

WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September 2020 at 7.00 pm.

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

PRESENT: Councillors R Hughes (Vice Chairman), A Cottrell, P Mote, M Philipson, S Sherry and P Tolley

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs M Francis (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Tizzard and Somerset County Councillor Davies

20/20 Apologies for Absence

Noted as above.

20/21 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Item 20/30.1 - Cllr Sherry – Personal - Neighbour to applicant – remained in meeting

Item 20/30.1 - Cllr Cottrell – Personal – applicant – left meeting

20/22 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July 2020

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes, which would be signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Sherry, Seconded Cllr Hughes.

20/23 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2020

After a slight amendment, it was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes, which would be signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Sherry, Seconded Cllr Mote.

20/24 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2020

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes, which would be signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Sherry, Seconded Cllr Mote.

20/25 Co-option of Councillor

An application had been received by Mrs Annabel Cottrell for the position of casual vacancy on the Council. A vote took place after a proposal from Cllr Sherry, seconded by Cllr Mote, and it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the application and co-opt Mrs Cottrell. As Cllr Cottrell was in attendance, she duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, after which she was able to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

20/26 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only

20/26.1 (Item 20/06.1) EDF Community Bus Service would resume when possible, but no date had been received as yet.

20/27 REPORTS

20/27.1 Police Report:

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

20/27.2 Somerset County Council:

Cllr Davies had given apologies until he was able to return to meetings. Press releases received via email from SCC had been forwarded to members.

20/27.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council

Cllr Morgan had tried but had been unable to join the meeting due to technical issues.

20/28 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)

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

20/28.1 A letter of introduction had been received from Complete Weed Control, however it was the opinion of members that weed spraying should be undertaken from Highways, so no further action would be taken. Noted.

20/28.2 A question had been received from a parishioner on how planning applications were decided upon and whether views were biased and querying the procedure for declaring interests. The Clerk had replied explaining procedures. Noted.

20/28.3 The letter from Cllr David Fothergill regarding One Somerset Business case was noted.

- 20/28.4 Grit Bin Survey – a request had been received to check accuracy of locations and whether they needed to be refilled. Cllrs agreed to check and would report back to the Clerk.
 20/28.5 SWT Stronger Somerset – it was resolved to address this under item 20/37.

20/29 Finances

20/29.1 Financial Statement: The Clerk confirmed the bank balance as at 02.09.2020 was £4,602.16.

20/29.2 The Chairman would sign the Bank Reconciliation.

20/29.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. Nos 000148 A M Godfrey – Grass cutting – Inv. 39	£170.00
Chq. Nos 000149 A M Godfrey – Grass cutting – Inv. 54	£30.00
Chq. Nos 000150 Clerk Wages	£367.50
Chq. Nos 000151 HMRC	£91.80

Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Mote. Unanimously resolved.

20/29.4 Consideration for Councillors to attend Responding to Planning Applications training course - it was resolved all councillors would attend the SALC training to be held on 15th October 2020 via zoom.

20/29.5 Consideration for Councillors to attend Councillor Essentials Training – this course would be considered in the next financial year, due to there being insufficient funds in the budget.

20/30 Planning

20/30.1 **Applications for consideration** – *Cllr Cottrell left the meeting for this item*

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/20/009	High Feather, Weacombe Road	Erection of side extension to south elevation to replace existing conservatory, rendering off garage elevations at ground level and replacement of balustrade to balcony (resubmission of 3/38/20/006)	No objection

Proposed Cllr Mote, seconded Cllr Hughes
Cllr Cottrell re-joined the meeting

20/30.2 **Decisions: To note the following decisions.**

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/20/006	High Feather, Weacombe Road	Refused
3/38/20/007	1 Stowey Lodge	Withdrawn by applicant
3/38/20/008	East Bank, Staple Lane	Grant

After a proposal from Cllr Hughes, it was resolved to move to item 20/34

20/34 Highway Matters

20/34.1 Replacement of Weacombe Road sign – there had been no update. It was resolved to write again requesting a response.

20/34.2 Painting of Finger Posts – Cllr Mote would report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Philipson had re-erected the Parish Council sign at the top of Weacombe Lane.

20/34.3 A discussion took place regarding reducing the speed limit to 20mph on the A39. It was resolved to request the speed limit on The Avenue, Weacombe Road and Staple Lane, rather than the A39. A request for volunteers would be submitted to the Staple Diet to try and start a Community Speed Watch scheme in liaison with the Police.

20/35 Footpaths

20/35.1 Retaining Wall on A39 between St Audries Church and the Holiday Park – There had been no update. The clerk would write to St Audries Park.

20/36 (Item 20/06.4) **Website Accessibility requirement** – a price had been received from the current hosting company, which members felt was unaffordable for a small parish. It was resolved to obtain quotations to produce a new website. An accessibility statement would be published on the website advising a new site was being considered due to costs.

- 20/37** **Future roles for Parish Councils** – it was **resolved** to request a meeting with District and County Councils in conjunction with neighbouring parishes to discuss the future roles.
- 20/38** **Complaint from Parishioner regarding meetings held on 8th and 13th July 2020 regarding planning application for 1 Stowey Lodge** – it was noted a meeting had been held to listen to the complaint and a written response had been forwarded.

It was resolved to return to item 20/31

- 20/31** **NALC – Consultation on Changes to the Current Planning System** – it was **resolved** to defer this item and hold an extra ordinary meeting on the 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm to allow more consideration
- 20/32** **NALC – Consultation on Planning for the Future white paper** – it was **resolved** to defer this item and hold an extra ordinary meeting on the 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm to allow more consideration
- 20/33** **NALC – Consultation on Transparency and Competition (Land Control)** – it was **resolved** to defer this item and hold an extra ordinary meeting on the 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm to allow more consideration
- 20/39** **Future Meetings** – to be held at 7pm.
4th November 2020

The meeting closed at 8.11 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: