

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 July 2017

PRESENT: Councillors G Tizzard (Chairperson), T Dunn, R Hughes, N Purcell-Herbert, J Roberts, Mrs S Sherry and Mrs P Tolley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Richards (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MAY 2017 & MATTERS ARISING:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2017 were approved and signed.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Police Report:

There had been 47 crimes in the Williton & Watchet Area, 1 of which was in the Luckes Lane area.

4.2. Somerset County Council: County Councillor H Davies

He thanked everyone who had voted him back in. A new Leader and other key appointments had been made at SCC. He was now on Quantock Advisory Committee, Somerset Building Preservation Trust, Standards Committee and Nuclear Group SSG. Improvements to parking services at SCC will see the introduction of 'virtual' permits and other permits for County and District Council car parks. He had visited Hinkley A and B Stations recently, A Station had been decommissioned but they still have some grant funding available for projects under £1,000.

4.3. District Council: Councillor S Dowding

It was hoped a new system for recycling of plastics would be in by the end of the year. Formation of new Council: very little has happened since the last meeting. Devolution: the Government have now said mayors are not mandatory. West Somerset Lottery: now up and running, first prize draw towards the end of this month, so far about £5,000 has been raised for local causes. Hinkley C: if anyone would like to visit the site, please let him know.

4.4. Watchet, Williton and Quantock Vale Area Panel 20 June 2017:

County Councillor Davies reported that there had been 3 Parish Councillors, 3 Councillors and 1 Officer but no Police or Fire Brigade in attendance.

4.5. SALC West Area Meeting 22 June 2017 – the Chairman stated that attendees were advised that if they had any concerns, they should write to Penny James, Chief Executive, Taunton Deane & West Somerset.

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

The correspondence log was noted.

6. FINANCES:

6.1. Financial Statement:

The Clerk stated the bank balance as at 4/7/17 (confirmed by online banking) was £3,814.95. There were no cheques to be authorised.

7. PLANNING

7.1. Applications: None.

7.2. Decisions: None.

8. PARISH CLERK VACANCY

The Clerk had given notice. It was resolved to advertise the vacancy on the village noticeboards.

9. BUS SHELTER (WILLITON SIDE)

The Chairman had received a verbal quotation from C J Lynch & Sons to carry out path works at the bus shelter (Williton side) in the sum of £500 plus VAT. Councillor Sherry confirmed the contractor she had asked for a quotation no longer had a roadside licence, which was required to undertake such work. It was resolved (1) that, once a written quotation had been received from C J Lynch & Sons, the Clerk be authorised to place the order for the work and resolved (2) that the Clerk be asked to submit a request for funding towards the path works from the Hinkley A grant funding referred to in County Councillor Davies's report.

10. ST AUDRIES PARK – FIREWORKS

Councillors had received several complaints about the noisy fireworks at St Audries Park in June 2017. It was resolved (1) to write to the venue to bring their attention to the recent complaints and (2) to ask St Audries Park if they would consider re-commencing the issuing of a notice of intention of fireworks.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Weacombe Road sign was still missing by Luckes Lane.

12. FOOTPATHS – BRIDLEWAY CLOSURE – PART OF WL 27/2

Councillors noted the closure due to bridge works being required.

13. WEST QUANTOXHEAD TOP 5 PRIORITIES

It was agreed that WSC be advised of the following priorities: Pedestrian crossing on the A39 and path to the bus shelter (A39 Williton side).

14. INTERMITTENT INTERRUPTIONS TO THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The Clerk was asked to write to Western Power Distribution to draw their attention to the intermittent interruptions and to ask if there was any reason for these.

15. FUTURE MEETINGS:

6 September 2017 7.30 pm

1 November 2017 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: