

## WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Councillors G Tizzard (Chairman), R Hughes, P Mote, M Philipson and S Sherry

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs M Francis (Clerk), SCC Davies (arrived at 7.30pm), SWAT Cllr Morgan,  
1 Parishioner

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors J Roberts and P Tolley

**19/27 Apologies for Absence**

Noted as above.

**19/28 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

There were none.

**19/29 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

(Cllr Morgan pointed out that in report 19/11.2 it should have been reported as intermediate waste, not low level)

**19/30 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

**19/31 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

There were none

**19/32 REPORTS**

**19/32.1 Police Report:**

- No report had been received from the Police. It was noted PCSO Sue Thompson had won an award. PCSO Sue Marks had recently returned to the beat area. There had been no update regarding the Williton Police Station.

**19/32.2 Somerset County Council:**

- Cllr Davies apologised for reporting at the previous meeting the waste at Hinkley Point was low level, this should have been intermediate level.
- A verbal report on the recent licensing meeting, which included the electric taxi application, was given.
- Newgate Communications had made contact regarding the idea of a petrol station at Washford cross.
- Danesfield school recent report was 'requires improvement'; the behaviour of the children had been reported as 'good'.
- An email had been received regarding a suggested new Primary Academy to include Spaxton, Stogursey, Crowcombe, Stogumber and a school near Enmore.
- A new library outreach vehicle had been bought from Oxfordshire with the latest 3D printing technology on-board.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July would see a temporary 40mph speed limit Cleeve Hill, Watchet.
- A Fire Service consultation was taking place – possibility of reducing/closing stations.
- The concern regarding Hinkley running empty buses had been looked into and the reason was because they were contracted to run regular services.

**19/32.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council**

- Cllr Morgan was the new representative for the area. Cllr Morgan gave an in depth report on Hinkley Point regarding the possibility of storing Intermediate Level Waste at Hinkley A. There was currently a consultation taking place which members were encouraged to partake.
- It was reported problems were occurring with the IT system for SWaT regarding receiving and sending emails.

- Cllr Tizzard asked why at the Panel Meetings, questions were never replied to; he had also requested a list of who is who in each department for contact reasons which had not been received – **Action:** Cllr Morgan would look into these issues.
- It was reported the recycling centres in Williton and Minehead were causing problems as the sites were being closed just after opening, to move skips around. Members felt this should be done prior to opening – not to close the gates during the already limited opening times. This was causing traffic problems outside on the sites.  
**Action:** Cllr Morgan would contact the portfolio holder and raise this issue.

**19/33 Correspondence Log:** (full list pre-circulated)

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

19/33.1 VE Day 75 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The Parish Council would like to commemorate the date and it was resolved to look into holding a lighting of the Fire Beacon to mark the event. The Clerk would contact The National Trust for permission. Mr Gibbons would be contacted regarding the event. Mr Courage would be written to, to ask for wood – it was noted not to use any pallets due to the problem of nails. A report would be submitted to the Staple Diet to ask for ideas.

19/33.2 An invitation had been received to attend The Chair Annual Civic Service to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at St Peters Church, Williton. Due to prior commitments Councillors present were unable to attend. It was resolved to ask Cllr Roberts and Cllr Tolley if they would be able to attend and if they could not, to send the Councils apologies.

**19/34 Finances**

19/34.1 Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 was £5,386.53.

The Chairman signed the Bank Reconciliation.

19/34.2 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. Nos 000122	Free Wheelers	£50.00
Chq. Nos 000123	SALC Affiliation Fees	£92.21
Chq. Nos 000124	Came and Company Insurance	£306.89

**19/35 Audit for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Mr Gale had completed the Internal Audit

19/35.1 It was **resolved** the Certificate of Exemption would be forwarded to the external auditors.

19/35.2 It was **resolved** to approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19.

Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Hughes.

19/35.3 It was **resolved** to note the Annual Accounting Statement was considered.

18/35.4 It was **resolved** to approve the Accounting Statement.

Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Hughes.

19/35.5 It was **resolved** to sign the Accounting Statement.

Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Hughes.

**19/36 Planning**

19/36.1 **Applications for consideration**

There were none

19/36.2 **Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

There were none

**19/37 Highway Matters**

19/37.1 It was resolved to note the SCC Highways Environmental Maintenance Information Sheet 2019.

19/37.2 St Audries Wedding Venue would be contacted to request their hedge be cut back to improve line of sight.

19/37.3 SCC Highways would be contacted to request the growth from the Avenue from the entrance to the permissive path running down the Avenue to be cut back.

The Clerk would chase again for the Weacombe road sign to be replaced; cross-road warning sign to be installed and the road signs for Staple Close and Staple Lane to be re-cemented into the ground.

Concern was raised regarding the dashed white line on the main A39 at East Quantoxhead which was perceived to be dangerous when exiting the village onto the main road. It was resolved to request a solid white line for safety reasons (Cllr Davies to be copied into email).

Cllr Mote would speak to Andrew regarding cutting of the verges.

**19/38 Footpaths**

Cllr Hughes advised the drainage had been re-done on the footpath from the Windmill to the Old Rectory.

**19/39 Councillor Training**

It was **resolved** Cllr Mote and Cllr Hughes would attend the Code of Conduct explained course to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**19/40 Future Meetings – to be held at 7pm.**

4 September 2019

6 November 2019

Matters for the next meeting: Light Pollution and Intermittent Interruption to Electricity supply

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....