

## WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mr G Tizzard (Chairman), Mr R Hughes, Mr J Roberts,  
Mrs S Sherry and Mrs P Tolley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs M Francis (Clerk),  
District Councillor S Dowding  
Somerset County Councillor H Davies  
5 Parishioners (4 left after item 18/47)

#### Public Session

The first parishioner spoke on several issues; planning observation – did not object to the proposal under application 3/38/18/006, but would prefer four separate entrances; would prefer not to have a collective area for rubbish bins and recycling. Grass cutting – expressed disappointment on how messy the verges looked. MRI scanner appeal grant – expressed surprise as not seen as a direct Parish Council expense and would assume council tax would be spent on parishioners.

The Clerk read a letter that had been received from a second parishioner outlining their views on planning application 3/38/18/006.

The third parishioner confirmed the hedge under application 3/38/18/006 was maintained and the access was from the widest part of Staple Lane.

It was **resolved** to move straight to item 18/47

**18/39 Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr Mr T Dunn

**18/40 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**  
Cllr Hughes registered his personal interest in item number 18/47.1 (3/38/18/005) and did not take part in the vote.

**18/41 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

**18/42 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**  
There were no matters to report.

#### **18/43 REPORTS**

##### **18/43.1 Police Report:**

- It was **resolved** to note the report that Cllr Hughes read out for August.

##### **18/43.2 Somerset County Council:**

- The double yellow lines outside Sit Gilbert Scott Court, Williton, had been delayed due to two objections that had been received.
- The pavement on the coastal walk at Doniford would be extended.
- The HPC park and ride at Washford was now in operation.
- The repairs to Black Arch Railway Bridge had been delayed until 2019/2020 financial year.
- It was reported 130 jobs would be lost; £15m needed to be saved.
- Conversations were being had to try and save the Taunton Park and Ride.
- Cllr Roberts advised Ian Liddell-Grainger MP had not responded to his letter regarding the tractor haulage through the village.

18/43.3

**West Somerset Council**

- The Boundary Commission consultation had been completed – the report would be completed in October.
- The shadow committee was working well.
- The Police were suggesting officers and PCSO’s would use bicycles, concern was made about their use in rural areas.
- A request had been made to ensure Parishes received a weekly schedule list from Highways.
- Cllr Roberts passed on his thanks and confirmed Bracken Edge road had been swept; this should be swept every 8 weeks.
- Cllr Tizzard raised a question on how much the solicitor charged to sign documents relating to 106 money. Cllr Dowding would look into the charges.
- Cllr Dowding would raise the tractor issue with Ian Liddell-Grainger MP and ensure he visited Cllrs regarding their concerns.

**18/44**

**Correspondence Log:** (full list pre-circulated)

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

18/44.1

It was **resolved** to note the email that Cllr Roberts had sent to Ian Liddell-Grainger MP, copied to Cllrs Dowding and Davies and Cannington Cold Store, regarding the Tractor Nuisance. No response had yet been received from the MP or Cannington Cold Store.

18/44.2

It was resolved to note the survey monkey that had been forwarded to Councillors regarding local policing.

18/44.3

Hinkley Point C – Application for an environmental permit – comment – as long as there is sufficient capacity if there was a lot of rain and there would be no overflow into the sea, then no objection

18/44.4

An invitation to attend The Great Plastics Debate to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 had been received. Noted.

**18/45**

**Finances**

18/45.1

Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was £3,940.04

18/45.2

The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. No. 000104 – MRI Scanner Appeal	£500.00
Chq. No. 000105 – Clerks Expenses (3 May – 4 Sept)	£29.40
Chq. No. 000106 & 000107 – Clerks Salary and Tax	£459.30
Chq. No. 000108 – SALC Affiliation Fee	£91.81
Chq. No. 000109 – Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	£48.00
Chq. No. 000110 – Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	£132.00
Chq. No. 000111 – West Quantoxhead Village Hall Hire	£24.00

Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Hughes. Carried.

**18/46**

**Audit for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

The public participation period had ended, no requests had been received.

**18/47**

**Planning**

18/47.1

**Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/18/005	St Etheldredas Church	Erection of wooden shed (retention of works already undertaken)	No objection
3/38/18/006	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road	Outline planning permission with some matters reserved, except for access, for the erection of 4 No. dwellings with associated garages and access	No objection
3/38/18/007	Withenfield, Staple Lane	Erection of conservatory to the front elevation and sun lounge to the rear elevation	No objection

**Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

Application No	Location	Decision
3/38/18/004	Belle Vue, Weacombe Road	Granted
3/38/18/003	Silver Leaves, Weacombe Road	Granted

**18/48**

**Highway Matters**

18/48.1

The Clerk confirmed she had corresponded with the Police regarding the extension of the 30mph and whilst they agreed in principal, they had no jurisdiction and that only Highways would be responsible for alterations to speed limits. The Clerk would again liaise with Highways.

- The Weacombe Road sign had been replaced.
- The road sign at the bottom of Staple Lane by the open reach box still required re-siting. The broken bracket on the sign on the Weacombe Road, just past the bend by Luckes Lane had not been repaired.
- The 'No Left Turn' sign from A39 into the bottom of Staple Lane was not clearly visible – vegetation needed to be cleared and the sign re-straightened.
- The Clerk would enquire if any further training sessions would be held regarding the restoration to Finger Posts. This could then be advertised in Staple Diet.

**18/49**

**Footpaths**

The Clerk advised that the update from Somerset County Council had stated an extra cut had been ordered in July and the drainage problem would be inspected.

**18/50**

**Telephone Kiosk**

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had purchased to kiosk for the sum of 1.00 and had paid for the relocation to its current position. Cllr Roberts advised he had investigated the reserves placed on other kiosks which were approximately £1,000.00, however, none had sold. After a proposal from Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Sherry it was resolved Cllr Roberts would advertise the kiosk for the sum of £850.00 with a discretionary 10%. When sold, payment would be made to the Parish Council, either by cheque or bank transfer.

**18/51**

**Review of Tree Preservation Orders in Ward**

As no other trees had been proposed for consideration of Preservation Orders, it was **resolved** to remove this item from the agenda.

**18/52**

**SCC Grass Cutting along the A39**

It was reported that only approximately 1m of the grass verge had been cut meaning that half of the verge had been left uncut, leaving it unsightly. It was **resolved** to contact SCC Highways and request they re-visit and cut the remaining grass.

**18/53**

**Future Meetings 2018/19**

7<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed: .....  
 Chairman

Date: .....