

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2018 at 7.30 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors G Tizzard (Chairman), R Hughes, N Purcell-Herbert, J Roberts, S Sherry and P Tolley

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Name	Agenda Item	Interest	Action
Cllr Tizzard	9.1	Personal	Did not vote

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2017

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd November 2017

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

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

Bank Signatories - The Clerk advised this item was ongoing.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Police Report:

- It was **resolved** to note there was no report.
- Cllr Hughes read out crime statistics from Neighbourhood Watch. The Clerk requested to be added to the mailing list; if any members wished to be added they were asked to contact Cllr Hughes.

6.2. Somerset County Council:

- The full Ofsted report on SCC Children's Services would be expected late January 2018.
- The 'Dry January' campaign was highlighted.
- SCC had successfully won at Taunton Magistrates on 8th December 2017 the prosecution against a utility firm fined £3,000.00 for three offences relating to unauthorised roadworks.
- Taunton Saturday Park & Ride stopped on 30th December 2017. Buses of Somerset will continue to operate a service for Musgrove Park Hospital from town centres stops. Further advice had been given by Buses of Somerset official at Taunton bus station the Stand F, number 9 bus, every 20 minutes between 7.30am and 8pm.
- SCC had purchased two new minibuses for Atwest.
- The subsidy for volunteer drives would not be cut.
- The HPC bus will run until 7th February, a meeting would be held shortly to discuss its future.
- Dragon Cross roadworks had been deferred until May 2018.
- A leaflet 'Save your District Council' was distributed.

6.3. West Somerset Council

- Cllr Dewdney advised that the Minister was minded to allow formation of a new Council; which would have to take place in the next few weeks due to upcoming elections. The consultation period would close of 19th January.
- The Police Station relocating into West Somerset House is on hold due to staffing reasons.
- As reported at the last meeting, modern slavery was an ongoing problem in Somerset.
- Minehead had been awarded £700,000.00 from Coastal Development Fund to enhance Minehead's image.
- The ANOB bid was ongoing.
- There had been a recent spate of Dog-napping on Exmoor, please pass on any details to the police.
- The Coastal Path at St Audries had been closed due to recent landfall.
- There was a road closure between Dead Woman's Ditch and Bincombe Cross due to a broken cattle grid.

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

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

- 7.1 Somerset Highways had contacted Parish Councils regarding the termination of SID (Speed Indicator Device) advising the current equipment was reaching the end of its serviceable life and a large financial investment would be required to replace it to enable the service to continue. Due to the financial situation at County Council, the investment was not possible. Options and forecasted costing's were supplied on how to continue with the scheme. A discussion took place and it was noted the SID reported on the speed, but no enforcement came from the results. Cllr Hughes expressed his concern for pedestrians due to the speed of vehicles. It was **resolved**, with one vote against, not to contribute to the scheme, instead to request the police to carry out regular speed controls.
- 7.2 Literature had been received regarding Calm the speed in your Community devices. It was **resolved** to request a regular presence of police speed control vehicles.
- 7.3 It was **resolved** the Clerk would complete the survey.
- 7.4 A discussion took place regarding a letter of complaint that had been received about a proposed campsite. It was **resolved** to respond stating that concerns had been noted, but unfortunately there was nothing the Parish Council could do as rigorous checks are undertaken and most of the concerns had been covered.
- 7.5 It was **resolved** to note Staple Lane would be closed from 1st February 2018 for two days. Notices had been placed on the Parish notice boards.
- 7.6 It was **resolved** to note the additional information on the proposed takeover of West Somerset Council.

8. FINANCES

8.1. Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 01/12/2017 was £4,061.19 (confirmed by statement number 42).

8.2. The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. No. 000093, A M Godfrey (Grass Cutting)	£490.00
Chq. No. 000094, Clerks Expenses	
Chq. No. 000095 & 000096 Clerks Salary and Tax	

8.3 The Clerk advised members the new external Auditors were PFK Littlejohn LLP.

8.4 It was **resolved** to contact Alan Gale to request the internal audit for the current financial year.

8.5 Budget & Precept 2017-2018. It was **resolved** to set a precept of £2,473.26 for the 2018-2019 financial year, based on an increase of 5% on the household bill. It was **resolved** the Clerk would look into a savings deposit account.

9. PLANNING

9.1. Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Description	Comment
3/38/17/004	St Audries Garage, Williton to Bridgwater Road, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DN	Display of 1 No. internally illuminated totem sign (retention of works already undertaken)	No objection. It was felt this would improve safety.
3/38/18/001	The Willows, Vinnecombe Lane, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DS	Erection of side and rear extensions plus terrace	No objection

9.2. Decisions: To note the following decisions.

Application No	Location	Description
3/38/17/002	Withenfield, Staple Lane	Granted
3/38/17/003	Firethorn, Weacombe Road	Granted

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr Roberts advised the signs had been collected. A discussion took place regarding safety concerns due to the parking on Long Street, Williton.

11. FOOTPATHS

There was nothing to report.

12. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR

It was **resolved** the Clerk would apply for funding for a Defibrillator from CRISP and/or Hinkley Community Funds. It was further **resolved** to ask if the Defibrillator could be located at the garage.

13. BUS SHELTER PROJECT

The Clerk advised notification had been received advising the grant application had been successful and would be notified when a final report would need to be submitted.

14. TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

It was **resolved** this would be held on Wednesday 4th April, subject to booking of the Village Hall. It was **resolved** to invite Izzy Sylvester, Village Agent; Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson and Ian Porter, ANOB to give presentations.

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

7 March 2018
2 May 2018
4 July 2018
5 September 2018
7 November 2018

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: