

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Due to Covid-19 and following government guidelines, the meeting was held via video conferencing

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

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Morgan
Mrs M Francis (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Somerset County Councillor Davies

20/01 Apologies for Absence

Noted as above.

20/02 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Sherry - Neighbour to applicant

20/03 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2020

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes, which would be signed by the Chairman

20/04 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

20/04.1 (Item 19/107) It was noted the Parish Assembly did not take place due to Covid-19

20/05 REPORTS

20/05.1 Police Report:

- It was resolved to note the neighbourhood watch notices that had been emailed

20/05.2 Somerset County Council:

Cllr Davies had given apologies but had been forwarding press releases which had been forwarded to members

20/05.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council

- Cllr Morgan advised there was very little to report. Stogursey Parish Council had submitted a vote of no confidence with the District Planning Department and had been awaiting a meeting for the past six weeks.

20/06 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

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

20/06.1 Community Bus Service – the clerk would enquire as to when the service would resume.

20/06.2 A BACS remittance had been received regarding the Precept – noted

20/06.3 A letter of concern had been received from a parishioner regarding Rooks – Cllr Philipson had forwarded information from RSPB advising that rooks were protected. It was resolved to reply with contact details for Environmental Health.

20/06.4 Website Accessibility Regulations – a price was awaited on how much this would cost.

20/06.5 Local Government re-organisation – *it was resolved to hold an Extra Ordinary meeting on Wednesday 8th July at 7pm to discuss further.*

20/06.6 A letter had been received from Cllr David Fothergill regarding Single Unitary Authority for Somerset – *this item would be discussed at the extra ordinary meeting, to be held on Wednesday 8th July.*

20/07 Finances

20/07.1 Financial Statement: The Clerk confirmed the bank balance as at 01.07.2020 was £5,621.06.

20/07.2 The Chairman would sign the Bank Reconciliation.

20/07.3 Quotations for insurance had been received. It was unanimously **resolved** to accept the quotation from Zurich Insurance for the sum of £257.60. Proposed by Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Philipson.

20/07.4	<u>The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:</u>	
	Chq. Nos 000143 A M Godfrey – Grass cutting – Inv 83 & 19	£100.00
	Chq. Nos 000144 Somerset West and Taunton Council – election cost	£60.00
	Chq. Nos 000145 Clerk Wages	£367.50
	Chq. Nos 000146 HMRC	£91.80

20/08 Audit for Year Ending 31st March 2020

20/08.1 It was **resolved** to submit the Certificate of Exemption.
Proposed by Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

20/09 Planning

20/09.1 **Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/20/006	High Feather, Weacombe Road	Replacement of balcony with the erection of a first-floor wrap-around extension above the existing attached garage on the west elevation	No objection
3/38/20/007	1 Stowey Lodge	Erection of a greenhouse, shed and outbuilding (retention of works already undertaken)	Concerned regarding potential change of use from residential to business; request an extension until 9 th July 2020.
3/38/20/008	East Bank, Staple Lane	Proposed alternations to vehicle access and driveway	Concerned regarding potential increase to water run-off. Would request flooding and drainage is considered
CA38/20/001	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road	Application to carry out management works to one oak tree included in West Somerset District (West Quantoxhead No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 2018 at Staple Farm, Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead (T/3/141)	No objection on the basis that the work is undertaken by a professional tree surgeon and the Preservation Officer is in agreement

20/09.2 **Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/20/001	Highfield, Staple Lane	Grant
3/38/20/002	The Windmill Inn	Grant
3/38/20/003	Land adjacent to Staple Farm, Weacombe Road	Grant
3/38/20/004	Shore Edge Cottage	Grant
3/38/20/005	Rydon Farm, St Audries to Doniford	Prior approval not required

20/10 Highway Matters

20/10.1 Replacement of Weacombe Road sign – there had been no update. It was resolved to request assistance from Cllr Davies.

20/10.2 Painting of Finger Posts – it was resolved to defer this item to enable Cllr Mote to inspect. Cllr Philipson volunteered to look at re-erecting the Parish Council sign at the top of Weacombe Lane

20/11 Footpaths

20/11.1 Retaining Wall on A39 between St Audries Church and the Holiday Park – Cllr Tizzard advised commercial vehicles had been seen parked along the wall and may have been addressing the problem. The area would be looked at again before the next meeting.

20/12

Future Meetings – to be held at 7pm.

2nd September 2020

4th November 2020

Items for next meeting:

- To consider request to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on the A39 through the village.
- To consider holding a meeting with neighbouring parishes and request attendance of the Chief Executive and Cllr Fothergill to discuss future roles of Parish Councils

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed: Cllr Tizzard Chairman

Date: 2nd September 2020