

# WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 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, M Philipson and S Sherry

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Somerset County Council Cllr H Davies;  
Somerset West and Taunton District Council Cllr Morgan;  
Mrs M Francis (Clerk)  
1 Parishioner

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Cottrell and Mote

**20/45 Apologies for Absence**

Noted as above.

**20/46 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Item 20/51.3 - Cllr Hughes – Personal – remained and took part

Item 20/53.1 - Cllr Philipson – Personal, Neighbour to applicant 3/38/20/010 – remained and took part

**20/47 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

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

**20/48 Approval of the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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

**20/49 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

There were none.

**20/50 REPORTS**

**20/50.1 Police Report:**

It was resolved to note the crime statistics that Cllr Hughes read out.

**20/50.2 Somerset County Council:**

Health care workers entitled to free flu jabs

£125,000 scheme for families struggling for food via Coronavirus helpline 0300 7906275

Recycling centres would carry on as normal with guidelines to keep all safe

Gritting service would be maintained as last year

Remembrance Day guidelines to ensure Covid-19 safe

Unitary Bid for District and County– invited to write to Minister by 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**20/50.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council**

Cllr Morgan reported it had been quiet. At the Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the Climate Emergency Strategy was passed. Stogursey Parish Council had a face-to-face meeting after their complaint and vote of no confidence at the end of September, still not resolved.

Parish Councillors raised concern regarding staff at Hinkley Point returning after the Christmas break – Cllr Morgan advised all staff would be tested before returning, for further concerns he suggested that Hinkley were contacted directly.

**20/51 Correspondence Log: (full list pre-circulated)**

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

20/51.1 One Somerset Autumn Consultation had been forwarded – noted

20/51.2 Somerset County Council News Release on Unitary proposals – noted

20/51.3 Parish and Town Councils Free Trees for National Tree Planting Week – it was resolved to apply for the free trees. The Village Hall had expressed interest in receiving trees, a suggestion that the Church would also welcome trees for the Donkey Paddock. The Clerk would obtain further information on varieties available; Cllr Hughes volunteered to collect the trees from Minehead when ready.

- 20/51.4 Cllr Tolley had tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. A letter of thanks would be sent for her time supporting the Parish.
- 20/51.5 Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys – no comment

## 20/52 Finances

- 20/52.1 Financial Statement: Current Account balance as at £4,603.16.
- 20/52.2 The Chairman would sign the Bank Reconciliation.
- 20/53.3 The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:
- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| Chq. Nos 000152 A M Godfrey – Grass cutting – Inv. 93         | £30.00 |
| Chq. Nos 000153 West Quantoxhead Village Hall                 | £6.00  |
| Chq. Nos 000154 Edward Martin Computer Services – Inv. 213844 | £12.00 |

Due to time restraints on zoom, it was resolved to move to item 20/54 for the remainder of time allowed. Then a new link would be sent to all participants to start a new 40-minute free time for the remaining items on the agenda.

## 20/54 Highway Matters

- 20/54.1 Replacement of Weacombe Road sign – Cllr Mote had taken photographs which had been sent to Highways. Awaiting an update.
- 20/54.2 Painting of Finger Posts – Due to the absence of Cllr Mote there was no update.
- 20/54.3 A reply had been received regarding the reduction in speed limit on Staple Lane, The Avenue and Weacombe Road, indicating costings of between £6-£10,000.00. The clerk would request a breakdown of costs.
- 20/54.4 A request had been received from Williton Parish Council asking for agreement for them to make contact with Highways regarding installation of signs warning of slippery road from West Quantoxhead to Doniford. No objection was raised on the understanding there would be no costs involved to West Quantoxhead Parish Council.

All re-joined the meeting

## 20/53 Planning

### 20/53.1 Applications for consideration

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/20/010	Staple Farm, Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4EA	Change of use of part of building and land from agriculture to mixed use agriculture and equestrian with demolition of dilapidated and redundant part of agricultural building and formation of outdoor manege	No objection but would request off road parking only to ensure roads are kept clear of obstruction
Proposed Cllr Sherry, seconded Cllr Philipson			
3/38/20/011	1 Stowey Lodge, Track to St Audries Bay Holiday Camp, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DX	Erection of a double greenhouse and shed (resubmission of 3/38/20/007)	No objection

### 20/53.2 Decisions: To note the following decisions of Somerset West and Taunton Council.

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/20/009	High Feather, Weacombe Road	Grant

- 20/55 Grit Bins**  
 20/55.1 Cllr Hughes had reported the bin on the Avenue was in good condition. The clerk had requested Highways to re-fill.  
 20/55.2 Cllr Mote had reported the bin on Staple Lane had a hole in the lid and needed replacing. It was unanimously resolved to replace the bin and then request its filling.  
 20/55.3 Cllr Philipson had reported the bin on Weacombe Road was in fair condition and was over 90% full – noted.
- 20/56 Footpaths**  
 20/56.1 Retaining Wall on A39 between St Audries Church and the Holiday Park – St Audries Park confirmed they owned part of the wall and would confirm how far their ownership went. They had begun clearing the weeds and vegetation.
- 20/57 Dog Fouling**  
 It was reported Dog Fouling was becoming a problem within the parish. A report would be submitted to Staple Diet. The National Trust would be contacted regarding the problem around the plantation. Deterrent signs would be looked into.
- 20/58 Website Accessibility requirement**  
 Members felt the price that had been received from the current hosting company was unaffordable for a small parish. Alterations would be made where possible and affordable, namely the agendas and a statement would be made on the website confirming the requirement had been considered and what the outcome was.
- 20/59 Future Meetings – to be held at 7pm.**  
 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed: ..... Cllr Tizzard ..... Chairman

Date: ..... 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 .....