

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd May 2018 at 7.30 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors G Tizzard (Chairman), R Hughes, T Dunn, J Roberts, S Sherry and P Tolley

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk),
District Councillor S Dowding

- 18/01 Election of Chairman and receipt of declaration of acceptance of office**
After a proposal from Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Hughes, Cllr Tizzard was elected as Chairman and duly signed the Declaration of Office.
- 18/02 Election of Vice Chairman**
After a proposal from Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Dunn, Cllr Hughes was elected as Vice Chairman.
- 18/03 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies had been received from SCC Cllr Davies.
- 18/04 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**
There were none.
- 18/05 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**
Cllr Sherry was elected to stand as representative on the Village Hall Committee
- 18/06 To Review and Adopt Standing Orders and Code of Conduct**
It was **resolved** to adopt the above.
- 18/07 To Review and Adopt Parish Council Procedures**
18/07.1 The Financial Regulations was reviewed and adopted with no alterations
18/07.2 The Complaints Procedure was reviewed and adopted with no alterations
18.07.3 The Recording of Council Meetings was reviewed and adopted with no alterations
- 18/08 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2018**
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 18/09 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 14th March 2018**
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 18/10 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**
There were none
- 18/11 REPORTS**
- 18/11.1 **Police Report:**
- No report had been received
- 18/11.2 **Somerset County Council:**
- Apologies had been received from Cllr Davies due to ill health. There was no report
- 18/11.3 **West Somerset Council**
- It had been announced that the leader of Somerset County Council would investigate a unitary council for Somerset.
 - A consultation was taking place regarding the re-warding. It was confirmed that parishes could not be split.

- Temporary repairs had taken place on the A358 near Woolston Moor, the repairs to Weacombe road were imminent.
- Cllr Dowding reported on the dry storage system at Sizewell B.
- Cllr Hughes asked if any further details were available from Somerset Waste regarding the recycling of plastic. Cllr Dowding advised kerb side collection would be available over the coming months and would assume a container would be located at Williton recycling centre.
- Planning applications were discussed, Cllr Dowding advised criteria was dictated by Whitehall. If there was no valid planning reason, applications would be granted even if the Parish Council was against.

18/12 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

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

18/12.1 It was **resolved** to note the New Council Warding Pattern

18/12.2 It was **resolved** to note the public consultation regarding the proposed change of name of Watchet & Stogursey Election Division to the Quantock Coast Electoral Division. Members had no objection to the proposed name.

18/12.3 It was **resolved** to note the Quantock Hills AONB Questionnaire.

18/12.4 It was **resolved** to note the Section 137 Limit for 2018-2019 was £7.86

18/12.5 A request for a donation towards a 3rd MRI Scanner at Musgrove Park Hospital had been received and was discussed. After a proposal from Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Dunn, it was unanimously **resolved** to donate £500.00 towards the MRI Scanner. This would be included in the Staple Diet.

18/13 Finances

18/13.1 Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 2nd May 2018 was £4,808.42 (as confirmed by statement number 44)

18/13.2 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. No. 000100, Clerks Expenses	£21.01
Chq. Nos 000101 & 000102 Clerk's Salary & Tax	£459.03

18/14 Audit for Year Ending 31st March 2018

18/14.1 The internal auditor was finalising the audit. It was **resolved** to change the date of the next meeting to the 27th June 2018 to enable the signing of accounts to meet the deadline for the external auditor. The 4th July meeting would therefore be cancelled.

18/15 Planning

18/15.1. **Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/18/002	Home Farm Holiday Centre, The Belt, West Quantoxhead	Change of use of lane to footpath as part of England Coast Path National Trail (retention of part works already undertaken)	No objection
3/38/18/004	Belle Vue, Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead	Erection of a two storey extension and replacement dormer on the rear elevation	No objection

18/15.2 **Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

There were none

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Highway Matters

Cllr Hughes requested the extension of the 30mph limit on the Doniford Road from its current location, the junction with the A39, to past Rydon Cottages. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact SCC Highways with the request.

It was reported the drains on The Avenue were full and needed clearing. The new path was being washed away. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact SCC Highways to request the drains were cleared. Cllr Dowding would forward the route of the sweeper.

18/17

Footpaths

Cllr Tolley reported the footpath from the Windmill to the old Rectory had been flooded and had caused pedestrians to walk on the main A39. It was **resolved** the Clerk would report the issue. The Clerk would contract Countrywide Grounds Maintenance regarding cutting the grass along the path.

18/18

Report from the Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly had been well attended.

18/19

Telephone Kiosk

A discussion took place on whether the Village Hall committee would be prepared to sell the telephone kiosk. Cllr Roberts stated it was a community asset and could be used to house a defibrillator. Costs would be looked into on how much it would cost to move the kiosk and how much Western Power would charge to have power connected. Cllr Sherry will ask the Village Hal committee for their thoughts.

18/20

Sheep Nuisance

Cllr Roberts reported the sheep had recently been causing a nuisance in parishioners gardens. It was **resolved** the Clerk would contact the Rangers and request the fences were checked and report where necessary for repair.

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Insurance Renewal

It was **resolved** to renew the insurance.

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Future Meetings

27 June 2018
5 September 2018
7 November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: