

# WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7.30 pm in West Quantoxhead Village Hall

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs M Francis (Clerk);  
SWaT Cllr Morgan (left at 19.49 after item 21/36.3)  
1 Parishioner

**21/32 Apologies for Absence**  
Cllr A Cottrell and SCC Cllr Davies

**21/33 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**  
There were none

**21/34 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes.  
Proposed Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Philipson

**21/35 Matters from the Minutes – for the purpose of report only**

**21/36 REPORTS**

**21/36.1 Police Report:**

- A newsletter had been received and forwarded. It was noted the speed watch van had recently visited, Cllr Hughes requested that the Police were thanked for attending, and to request another visit between 7.30 and 8am.

**21/36.2 Somerset County Council:**  
Recent press releases had been forwarded

**21/36.3 Somerset West and Taunton Council**  
Cllr Morgan gave a verbal update of the Local Government restructure, changing to Unitary.

**21/37 Correspondence Log:** (full list pre-circulated)  
It was **resolved** to note the correspondence log.

**21/37.1** Local Government reorganisation in Somerset

**21/37.2** Future Parish Elections – SALC had requested views on whether the Town and Parish Elections should be held in 2023 or moved forward one year to 2022, to be in line with County elections. Members agreed they should be moved to 2022, as this would be most economical.

**21/37.3** It was **resolved** to note the email from a Parishioner regarding concern of speeding and lack of visibility on Weacombe Road. The Parish had already made representation requesting a reduction in speed limit, which County had declined. Their comments had been forwarded to District and County Councillors.

**21/37.4** Community Grants from the Clarks Foundation would be forwarded for inclusion in the Staple Diet.

**21/38 Finances**

**21/38.1** Financial Statement:

The Clerk advised the bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 was £5,415.46.

**21/38.2** The meeting authorised the issuing of the following cheques:

Chq. Nos 000166	Clerks salary	£367.50
Chq. Nos 000167	HM Revenue and Customs	£91.80
Chq. Nos 000168	A M Godfrey	£200.00
Chq. Nos 000169	SALC Affiliation Fee	£91.49

**21/39 Planning**  
**21/39.1 Applications for consideration**

Application No	Location	Details	Comments
3/38/21/006	Westgate, West Quantoxhead, TA4 4DW	Erection of a detached two-bay timber garage/carport	No objection
3/38/21/007	Leighway, Weacombe Rd, TA4 4EA	Proposed rear balcony	No objection
3/38/21/008	20 Staple, West Quantoxhead	Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form habitable accommodation in conjunction with the main house	Concern regarding potential increase of cars and parking problems that could arise. Access should be gained straight from the house, rather than going around the building, concern what this could lead to. Access to other properties must be kept clear for neighbouring properties.

**21/39.2 Decisions: To note the following decisions of Somerset West and Taunton Council**

Application No	Location	SWT Decision
3/38/21/003	Staple Farm	Granted
3/38/21/004	Weacombe House	Granted
3/38/21/005	Weacombe House	Granted
WK/46686	The Windmill Inn	Granted

**21/40 Highway Matters**

- 21/40.1 A replacement of Weacombe Road sign had been installed at the junction of the A358; another was on order for the Luckes Lane junction.
- 21/40.2 Painting of Finger Posts – no update.
- 21/40.3 Village Entry Sign – discussions were ongoing with Highways.
- 21/40.4 It had been reported damage had occurred to the Staple Lane road sign – this would be forwarded to Highways.  
 It was reported the first gully on The Avenue was blocked and that the edge of the road was crumbling. This would be reported to Highways.

**21/41 Grit Bins**

- 21/41.1 The clerk had forwarded options for larger grit bins. It was **resolved** to purchase to 14 Cu Ft Heavy Duty Grit Bin – 400 litre from GritBins.net at a cost of £168.48 ex vat.

**21/42 Replacement Tree on Bracken Edge**

The Clerk had been unable to gain a response, despite several emails and telephone calls. It was **resolved** not to chase further.

**21/43 The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

The first meeting had taken place, which had received a good attendance. Cllr Gibbons gave a verbal report; the Beacon would be lit on the Thursday with a community lunch/tea on the Sunday. Residents would be encouraged to participate with bunting, a royal scarecrow and a flower cascade at the village hall. Planting of a Memorial Tree. The next meeting would be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the village hall.  
 The village hall was thanked for providing the hall free of charge for the meetings.

**21/44 Firework displays at St Audries Park**

Cllr Hughes had received a complaint regarding the noise of the fireworks. The display dates for September would be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**21/45 Future Meetings – to be held in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed: ..... Cllr Paul Mote (Chairman) .....

Date: ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 .....