

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mr G Tizzard (Chairman), Mr T Dunn, Mr R Hughes, Mr J Roberts, Mrs S Sherry and Mrs P Tolley (left at 9.30pm during item 18/66)

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 Mr Jenman, the Landscape Partnership Development Officer with an update on the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme. Mr Rowe explained how with twenty thousand new homes being built in Taunton and Bridgwater, there would be an impact on the Quantock Hills. The scheme would look at how best to manage this and Parishes were being asked for their input. A steering group would be created to engage with the project.

This was followed by a discussion with Mr Rowe from Cannington Enterprises Ltd where Councillors discussed their concerns regarding the impact of the tractor movements through the village. Mr Rowe asked to be informed as soon as possible of any issues and would put measures in place to minimise impact and gave his permission for his mobile number to be distributed to Councillors. Mr Rowe would write and confirm his proposals.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jenman and Mr Rowe for attending.

18/54 Apologies for Absence
There were none

18/55 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
There were none

18/56 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2018
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

18/57 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only
There were no matters to report.

18/58 REPORTS

18/58.1 Police Report:

- There was no report.
- Cllr Hughes read out the latest report from Crime Watch, it was noted there had been 228 calls during October.
- Concern was expressed regarding the diversion route along The Avenue and Weacombe Road when road closures occurred; as these roads would not be gritted, Councillors felt it would be safer to re-route vehicles from Egremont Corner.

18/58.2 Somerset County Council:

- The double yellow lines outside Sit Gilbert Scott Court, Williton, had been put in place; Cllr Davies thought they did not extend far enough.
- Cabinet decisions since September included the removal of Youth grants. Grit/salt supplies had been cut; maps showing the areas that would be precautionarily gritted were noted. A decision regarding Young Carers had been deferred until February 2019. Cabinet had decided upon a compromise regarding libraries – up to £22,000.00 would go to all community run libraries; five thousand initially, followed by either one or three thousand pounds for seven years, to help with staffing.
- Notes from Transport Forum were given which included usage, cycle routes etc. Busses can be hailed en-route if over 10 minutes from a park and ride.

- Cllr Davies had read a citation at the recent Chairman's Awards.
- County Hall was undergoing building work; the entrance was now in B Block – this would last for approximately 18 months.
- A County wide parking review was being undertaken; Minehead and Taunton were within the first area to be reviewed.
- £182,500.00 to WSDC for West Somerset opportunity programme.
- Cllr Hughes expressed concern that 1610 fitness centres were closing to the public; Cllr Hughes advised SCC had no statutory responsibility for leisure, it was understood Bridgwater College would take over the Minehead site.
- Cllr Sherry expressed concern regarding the recent road traffic incident on the A39 between West Quantoxhead and East Quantoxhead. It was reported the white lines had eroded; Cllr Davies would ask Highways to look at the road markings.

18/58.3

West Somerset Council

- The Avon and Somerset Police stop and search was reported as being successful
- The average age for knife crime in Somerset was just 16.
- A Minehead Radio station had recently started in Minehead.
- At a recent fire in Stogumber the Fire Engine had access difficulties due to parked cars – please pass on the message to consider emergency vehicles when parking.
- With the winter approaching, please have caution when burning on open fires as some items release toxic fumes.
- From 1st April 2019 there would be changes to Williton recycling centre; it would close for one extra day – it was felt this would be cause for concern regarding fly-tipping.
- Cllr Dowding was asked if the police would give a Neighbourhood Watch area sign.

18/59

Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

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

18/59.1

A letter of thanks had been received from Musgrove MRI Scanner Appeal

18/59.2

It was **resolved** to note the letter from West Somerset Council regarding Tree Preservation Order and the plan of affected trees

18/60

Finances

18/60.1

Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 7th November 2018 was £3,983.97

18/60.2

The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

18/60.3

Chq. No. 000112 & 000113 – Clerks Salary and Tax

Chq. No. 000114 – Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Invoice 25803) £132.00

18/60.4

Village Hall Precept – after a proposal from Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Tolley it was unanimously **resolved** to agree to the Village Hall donation of £250.00

18/60.5

Budget and Precept 2019-2020 – the Clerk circulated a proposed budget and precept request. It was resolved Councillors would give this consideration for the January meeting.

18/61

Planning

18/61.1

Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/18/008	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road	Conversion of barn into 2 No. dwelling with associated works (retention of works already undertaken)	No objection

18/62.2

Decisions: To note the following decisions.

Application No	Location	Decision
3/38/18/006	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road	Granted
3/38/18/007	Withenfield, Staple Lane	Granted

- 18/62 Highway Matters**
- 18/62.1 The Clerk confirmed she had corresponded again with Highways regarding the request to extend the 30mph limit beyond Rydon Farm; Highways had responded this would not be possible.
- 18/62.2 Highway Road Signs -
- 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 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 – this had now been cleared.
- 18/62.3 Somerset County Council Winter Highways Arrangements 2018/19 – Cllr Tizzard gave a verbal report on a recent meeting he had attended. The salt bins would be re-filled. Ten extra bags of salt would be available for Parishes but would need to be collected from the depot.
- 18/63 Footpaths**
The Clerk advised that notification had been received from Somerset County Council advising the footpath had been cleared.
- 18/64 Telephone Kiosk**
There had been no update
- 18/65 SCC Grass Cutting along the A39**
Somerset County Council had advised they had completed the grass cutting along the A39.
- 18/66 Grass Verge Cutting**
It was resolved to send letters requesting tenders to cut the current areas, with the current frequency.
- 18/67 Communication with Parishioners**
It was **resolved** the Clerk would produce a rota for Councillors to write reports for submission to the Staple Diet newsletter.
- 18/68 Bus Shelter**
The Clerk advised the work had been audited by Nuclear Decommissioning Authority regarding the funding and they had been pleased with how this had been improved for parishioners. However, it was reported the path had started to crack – Cllrs would inspect the path and report to the next meeting.
- 18/69 Future Meetings 2018/19**
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| 9 th January 2019 | 6 th March 2019 | 1 st May 2019 |
| 3 rd July 2019 | 4 th September 2019 | 6 th November 2019 |

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed:Cllr Tizzard.....
Chairman

Date:09.01.2019.....