d)** An email was received from a resident complaining about the recent grass cut by Hannah's Lane Top Road and the right of way down Crow Lane. The request was for the vandalism to stop and to clear up the mess. A reply was forwarded saying unfortunately it was not down to the Parish Council and the Council was unaware of it until your email. It has since been discovered that it was carried out by a resident in the village.

### 14 Reports from Village Organisations

There were no reports from Village Organisations

### 15 Finance

#### **Bank Balances as at 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Current Account £9,343.25

Reserve Account £22,540.29

#### **Receipts**

- (a)** Annual Climate Grant from Mendip District Council - £3173.00 – received 13.4.22

- (b)** Annual Precept - £11,995.00 – received 11.4.22

- (c)** Annual Climate Grant from Mendip District Council - £540.00 – received 27.04.22

- (d)** Bank Interest - £0.10 – received 11.04.22

- (e)** Bank Interest - £0.17 – received 09.05.22

#### **Payments**

- (f)** Mark Smith – quarterly invoice - £186.50

- (g)** Tree Group – refund of compost - £510.00

- (h)** Clerks' salary – April - £335.12

- (i)** HMRC – April - £0.80 – pd 29.04.22

- (j)** Monthly Zoom costs (April) - £14.39 – pd by DD

- (k)** ProBusiness – Internal Auditor - £234.00

- (l)** Village Hall Hire - £58.50

- (m)** CPRE – Annual Subscription - £36.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the above receipts and payments.

**16 Correspondence**

- (a) Great Western Ride is being held in the area on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- (b) Councillor Essential Training Courses – forwarded 25.4.22
- (c) Mendip District Council Health and Wellbeing Bulletin for April – forwarded 26.4.22

**17 Matters to report / items for next agenda**

- (a) Cllr Adam Euripidou reported dirt on Roughmoor Lane which is causing a safety hazard. He will report this to Somerset County Council
- (b) Cllr Ellie Mains had received a report of fly tipping at the top of Slowland Lane, this will be reported to Mendip District Council.

**18 Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July to be held in the village hall starting at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed 10.15pm