

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March 2018 at 7.30 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk),
County Councillor H Davies and District Councillor S Dowding (arrived at 7.52pm)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2018

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

4. Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

Bank Signatories - The Clerk advised this item had been finalised.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Police Report:

- It was **resolved** to note there was no report.
- Cllr Hughes advised he was the Neighbourhood Watch volunteer for the Avenue and agreed to forward correspondence to the Clerk.

5.2. Somerset County Council:

- The Library consultation period had been extended.
- The Ofsted report on SCC Children's Services rating was improving to good.
- SCC had introduced four Elderman, Honourable positions, one criteria was candidates had to have served three terms – it was reported Dr Court was one of the first recipients.
- Members were advised of the proposed budget and that Adult Care 3% was ringfenced.
- The snow on 2nd March had not stopped wedding ceremonies taking place.
- Cllr Tizzard explained a parishioner living on the Avenue had been flooded again believed to be as a result of recent roadworks and asked Cllr Davies to speak to Highways.
- The free bus service would continue
- Members expressed concern regarding the large tractors and trailers from Cannington were going through the village. All were encouraged to take the number of the trailer so that it could be reported.

5.3. West Somerset Council

- Cllr Dewdney advised there was little to report; still awaiting a decision from the Minister regarding the proposed merger.
- Minehead improvement scheme was to be re-branded and re-marketed as Minehead Bay. Cllr Hughes commented that the closure of toilets was not helping, Cllr Dowding replied as far as he knew public toilets were part of the scheme.

6. CORRESPONDENCE LOG: (full list pre-circulated)

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

- 6.1 A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Purcell-Herbert. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write a letter thanking him for all he has done for the Parish Council. The Clerk would issue a co-option notice.

- 6.2 It was **resolved** to note the GDPR Data Protection Officer Service and the advice from SALC not to employ an outside body and await further information.
- 6.3 It was **resolved** to note the Library Service consultation.
- 6.4 It was **resolved** to note the correspondence regarding Cannington Enterprises – Quantock Dwatch. It was reported that 1,500 journeys more than permitted were being taken. It was **resolved** to ask Cllr Davies to look into this item.
- 6.5 It was **resolved** not to become members of CCS.
- 6.6 It was **resolved** to note the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, but not to partake.

7. FINANCES

- 7.1. Financial Statement:
The Clerk advised the bank balance was £3,589.79
- 7.2. The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:
Chq. No. 000097, SALC/NALC Affiliation fees for 2017/18 £90.39

8. PLANNING

- 8.1. **Applications for consideration**
There were none.

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

Application No	Location	Description
3/38/17/004	St Audries Garage	Granted

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was **resolved** to note the temporary closure of Honeyrow Lane, Bicknoller

10. FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the footpath opposite the garage was cracking. Cllr Davies would investigate.

11. DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Roberts had a case for a defibrillator and would like somewhere to store it. Any Councillor able to help, please contact Cllr Roberts direct. Funding was being looked into.

12. BUS SHELTER PROJECT

The Clerk reported payment of £500.00 had been received. The final report had to be submitted by the 12th March 2018.

13. ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Clerk advised Izzy Sylvester (village agent) and Ian Porter (ANOB) had agreed to attend. Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson was unavailable, but Inspector Neil Dillon would attend in her place.

14. GRASS CUTTING

Quotations had been received to carry out the grass cutting. It was **resolved** to award the grass cutting contract to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance.

15. REPORT FROM MAGNA HOUSING'S SOMERSET STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE

It was **resolved** to note the meeting had been cancelled due to the weather conditions.

16. FUTURE MEETINGS

4 April (Parish Assembly), 2 May 2018, 4 July 2018, 5 September 2018, 7 November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: