

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2019 at 7.30 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk),
District Councillor S Dowding
Somerset County Councillor H Davies

18/69 Apologies for Absence
Cllrs T Dunn and S Sherry. Cllr Dowding apologised he would arrive late due to attending another meeting first.

18/70 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
There were none

18/71 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2018
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

18/72 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only
18/72.1 Cllr Tizzard advised he had spoken to WSC and the footpath would be inspected and rectified if deemed necessary.

18/73 REPORTS

18/73.1 **Police Report:**

- There was no report.
- Cllr Hughes read out the latest report from Crime Watch advising of fake email and text messages regarding TV licences and tax returns.

18/73.2 **Somerset County Council:**

- Small Improvement Scheme, Doniford Road – a window for works to be undertaken had been received; being between 4th March and the 29th March 2019.
- 13th February; 6.30pm – 11.30pm – road improvements would take place on the A39 between Bilbrook and Withycombe at Hobbs' corner.
- Bus Passes – after expiry date new passes would not be sent out automatically, please contact Somerset County Council (SCC) for a new pass. Also, if you move house, please contact SCC and advise them.
- New opening times were advised at County Hall. 'A' block was now closed for approximately 18 months – please use 'B' block entrance.
- At the previous meeting Cllr Sherry expressed concern regarding the road traffic incident on the A39 between West Quantoxhead and East Quantoxhead and reported the white lines had eroded; Cllr Davies had advised Highways and had been informed they would inspect the road markings.

18/73.3 **West Somerset Council**

- Cllr Dowding advised the new Chief Executive had taken over the position.
- Jean Humber had received The Empire Medal.
- Somerset Day – 11th May – groups were being encouraged use this day for any events to promote Somerset Day.
- Concern was raised from members regarding the A358 road closure at Blackarch Bridge and the impact of traffic through the village.

18/74 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)
It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.

18/74.1 It was **resolved** to note the Parish Path consultation; no response would be forwarded.

18/74.2 Contact details had been received regarding the new Localities Engagement Leads who would be the new point of contact for the Parish Council to the new Council.

- 18/74.3 The 2020/21 School Admission consultations was noted. This had appeared in the Staple Diet.
- 18/74.4 An invitation had been received from Quantock Hills Management Plan & Landscape Partnership scheme workshop being held on the 5th February 2019. It was **resolved** to send apologies as no Councillors could attend and ask to be kept updated on the scheme.

18/75 Finances

18/75.1 Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 9th November 2019 was £3,392.67.

18/75.2 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

- 18/75.3 Chq. No. 000115 & 000116 – Clerks Salary and Tax
- Chq. No. 000117 – West Quantoxhead Village Hall (donation) £250.00
- Chq. No. 000118 – Edward Martin Computer Services (Invoice 206335) £12.00

18/75.4 Budget and Precept 2019-2020 – A discussion took place regarding the proposed budget. Concern was raised regarding services being cut which could mean the Parish Council may have further unknown expense. After a proposal from Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Tolley it was unanimously **resolved** to set the precept at £2,700.00 for the 2019/2020 financial year.

18/76 Report from Quantock Hills JAC meeting held on 27th November 2018

No report

18/77 Report from Watchet, Williton and Quantock Vale Area Panel held on 4th December 2018

Cllr Tizzard advised members of the new Engagement Champions who would be based in Williton and would be the new contacts at Somerset West and Taunton Council. Cllr Davies would copy a map showing the new areas which would be forwarded to all Councillors.

18/78 Planning

18/78.1 There were no applications for consideration

18/78.2 **Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

Application No	Location	Decision
3/38/18/008	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road	Granted

18/79 Highway Matters

18/79.1 Highway Road Signs –

- The road sign at the bottom of Staple Lane by the open reach box still required re-siting. The Clerk confirmed she had again contacted Highways regarding this sign and they had confirmed the work would be undertaken, but could give no date at the present time.

18/79.2 Somerset County Council Winter Highways Arrangements 2018/19 – Ten extra bags of salt would be available for Parishes but would need to be collected from the depot. It was resolved to ask Cllr Dunn if he could collect them on behalf of the Parish.

18/80 Footpaths

The Clerk advised she had been informed that flooding was still a problem on the footpath from the Windmill to the old Rectory. It was resolved to contact Somerset County Council to advise there was still a problem, querying if there was a culvert and advise Councillors concerns that the flooding may encroach onto the main A39.

18/81 Telephone Kiosk

There had been no interest to the auction on eBay. Cllr Roberts would re-list on a '30-day make an offer' at the beginning of February. It would also be advertised in the Staple Diet.

- 18/82 Grass Verge Cutting**
It was resolved to send letters requesting tenders to cut the current areas, with the current frequency. Cllr Dowding would obtain a copy of Pathways for the Clerk.

- 18/83 Communication with Parishioners**
It was **resolved** the Clerk would write a report for the next Staple Diet, followed by Cllr Roberts then Cllr Hughes.

- 18/84 To arrange a date for the Annual Parish Assembly and consider speakers**
The Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019.
It was agreed to invite the new Chief Executive, Mr James Hassatt, to address the parish assembly. Cllr Davies would enquire at the EDF meeting he would attend later that week regarding a possible presentation from EDF.

- 18/85 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 6th March 2019**
Please forward any items to the Clerk

Future Meetings 2018/19

6 th March 2019	3 rd April 2019	1 st May 2019
3 rd July 2019	4 th September 2019	6 th November 2019

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: