

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 March 2017

PRESENT: Councillors G Tizzard (Chairman), N Purcell-Herbert, J Roberts and Mrs S Sherry.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Richards (Clerk), County Councillor H Davies and District Councillor S Dowding.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Dunn, R Hughes and Mrs P Tolley.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2016 & MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2017 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 14 December 2016 and the meeting held on 18 January 2017 were approved and signed.

4. **REPORTS**

4.1. **Police Report:**

PCSO Bolton was unable to attend but his report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that in future the Parish Council would have to go online to find out information as it was unlikely there would be a report from the PCSO.

4.2. **Somerset County Council:**

County Councillor Davies reported that:

- A new free bus service was being provided by Hinkley Point between Minehead and Bridgwater.
- Drivers were being reminded to follow the temporary one-way system at Bridgwater whilst junction improvements and upgrades to traffic lights were being made at Bristol Road/The Drove and Wylds Road (the "Golden Triangle").
- Somerset will benefit from £24m of Government funding for five key projects to boost employment and economic growth. The projects were: Somerset Energy Innovation centre phase 3 in Bridgwater, Connecting Devon & Somerset Phase 2, iAero project in Yeovil, Toneyway Corridor capacity improvements (Phase 1 Creech Castle) in Taunton and Huntspill Energy Park in Bridgwater.
- Somerset Libraries are supporting a national 'Be Online' campaign to get more people using the internet.

4.3. **District Council:**

District Councillor Dowding reported that:

- The formation of a new Council – consultation had now closed and meetings between West Somerset Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council were being held on a regular basis.
- New West Somerset Lottery was being launched in May 2017. In reply to questions raised at the last Parish Council meeting, the Clerk had circulated an email from Councillor Dowding.
- The Council Tax Precept will go up by the maximum amount allowed.

- West Somerset Council would balance the budget in 2017/18 but it was almost impossible to balance in 2018/19.
- Business rates for many were going to rise, Government policy on that has to be followed.
- At the last JAC meeting on the Quantocks, there were concerns about drones scaring people and animals.
- The Council were looking at reconfiguring the car park at Williton.
- Outline planning permission had been granted behind Lloyds Bank in Williton which would affect the bank.

5. CORRESPONDENCE LOG:

This had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.

6. FINANCES:

6.1.	<u>Current Financial Statement:</u>	
	Bank balance as at 25/1/17 (confirmed by bank statement #34)	£3,539.73
6.2.	<u>The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:</u>	
	Chq. No. 000081, West Quantoxhead Village Hall bookings (September 2016-January 2017)	£19.50
	Chq. No. 000082, Mrs C Richards, reimbursement of cost of Noticeboard	£96.06
	Chq. No. 000083, Clerk's expenses (May 2016-March 2017)	£86.63

7. BUS SERVICE 14

Discussed under Item 4.2.

8. PLANNING

8.1. Applications:
None.

8.2. Decisions:
3/38/16/005, Gorse Bank, The Avenue, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DJ: Erection of single storey extension to the south-western elevation, alterations to the existing two-storey dwelling, attached replacement double garage to the north-eastern elevation and porch to the south-eastern elevation (Granted).
3/38/16/006, Coppleridge, Staple Lane, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DE: Erection of a stone wall to the south west boundary (street frontage)(retention of work already undertaken). (Granted).

9. PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR TAUNTON DEANE AND WEST SOMERSET

It was noted that the consultation had now closed.

10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Clerk confirmed she had written letters regarding the hedgerow bordering the quarry with the Avenue and the lights highlighting the stag at the entrance to St Audries Park but to date had received no reply.

Councillor Sherry drew attention to damage to the sign at Luckes Lane and the Clerk agreed to report this to SCC Highways.

11. FOOTPATHS

None.

12. SOMERSET COAST ADVICE PARTNERSHIP

It was resolved to write a letter of support for their bid to EDF.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

5 April (Annual Parish Assembly)

3 May 2017

5 July 2017

6 September 2017

1 November 2017

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: