

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2019 at 7.00 pm at West Quantoxhead Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk), SCC Davies (arrived at 7.43pm),
1 Parishioner

APOLOGIES: SWAT Cllr Morgan

19/45 Apologies for Absence
Noted as above.

19/46 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Name	Item Number	Interest
Cllr Philipson	19/56	Personal

19/47 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2019
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

19/48 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 7th August 2019
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.

19/49 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only
There were none

19/50 REPORTS

19/50.1 Police Report:

- No report had been received. Cllr Sherry would ask for the Clerk and Cllr Philipson to be added to the mailing list for Neighbourhood Watch and request it was advertised in the Staple Diet to increase awareness of the scheme.

19/50.2 Somerset County Council:

- A list was available regarding where the new library outreach vehicle made visits. This could be requested to visit West Quantoxhead – Cllr Davies had a contact number.
- Minehead Library was offering a new service to help set up businesses, due to start in the autumn where ipads could be loaned to library card holders.
- A press release from Somerset County Council underlined its commitment to apprentices by signing the Unison Apprenticeship Charter. The charter is a pledge to ensure apprentices at the Council get high quality training, appropriate support, supervision and pay. Over the past 3 years the authority had invested in more than 300 apprenticeships and it was expected another 50 would start in the autumn.
- County Councillors 'Improving Lives Grant Scheme'; - each Councillor had £2,000 available to put forward up to four grants in November 2019. The focus of the scheme was to empower communities and groups to take responsibility for local actions.

19/50.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council

- Cllr Morgan had given his apologies and had submitted a brief report by email.
- There had been no update as yet regarding Cllr Morgan's contact with the portfolio holder of the recycling centres regarding the opening times.

- 19/51 Correspondence Log:** (full list pre-circulated)
It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.
- 19/51.1 An anonymous letter from concerned resident regarding development at High Feather, Weacombe Road. A request had been submitted to the District Council as to whether planning was required, there had been no response. It was noted it was not a permanent structure and other similar structures had been erected within the parish.
- 19/51.2 Bicknoller Parish Council had enquired if any issues had been created due to the Highways Authorities reducing the height of their hedge cutting by 2 metres. It was **resolved** to respond and advise Councillors were happy with the hedges within the parish, but did query if an accident occurred due to the reduction, who would be responsible.
- 19/51.3 Williton Parish Council had enquired if the Parish Council were of their opinion regarding public conveniences that as one council, the allocation should be the same and that the conveniences in West Somerset should be once again funded. It was **resolved** to respond that as it was now one council the facilities in West Somerset should be funded or that it should be the same – pay for all or none.
- 19/51.4 Somerset County Council Road Safety had contacted the Parish Council regarding a presentation for older drivers called Route 60+. The talk, which was free, was aimed at helping to keep older drivers driving on the road safer for longer, but they were looking for a venue to be provided. It was **resolved** to pay for the hire of the village hall for the presentation to take place. Cllr Philipson's number would be forwarded as contact for the village hall. Once booked, the date would be advertised in the Staple Diet.

19/52 Finances

- 19/52.1 Financial Statement:
The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 4th September 2019 was £4,387.86, including un-cleared cheques.
The Chairman would sign the Bank Reconciliation.
- 19/52.2 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:
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| Chq. Nos 000127 West Quantoxhead Village Hall | £24.00 |
| Chq. Nos 000128 & 000129 Clerks wages & NI contributions | £459.30 |
| Chq. Nos 000130 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance | £66.00 |

19/53 Planning

- 19/53.1 **Applications for consideration**
There were none
- 19/53.2 **Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

Application No	Location	WSC Decision
3/38/19/001	Leighway, Weacombe Road	Grant
3/38/19/002	Plot B, Land adjacent to Staple Farm, Staple Lane, TA4 4DE	Grant
3/38/19/003	Inkberrow, Weacombe Road	Withdrawn by applicant

19/54 Highway Matters

- 19/54.1 The Clerk advised she had received notification from District Council that the Weacombe Road sign would be looked into. The question had been asked if they would like to meet on site to discuss, no answer had been received as yet.
- 19/54.2 Request for cross road warning sign – a reply had been received from Somerset County Council advising that they were careful of sign proliferation in villages and generally only erected on main roads particularly if there was an accident history. As there were no personal injury collisions over the last 5 year period, the request was denied.
- 19/54.3 Request for Staple Close and Staple Lane signs to be re-cemented in the ground – notification had been received from District Council advising the signs would be looked at.
- 19/54.4 Dashed white line on A39 at East Quantoxhead – a reply had been received from Somerset County Council advising the lines were in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions criteria as set out by the DfT. As their records have shown no personal injury collisions over the last 5 years the request was denied.

19/54.5 Concern was raised by Cllr Hughes regarding the time of day that the grass and hedge cutting took place. It was reported in August tractors coming from both directions met at the same time between Holford and Kilve at midday with very heavy holiday traffic. Concern was raised due to the risks being taken to overtake and that an accident could occur. It was **resolved** to write to Highways to ask consideration was given to the timing and whether a less busy time would be possible.

19/55 Footpaths
Cllr Hughes advised the drainage had been re-done on the footpath from the Windmill to the Old Rectory.

19/56 Light Pollution
Cllr Philipson raised concern regarding light pollution from Hinkley Point and Roughmoor Industrial Estate. He advised he had corresponded with Hinkley Point who advised other complaints had been received and shields to the lights would be looked into.

The second area of concern was believed to be Kingspan on the industrial estate. It was **resolved** to write and ask that shielding for their lights be looked into.

19/57 Intermittent Interruption to Electricity Supply
It was resolved the problem would be monitored by members and further problems would be reported.

19/58 VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020
19/58.1 The Clerk confirmed she had corresponded with The National Trust asking for permission for the beacon to be lit. Permission was being sought and a reply was awaited.

19/59 Future Meetings – to be held at 7pm.

6 November 2019 – Cllr Roberts tendered his apologies for this meeting
8 January 2020
4 March 2020

The meeting closed at 8.13 pm.

Signed:Cllr Tizzard.....
Chairman

Date:6th November 2019.....

