

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 1st November 2017 at 7pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall**

PRESENT: Councillors G Tizzard (Chairman), R Hughes, N Purcell-Herbert and Mrs S Sherry

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk), County Councillor H Davies and District Councillor S Dowding

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Tolley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2017 & MATTERS ARISING:

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Police Report:

- It was **resolved** to note there was no report.
- Cllr Purcell-Herbert advised the website had not yet been updated for October; therefore no crime statistics were available.
- Cllrs spoke again about their concerns regarding the large tankers travelling through the village and the manner in which they were being driven. Cllr Tizzard advised the Clerk had contact details for the Transport Manager and to report any concerns directly.
- It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to the West Somerset Free Press stating Councillors concerns. It was **resolved** a copy would be forwarded to Cllr Davies, who would contact Highways.

4.2. Somerset County Council:

- A consultation on Education Travel Policy was being held from the 16th October until the 15th December.
- West Somerset was one of twelve opportunity areas across the country being granted a total of £60m (which would be divided between the twelve areas) to improve social mobility to ensure Children got the best start in life.
- The scheduled roadworks at Dragons Cross had been delayed until after Christmas; the roadworks by Washford roundabout would go ahead at the end of November as planned.
- Devolution was still ongoing.
- The West Somerset Free Press had contacted Cllr Davies to ask for comments regarding a planning application for a further 138 dwellings at Liddymore site.
- County were considering reducing the subsidy to Atwest car scheme to 25%, however this would be looked at very carefully.
- The Park & Ride at Taunton would be now be open on Saturdays until Christmas and consideration was being given as to how to help passengers get to Musgrove Park Hospital from Taunton bus station.
- Finger Posts – training was being offered to enable the posts to be repaired.

4.3. West Somerset Council

- Cllr Dowding advised there had been little change regarding the new council.
- The Seaward Way development plans were progressing and would be part housing, part commerce.
- Somerset Health had accepted the response time of 8 minutes was impossible to meet in this area. The triage process would be changed to establish emergency details of the patient first, then to ask location as with modern technology the call can be traced to the vicinity of where the call was being made.
- Cllr Woods would be chased for a reply regarding Lloyds Chemist.
- The Police would be moving into West Somerset House. Work was due to be completed by the 8th January 2018.
- Councillors were asked to be aware of any large work groups, in particular fruit pickers etc, as the Police had raised concern regarding possible modern day slavery, due to the potential problem of Hinkley Point workforce expanding so quickly.

Cllr Hughes enquired if there was any funding for a Defibrillator; Cllr Dowding advised there was and contact details would be forwarded to the Clerk. Cllr Davies advised Hinckley A had grant money available for amounts £1000 or below, contact details were given to the Clerk. It was **resolved** the Clerk would chase the application made from the previous Clerk.

4.4. Watchet, Williton & Quantock Vale Area Panel

- Cllr Tizzard stated that no replies are received to questions raised at the Panel Meetings. Cllr Dowding asked to be informed of what the questions were and he would chase the answers.
- The Police, Ambulance, Fire and Highways report at the meetings, as they are unable to attend Parish Council meetings.
- Ideally, at least two Councillors from each Parish Council should attend the meetings.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE LOG:** (full list pre-circulated)

It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.

The Clerk advised Mrs Claire Richards had asked for her thanks to be passed to Councillors for her flowers.

The Magna Housing's Stakeholders conference had been postponed.

Somerset County Council salt collection day would be held on 25th November, it was **resolved** Cllr Purcell-Herbert would collect 10 bags on behalf of the parish. It was **resolved** the Clerk would request the Grit Bins were topped up.

6. **FINANCES**

6.1. Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 29/09/2017 was £4,100.19 (confirmed by statement number 40 as the Clerk did not yet have access to online banking).

It was **resolved** the Clerk would be added as a cheque signatory and for online banking (view only) and Claire Richards would be deleted.

6.2. The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. No. 000091, Clerk's Expenses	£15.00
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8. **PLANNING**

8.1. Applications: None.

8.2. Decisions: None.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Due to the absence of Cllr J Roberts, the Highways Signs would be deferred to the next meeting.

It was **resolved** Cllr G Tizzard would contact Mr Gliddon and request the permissive path was cut back and cleared.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

10 January 2018

7 March 2018

2 May 2018

4 July 2018

5 September 2018

7 November 2018

A date for the Annual Parish Assembly would be set at the January meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: