

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2019 at 7.30 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Mr G Tizzard (Chairman), Mr T Dunn, 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

Before the start of the meeting there was a presentation from Somerset Wildlife Trust.

18/86 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs R Hughes.

18/87 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

There were none

18/88 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2019

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

18/89 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

There were none.

18/90 REPORTS

18/90.1 Police Report:

- There was no report.
- Cllr Dowding explained the increase on Council Tax for Avon and Somerset Police which would be allocated toward staffing. Vigilance was urged as knife crime was on the increase, although mainly in Bristol.

18/90.2 Somerset County Council:

- Changes to the opening times of Recycling centres were advised. Although longer hours on the weekends, Williton would now be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Concern was raised the new times would see in increase in fly-tipping incidents.
- Recycling collection dates were noted for the upcoming bank holidays.
- Road Closure at East Quantoxhead – advised.
- Traffic calming was being installed by St Peters School, Doniford Road, Williton between 4th March and 29th March 2019.
- Get Set Children Services would be funded for a further year.
- SCC Cabinet had reinstated some services – gritting would take place next year, other services which would start again included gully cleaning and jetting, flood water management, dementia support in care homes and help for vulnerable people to go back to work.
- A new Financial Director had been employed at County at a cost of £900 a day, but would not receive a pension, holiday or sickness pay.
- Update was given on Blackarch Bridge
- Information was distributed on new carriers for 'Carry me Kate' and 'Safer Sleep'.
- The white lines had been repainted by the clay layby.

Cllr Tizzard advised the Weacombe Road sign had once again been driven into and broken. Cllr Davies would ask if the sign could be moved up the road by 15ft to try and avoid future damage.

18/90.3 West Somerset Council

- The new council would commence from the 1st April 2019.
- The budget had been balanced for the new council.
- Cllr Sherry passed on a parishioner's complaint to Cllr Dowding, regarding the bright lights at Williton Pavilion and Roughmoor Industrial Estate.

18/91 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

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

18/91.1 Great British Spring Clean, 22nd March until 23rd April 2019 – noted.

- 18/92 Finances**
18/92.1 Financial Statement:
The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 6th March 2019 was £4,424.26.
18/92.2 Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2019/20 had been received - £8.12 per elector.
18/92.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:
Chq. No. 000119 – West Quantoxhead Village Hall (Hall Hire) £18.00
- 18/93 Planning**
18/93.1 Applications: There were no applications for consideration
18/93.2 Decisions: There had been no decisions.
- 18/94 Highway Matters**
18/94.1 It was reported the Highway Road Signs had been mended.
18/94.2 Somerset County Council Winter Highways Arrangements 2018/19 – It was resolved to note Cllr Dunn had collected them on behalf of the Parish.
18/94.3 Temporary Road Closure – Taunton Road (A358), Sampford Brett and Bicknoller – sufficient notice had been received, but Councillors were very concerned about the increase in traffic that will go through the village.
18/94.4 A letter of concern had been received regarding the above road closure; Councillors agreed with the concern which was expressed to Cllr Dowding.
- 18/95 Footpaths**
There had been no further update.
- 18/96 Telephone Kiosk**
It was resolved to note the Telephone Kiosk had been sold on Ebay and after their commission, £900.00 had been received. The kiosk had been collected.
18/96.1 A letter had been received from West Quantoxhead Village Hall committee requesting the re-imburement of the cost of the concrete plinth that had been put in place to site the telephone box upon. A discussion took place as the Chairman felt the profit should be split. After a proposal from Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Tolley, it was resolved to donate the sum of £250.00 to the West Quantoxhead Village Hall committee.
The Chairman thanked Cllr Roberts for his hard work in organising the sale.
- 18/97 Grass Verge Cutting**
Quotations had been received and were discussed. After a proposal from Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Dunn, it was resolved to accept the quotation from A Godfrey as his was the best price and had supplied a good service in the past.
- 18/98 To arrange a date for the Annual Parish Assembly and consider speakers**
Due to Purdah, the Annual Parish Assembly date was moved until May 22nd. A speaker from Blood Bikes and the new Chief Executive had previously been confirmed, the Clerk would advise of the new date. Again, due to Purdah the date of the Annual Meeting was changed until Wednesday 8th May 2019. The Clerk would alter the village hall bookings and advise if there were any problems.
- 18/99 Elections 2019**
18/99.1 The Clerk distributed details of the upcoming elections, together with application forms.
18/99.2 It was resolved to note the Important Guidance on Purdah that had been distributed.
- 18/100 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 8th May 2019**
Please forward any items to the Clerk

Future Meetings 2019

8th May 2019
22nd May 2019 (Parish Assembly)
3rd July 2019
4th September 2019
6th November 2019

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:Cllr Tizzard.
Chairman

Date:8th May 2019