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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 31st January 2023**

Present: Guy Timson, Buffy Fletcher, Ros Wyke, Sue Isherwood (Chair), Adam Euripidou, Ellie Metcalfe

In attendance: Kate Egan – Parish Clerk was in attendance

Items were out of order from the agenda

1 Welcome by the Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were present

3 Absent

No Councillors were absent

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 three members of the public in attendance

Cllr Ellie Metcalfe joined the meeting at 7.35pm

The applicants for planning application 2023/0048/LBC (item 10a) were in attendance and spoke about the submitted plans.

The question was raised again concerning the public toilets in Wells, Cllr Ros Wyke responded the matter would be chased again. The subject of buses was also discussed and whether they would continue after the subsidy from Somerset County Council finishes in April.

Grit needs replacing within the grit bins within the village due to usage over the recent cold weather. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

6 County and District Councillor Reports

County Councillor Heather Shearer sent her apologies

District Councillor Ros Wyke was in attendance and gave a verbal report covering subjects such as formal events being held to mark the end of Mendip District Council, Mental Health and Well Being including the installation of talking benches and Men's Sheds. Various Grants are available and information can be found on the Mendip District Council website.

County Councillor Ros Wyke was in attendance and gave a verbal report covering subjects as to how planning may work within the new unitary council and the new cycle and pathways currently being installed across the area. The Local Community Networks were raised and the Council were informed that Westbury Sub Mendip is with Wells and St Cuthberts Out.

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) **2023/0048/LBC** Installation of two small solar PV arrays on two outbuildings. Old Ditch Farm, Lynch Lane, Westbury Sub Mendip

Update Westbury Sub Mendip Parish Council recommended approval as they supported environmentally and friendly source of electricity. There would be no change to the landscape and the panels will not really be visible.

(b) **2023/0037/TCA** T1 – Quince – Fell, T2 – English Elm – Fell. Dags Hole, Old Ditch, Westbury Sub Mendip **Update** Westbury Sub Mendip Parish Council recommended approval The Parish Council noted that a replacement tree for the quince was intended. They agreed that it would encourage the practice planting of a replacement tree when damaged ones are felled.

Cllr Ros Wyke left the meeting at 8.15pm

7 Report from Mark Smith the Webmaster Administrator

Mark Smith sent his apologies but had sent a report prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed to the recommendations and Councillors were reminded to forward personal photographic portraits to be uploaded to the website

8 To confirm the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4th January 2023, previously circulated, also signing of the minutes from 7th December 2022

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes for 4th January 2023 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair of the meeting. Minutes from the 7th December were also signed by the Chair.

9 Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

(a) Information was asked of the Councillors in order to complete the section 171 permits, this was discussed and responses given.

11 To Be Resolved/Discussed

(a) **Proposal to set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and whether to invite a speaker.**

Various options were discussed and two dates were put forward for April. The village hall will be contacted for availability and the format will be confirmed at the next meeting.

(b) Proposal for the Parish Council to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge

The Council **RESOLVED** to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge

(c) Proposal for a villager Defibrillator Monitor

The Council **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Guy Timson and Adam Euripidou will also become the Defibrillator Monitors.

(d) Discussion and update on the Community Plan and any proposals arising.

The Council **RESOLVED** to withdraw from the scheme with Smart Communities to help write a Community Plan.

12 Clerk's / Councillors Report

There were no Clerks / Councillors reports

13 Finance**Bank Balances as at 24th January 2023**

Current Account £3,801.18

Reserve Account £17,556.70

Approval of Quarterly Bank Reconciliation, plus authorising signatures for payments approved at the last meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and it was signed by the Chair

Receipts

(a) Bank Interest - £7.50 – received 09.01.23

Payments

(b) Village Hall – Hall Hire - £20.00

(c) Clerks Salary – January - £346.86

(d) ICO – Annual Membership - £35.00 – pd by DD 13.01.23

(e) HMRC – January - £14.80

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

14 Reports from Village Organisation

(a) Westbury Tree Group Trees are being planted off the Strawberry Line and are in the middle of the planting season.

(b) Village Hall Volunteers, particularly projectionists are still needed for the film nights

(c) Robert Glanville Playing Fields Contracts have been agreed for installing the new fencing and gates. Further projects are being discussed that could be implemented after funding from Glastonbury Festival has been received.

(d) Westbury Footlights The village pantomime is taking place between 23rd and 25th February in the village hall.

15 Correspondence

(a) Invitation to Meeting regarding the Local Plan II at Mendip District Council – forwarded 18.01.23

16 Matters to report / items for next agenda

(a) Councillors were reminded to register for online banking

(b) It was agreed that Councillors would place the minutes on the Noticeboards

(c) The Parish Council have heard back from Lichfields regarding a further meeting regarding the development of Roughmoor Lane. The Parish Council were not happy with the offer of one short virtual presentation. The Parish Council would like a preview of the presentation, followed by a public meeting, preferably non virtual. A date was suggested for the 1st March before the Parish Council Meeting but this will be confirmed in due course.

17 Date and time of Next meeting – Wednesday 1st March 2023 to be held in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.36pm